

Appendix A: Policy decisions taken since the 2024–25 Budget

Receipt Measures

Table A.1: Receipt measures since the 2024–25 Budget^(a)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY					
<i>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>					
Primary Industries – changes to agricultural production levies(b)	-	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.7
Portfolio total	-	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.7
CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER					
<i>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</i>					
Rewiring the Nation – recapitalisation(b)	-	-	1.0	11.7	23.3
Portfolio total	-	-	1.0	11.7	23.3
EDUCATION					
<i>Department of Education</i>					
Assistance for Recent Arrivals from Conflict Zones(b)	-	-
Australian Universities Accord - further reforms(b)	-	-	-0.9	-2.6	-4.7
Building Australia's Future – A fairer deal for students(b)	-	-152.6	-197.2	-203.5	-215.1
<i>Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency</i>					
Australian Universities Accord - further reforms(b)	-	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Portfolio total	-	-151.1	-196.6	-204.6	-218.2
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
Building Australia's Future – A fairer deal for students(b)	-	-19.9	-40.5	-40.4	-41.8
Portfolio total	-	-19.9	-40.5	-40.4	-41.8

Table A.1: Receipt measures since the 2024–25 Budget^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (National Interest component)</i>					
Critical Minerals Facility – additional support for Iluka Resources Eneabba Rare Earths Refinery(b)	-	-	nfp	nfp	nfp
Southeast Asia Investment Financing Facility – Investment in FAST-P Green Investments Partnership fund(b)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Portfolio total	-	-	-	-	-
HEALTH AND AGED CARE					
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>					
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme New and Amended Listings(b)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Private Health Insurance – Prescribed List of Medical Devices and Human Tissue Products(b)	-	-1.3	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	-1.3	-	-	-
HOME AFFAIRS					
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>					
Assistance for Recent Arrivals from Conflict Zones(b)	-	5.0	5.0	..	..
Australia-United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement	-	-	-16.0	-18.0	-20.0
Indexation of Citizenship Application Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Migration – uplift of Visa Application Charges(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	5.0	-11.0	-18.0	-20.0
INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS					
<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>					
Supporting News and Media Diversity(b)	-	-	-50.2	-0.1	-
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</i>					
Supporting Aviation Priorities(b)	-	-	nfp	-	-
Portfolio total	-	-	-50.2	-0.1	-
SOCIAL SERVICES					
<i>National Disability Insurance Agency</i>					
National Disability Insurance Scheme Reform(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	-	-	-	-

Table A.1: Receipt measures since the 2024–25 Budget^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY					
<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i>					
Ensuring a Better Deal for Consumers(b)	-	-	7.0	8.0	13.0
<i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</i>					
Superannuation in Retirement(b)	-	1.3	2.0	2.5	0.9
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>					
Combatting Illegal Phoenixing – extending and enhancing the Phoenix Compliance Program(b)	-	-	-	0.5	0.6
Corporations – fee for takeover transactions(b)	-	2.8	5.7	5.7	2.8
Superannuation in Retirement(b)	-	-	3.5	2.9	2.9
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>					
Assistance for Recent Arrivals from Conflict Zones(b)	-	..	5.0	5.0	5.0
Building Australia's Future – delivering pay rises for early educators(b)	-	168.0	*	*	-
Combatting Illegal Phoenixing – extending and enhancing the Phoenix Compliance Program(b)	-	-	42.6	114.4	120.1
Defence Support to the Pacific and the Middle East(b)	-	-0.1	..	-	-
Defence Workforce Plan – investing in Defence's people(b)	-	-	40.0	48.0	49.0
Housing – securing more affordable housing supply and better outcomes for renters	-	-5.0	-10.0	-15.0	-15.0
Indirect Tax Concession Scheme – diplomatic and consular concessions(b)	-	-1.4	-0.7	-0.2	..
International Tax – signing of the Australia-Slovenia Tax Treaty	-	-
Legacy Superannuation Retirement Product Conversions and Reserves(b)	-	*	*	*	*
Migration – uplift of Visa Application Charges(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Modernising Tax Administration Systems(b)	-	-	-	17.4	64.2
Payday Super(b)	-	-	-	-20.0	-107.0
Penalties – addressing gaps in the current tax penalty regime	-	-	..	*	*
Philanthropy – updates to the list of specifically listed deductible gift recipients	-	-	-0.6	-0.2	..
Philanthropy – support to double philanthropic giving by 2030	-	-
Research and Development Tax Incentive – excluding activities relating to gambling and tobacco(b)	-	-	-	6.0	6.0

Table A.1: Receipt measures since the 2024–25 Budget^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY (continued)					
Strengthening Tax Compliance – boosting the Shadow Economy Compliance Program(b)	-	13.3	68.1	122.6	162.1
Superannuation in Retirement(b)	-	-	-	..	..
Supporting News and Media Diversity(b)	-	-	..	..	..
Taxation – allow tax deductions for interest payments on foreign bail-in bonds	-	-	-	-	-
Temporary Financial Assistance to the NSW Government for NSW Police Officers(b)	-	-	19.0	7.0	-
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>					
International Assistance – pursuing Australia’s national interest through multilateral development banks(b)	-	..	2.2	4.0	5.8
Portfolio total	-	178.9	183.8	308.7	310.3
Decisions taken but not yet announced and not for publication (nfp) (c)	8.8	390.4	424.6	340.8	485.3
Total impact of receipt measures(d)	8.8	402.4	311.8	398.8	539.7

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

(d) Measures may not add due to rounding.

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Primary Industries – changes to agricultural production levies

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.7
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>	-	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.7

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

- Fresh lychees levy: from 1 January 2025, the Government will decrease the marketing component of the fresh lychees levy from 2.5 to 2.25 cents per kilogram of fresh lychees, decrease the research and development component from 5.5 to 5.25 cents per kilogram and introduce a biosecurity activity component of 0.5 cents per kilogram. These changes will maintain the overall levy rate at 8 cents per kilogram of fresh lychees.
- Custard apples levy: from 1 January 2025, the Government will decrease the rate of the marketing component of the custard apples levy to nil (previously 13 cents per box and tray and \$16 per tonne of custard apples). The Government will increase the research and development component from 27 to 40 cents per box and tray; and from \$34 to \$50 per tonne of custard apples. The changes will maintain the overall levy rate at 40 cents per box and tray; and \$50 per tonne of custard apples.
- Macadamia nuts levy: from 1 January 2025, the Government will activate a biosecurity response component of the macadamia nuts levy of 0.79 cents per kilogram of macadamia nut kernels (or in-shell equivalent). This change will increase the overall levy rate from 25.21 to 26 cents per kilogram of macadamia nut kernels (or in-shell equivalent).
- Apples levy and pears levy: from 1 January 2025, the Government will increase the biosecurity response components of the apples levy and pears levy from 0.05 to 0.242 cents per kilogram of apples and pears (other than those sold for processing or that are processed). This change will increase the overall levy rate for those apples from 1.895 to 2.087 cents per kilogram; and the overall levy rate for those pears from 2.149 to 2.341 cents per kilogram.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$2.5 million and increase payments by \$2.6 million over five years from 2023–24.

Education

Building Australia’s Future – A fairer deal for students

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-19.9	-40.5	-40.4	-41.8
Department of Education	-	-152.6	-197.2	-203.5	-215.1
Total – Receipts	-	-172.5	-237.7	-243.9	-256.9
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	1.9	4.7	0.2	0.1
Services Australia	-	1.3	0.3	-	-
Department of Education	-	-	0.4	-	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	3.2	5.3	0.2	0.1

The Government will provide \$919.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$2.0 billion from 2028–29 to 2034–35) for initiatives to reduce the burden of student debts and ease cost-of-living pressures. Funding includes:

- \$737.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$1.6 billion from 2028–29 to 2034–35) to provide a one-off reduction of 20 per cent on the outstanding balance of debts for Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) loans and other income – contingent student loans. This is estimated to reduce existing student debt by around \$16.0 billion, effective by 1 June 2025, subject to the passage of legislation
- \$182.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$402.3 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35) to introduce a marginal repayment system for HELP and other income -contingent student loans, increase the minimum repayment threshold and index the repayments threshold to growth in average earnings, effective from 1 July 2025, subject to the passage of legislation.

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

Home Affairs

Australia-United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	-16.0	-18.0	-20.0

On 6 November 2024, the governments of Australia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) signed the Australia-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA). The Australia-UAE CEPA eliminates tariffs on over 99 per cent of Australian exports to the UAE, enabling an increase in Australian goods exports to the UAE once fully implemented, creating commercially significant benefits for Australian exporters.

The Australia-UAE CEPA:

- provides Australian exporters with greater market access to the UAE
- facilitates two-way investment, including in critical sectors of our economy
- contains the first standalone chapter in an Australian trade agreement dedicated to First Nations trade and investment economic cooperation
- strengthens cooperation to address shared environmental challenges, including commitments to work together on transitioning to net zero.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$54.0 million over five years from 2023–24.

Further information can be found in the media release of 6 November 2024 issued by the Minister for Trade and Tourism.

Indexation of Citizenship Application Fees

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will index the Australian citizenship application fee on 1 July each year based on the Consumer Price Index to reflect the cost of processing applications. On 1 July 2023, indexation was applied to reflect the period since the last fee increase on 1 July 2021. The first ongoing increase occurred on 1 July 2024.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$73.3 million over five years from 2023–24. The increased revenue from this measure will support other Government policy priorities in the Department of Home Affairs.

The Government has already provisioned for this revenue increase.

Migration – uplift of Visa Application Charges

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Receipts	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government increased the Visa Application Charge (VAC) for student and student guardian primary visa applicants to \$1,600, which took effect on 1 July 2024.

Student visa applicants from the Pacific and Timor-Leste are eligible for a partial VAC refund until a separate VAC for Pacific and Timor-Leste students is introduced in 2025.

The Government has provided \$5.3 million over four years from 2024–25 to the Department of Home Affairs to implement associated system changes.

The Government will also increase the VAC for temporary graduate visa applicants by 14.75 per cent from 1 February 2025.

The measure will help fund costs associated with major reforms in the Education, Skills and Training and Home Affairs portfolios.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$1.7 billion over five years from 2023–24.

The Government has already provisioned for the revenue increase from the VAC uplift.

Treasury

Combatting Illegal Phoenixing – extending and enhancing the Phoenix Compliance Program

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	42.6	114.4	120.1
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	-	-	0.5	0.6
Total – Receipts	-	-	42.6	114.9	120.7
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	33.2	34.7	1.0
Department of the Treasury	-	-	12.4	33.1	35.4
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	-	0.5	0.6	-
Total – Payments	-	-	46.2	68.3	36.4

The Government will provide \$66.9 million to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) and \$1.1 million to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to extend and enhance the *Phoenix Compliance Program* for two years from 1 July 2025.

This will enable the ATO to continue and build on its existing work to combat illegal phoenix activity. Illegal phoenix activity exploits workers, disrupts supply chains, impacts on the viability of the businesses that are not paid and creates unfair competition between those who comply with their obligations and those who do not.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$278.2 million and increase payments by \$150.9 million over five years from 2023–24. This includes an increase in GST payments to the states and territories of \$80.9 million.

Corporations – fee for takeover transactions

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	2.8	5.7	5.7	2.8
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	0.3	-	-	-

The Government will apply new Australian Securities and Investments Commission fees and increase existing fees on the lodgment of documents necessary to implement certain takeovers of Australian entities, including a public company or listed registered managed investment scheme.

The new fees and increased fees will apply to documents lodged from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2027.

As a result of the measure, the fees payable for a takeover will be:

- \$195,000 for transactions worth over \$500 million
- \$145,000 for transactions worth \$100 million to \$500 million
- \$50,000 for transactions worth \$35 million to less than \$100 million
- \$10,000 for transactions worth \$10 million to less than \$35 million.

These changes ensure that the fees charged in connection with takeovers better reflect the cost to the Government for providing, and the value to the proponents of, the overall infrastructure for takeovers relative to the value of the transactions involved.

The measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$17.1 million and increase payments by \$0.3 million over five years from 2023–24.

Housing – securing more affordable housing supply and better outcomes for renters

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	-5.0	-10.0	-15.0	-15.0

The Government has updated the policy announced in the 2023–24 Budget titled *Housing (Build-To-Rent Developments) – accelerating tax deductions and reducing managed investment trust withholding tax rate* to secure more affordable tenancies and more protections for renters.

The changes will improve outcomes for tenants including by requiring build-to-rent (BTR) operators to offer tenancies for a minimum of five years (instead of three years under the original measure), preventing BTR operators from using no-fault evictions and requiring affordable tenancies to be managed in partnership with registered, not-for-profit community housing organisations.

The Government has also extended eligibility for the reduced withholding tax rate to BTR developments constructed or under construction before 7.30 pm (AEST) on 9 May 2023, provided they meet all eligibility criteria, including providing affordable housing.

Legislation to give effect to the revised policy will commence on 1 January 2025. This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$45 million over five years from 2023–24.

Indirect Tax Concession Scheme – diplomatic and consular concessions

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	-1.4	-0.7	-0.2	..
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	-1.4	-0.7	-0.2	..

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 to France and Bangladesh relating to the construction and renovation of their current and future diplomatic missions and consular posts. Oman will also have ITCS access extended for its Embassy and applicable accredited staff.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$2.3 million and decrease GST payments to the states and territories by \$2.3 million over five years from 2023–24.

International Tax – signing of the Australia-Slovenia Tax Treaty

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	-

The Government signed the *Convention between Australia and the Republic of Slovenia for the Elimination of Double Taxation with respect to Taxes on Income and the Prevention of Tax Evasion and Avoidance* on 9 September 2024. The Convention will enter into force after both Australia and Slovenia have completed their domestic processes for ratification.

The Convention facilitates trade and investment between Australia and Slovenia by reducing double taxation, lowering withholding tax rates and improving certainty for taxpayers in both countries. It is also in line with the G20/OECD Base Erosion and Profit Shifting recommendations, in accordance with the Government’s commitment to tax integrity.

This measure is estimated to result in a negligible decrease in receipts over five years from 2023–24.

Legacy Superannuation Retirement Product Conversions and Reserves

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Services Australia</i>	-	2.6	1.0	1.0	1.0
<i>Department of Social Services</i>	-	0.4	2.4	4.7	7.1
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>	-	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
<i>Total – Payments</i>	-	3.2	3.9	6.1	8.5

The Government will enable individuals to exit certain legacy retirement products, together with any associated reserves – making it easier for individuals to shift to more contemporary retirement products.

Specifically, the Government is making amendments to:

- extend the take up period to five years
- broaden eligibility to also allow the exit of products converted from a previous pension that commenced prior to 2007 and was one of the specified legacy retirement products
- expand the flexible reserves treatment to all superannuation reserves
- no longer apply a flat 15 per cent tax to allocations.

Allocations of a reserve from participating pension exits will be exempt from contribution caps when they are made back to the pension recipient. All other allocations will count towards the non-concessional contributions cap.

As announced in the 2021–22 Budget measure titled *Self-managed Superannuation Funds – legacy retirement product conversions*, social security treatment will not be preserved for those who elect to take advantage of the conversion. However, conversions will not be subject to re-assessment of social security treatment for the period before conversion.

The measure will have effect from the financial year in which enabling regulations are registered.

This measure is estimated to result in an unquantifiable increase in receipts and an increase in payments of \$21.7 million over five years from 2023–24.

Modernising Tax Administration Systems

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	17.4	64.2
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	11.8	34.6	22.6	6.9

The Government will provide \$76.0 million over four years from 2024–25 to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to modernise income tax reporting systems from 1 July 2026.

Improvements to ATO systems will reduce compliance costs on an ongoing basis for trustees, beneficiaries and tax agents, making lodgement easier and enabling the vast majority of trust tax returns to be lodged electronically. The improvements will also enable prefill of trust income for beneficiaries, in the same way salary and wages, bank interest and other types of income are currently prefilled.

Prefill capability will be enhanced by amending the law to require trustees to report the Tax File Numbers of beneficiaries on the trust income tax return's Statement of Distribution when they have an entitlement. This amendment will commence on the first day of the next quarter after Royal Assent.

This measure is expected to increase receipts by \$81.6 million over five years from 2023–24.

This measure finalises the details of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Digitalising Trust Income Reporting and Processing*.

Penalties – addressing gaps in the current tax penalty regime

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	..	*	*

The Government will amend the tax law to strengthen Australia's current tax penalty regime by:

- ensuring tax scheme penalties apply where taxpayers are in a loss position, from 1 July 2026
- penalising large taxpayers that mischaracterise or undervalue interest or dividend payments, to which withholding tax would otherwise apply, starting from 1 July 2026
- extending the application of the Shortfall Interest Charge to repayments of overclaimed refundable offsets to disincentivise overclaiming, starting from the first 1 January, 1 April, 1 July or 1 October after Royal Assent of the *Future Made in Australia (Production Tax Credit and Other Measures) Bill 2024*.

This measure will target several gaps within the current tax penalty regime to improve tax compliance and integrity of the tax system, and to strengthen the disincentives for tax avoidance.

This measure is estimated to result in an unquantifiable increase in receipts over five years from 2023–24.

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

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-0.6	-0.2	..

The Government will amend the tax law to specifically list the following organisations as deductible gift recipients (DGRs) for gifts received from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2030:

- Coaxial Foundation Ltd (Coaxial)
- Partnerships for Local Action and Community Empowerment Ltd (PLACE)
- Paul Ramsay Foundation Limited (PRFL)
- The Great Synagogue Foundation
- The Parenthood Project Limited.

The listing of Coaxial is subject to the condition that DGR funds can only be used for purposes consistent with existing DGR categories in the tax law, for early childhood education and care (ECEC), or advancing gender equality in Australia. Coaxial must maintain minimum annual distributions consistent with the ancillary fund requirements and must not apply any deductible gifts received from the public towards the purpose of providing access to ECEC.

The listing of PLACE is subject to charity registration with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.

The listing of PRFL is subject to the condition that it maintains minimum annual distributions consistent with the ancillary fund requirements.

The Government will also remove the following specifically listed DGRs which have either voluntarily requested removal or no longer operate for the purpose for which they were originally provided DGR status:

- Bradman Memorial Fund
- Clontarf Foundation
- NSCA Foundation Ltd
- Sydney Talmudical College Association Refugees Overseas Aid Fund
- The Australian Future Leaders Foundation Limited
- The Ranfurly Library Service Inc
- The Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation
- WA National Parks and Reserves Association Inc.

Since the 2024–25 Budget, the Government has agreed to modify the start date for the specific listings for Combatting Antisemitism Fund Limited and Skip Foundation Ltd to apply to gifts received from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029. The Government has also agreed to a modified condition for the specific listing of Skip Foundation Ltd, which may now use DGR funds to advance gender equality and philanthropic activity in Australia.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$0.8 million over five years from 2023–24.

Philanthropy – support to double philanthropic giving by 2030

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	-

The Government will implement further reforms as part of its commitment to double philanthropic giving by 2030 by:

- removing the condition that a gift to a deductible gift recipient be valued at \$2 or more before the donor may claim a tax deduction. This will apply to gifts made from 1 July 2024
- aligning and increasing the minimum annual distribution rate for public and private ancillary funds and allow ancillary funds to smooth distributions over three years. This will apply from the first financial year after registration of amending ministerial guidelines. The distribution rate will be subject to consultation, and a five-year grace period will apply to any increase in the minimum distribution rate.

This measure implements two key recommendations of the Productivity Commission’s *Future foundations for giving* report. The Government continues to consider its response to the Commission report’s other recommendations.

This measure is estimated to result in a negligible decrease in receipts over five years from 2023–24.

Research and Development Tax Incentive – excluding activities relating to gambling and tobacco

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	6.0	6.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-4.0	-4.0

The Government will exclude activities related to gambling and tobacco from Research and Development Tax Incentive eligibility for income years starting on or after 1 July 2025.

Research and development activities related to gambling can exacerbate addiction and associated harms, while activities related to tobacco can increase health risks. Excluding these activities will ensure that the Government is not subsidising this type of research and

development. Activities that are solely for the purpose of harm reduction, such as reducing addiction, will remain eligible to receive support.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$12.0 million and decrease payments by \$8.0 million over five years from 2023–24.

Strengthening Tax Compliance – boosting the Shadow Economy Compliance Program

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	13.3	68.1	122.6	162.1
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	7.0	13.9	14.1	14.2
Department of the Treasury	-	3.3	16.5	29.6	39.2
<i>Total – Payments</i>	-	10.3	30.4	43.7	53.4

The Government will boost the Shadow Economy Compliance Program from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2028.

These additional resources will enable the Australian Taxation Office to intensify its focus on high-risk shadow economy behaviour such as worker exploitation, under-reporting of taxable income, illicit tobacco, and illegal shadow economy activity that creates an unlevel playing field for law abiding businesses.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$366.1 million and increase payments by \$137.8 million over five years from 2023–24. This includes an increase in GST payments to the states and territories of \$88.6 million.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Strengthening Tax Compliance – extending the Shadow Economy Compliance Program*.

Taxation – allow tax deductions for interest payments on foreign bail-in bonds

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will clarify the law to ensure continuity of established Australian Taxation Office administrative treatment on foreign bail-in bonds. This will allow bail-in bonds for Australian branches of foreign banks to continue to be treated as debt for tax purposes, enabling deductibility of interest payments. This will align with the treatment currently applying to bail-in bonds issued domestically by Australian banks. This measure will apply retrospectively.

Bail-in bonds are financial instruments that are subject to conditions imposed by a prudential regulator that allow the regulator to convert the instrument into equity in a period of financial distress.

This measure is estimated to have no impact on receipts over five years from 2023–24.

Payment Measures

Table A.2: Payment measures since the 2024–25 Budget^(a)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY					
<i>Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority</i>					
Supporting Agriculture Priorities	-	-	5.2	-	-
<i>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>					
Phase Out of Live Sheep Exports by Sea – additional transition support	-	-	-	-	-
Primary Industries – changes to agricultural production levies(b)	-	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.7
Supporting Agriculture Priorities	-	-0.7	52.3	0.3	4.2
Supporting Australia’s Avian Influenza Preparedness and Response	-	21.7	2.9	-	-
Portfolio total	-	21.4	61.1	1.1	4.9
ATTORNEY-GENERAL’S					
<i>Attorney-General’s Department</i>					
Attorney-General’s Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	-	1.8	-	-
Ending Gender-Based Violence – National Cabinet	-	0.6	9.1	7.7	5.2
Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 – ongoing efforts	-	-	2.2	-	-
National Access to Justice Partnership	-	-	5.9	7.1	7.7
Strengthening Australia’s Arrangements for High Risk Terrorist Offenders – continuation	-	-	6.0	-	-
Supporting Aviation Priorities(b)	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission</i>					
Ending Gender-Based Violence – National Cabinet	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>					
Attorney-General’s Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	15.1	14.5	-	-
Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – security and industry growth	-	-	5.5	-	-
Pacific Policing Initiative – Centres of Excellence	-	-	-	-	-
Strengthening Australia’s Arrangements for High Risk Terrorist Offenders – continuation	-	-	8.1	-	-

Table A.2: Payment measures since the 2024–25 Budget^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)					
<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	-	3.9	-	-
Strengthening Australia's Arrangements for High Risk Terrorist Offenders – continuation	-	-	0.7	-	-
<i>Federal Court of Australia</i>					
Ending Gender-Based Violence – National Cabinet	-	0.4	3.5	3.3	3.4
Family Law System – improving access	-	-	14.7	14.9	15.0
<i>Office of the Australian Information Commissioner</i>					
Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	0.5	1.2	1.3	-
Social Media Age Limits	-	0.6	2.2	1.1	1.1
<i>Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</i>					
Strengthening Australia's Arrangements for High Risk Terrorist Offenders – continuation	-	-	0.1	-	-
Vaping Regulation Reform Package	-	-	1.1	1.4	-
<i>Various Agencies</i>					
Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	17.2	80.3	36.7	32.3
CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER					
<i>Australian Renewable Energy Agency</i>					
Future Made in Australia – accelerating investment in Australian industries	-	1.5	2.0	3.0	2.2
<i>Bureau of Meteorology</i>					
Rewiring the Nation – recapitalisation(b)	-	0.8	-	-	-
Strengthening Australia's Climate Information and Reporting	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</i>					
Rewiring the Nation – recapitalisation(b)	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Clean Energy Regulator</i>					
Future Made in Australia – accelerating investment in Australian industries	-	-	3.2	4.5	2.4
<i>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</i>					
Additional Support for Seamless	-	0.5	0.5	-	-
Enabling a Reliable and Secure Energy Transition	-	31.3	296.7	303.0	132.9
Expansion of the Social Housing Energy Performance Initiative	-	-	1.4	2.6	2.3
Future Made in Australia – accelerating investment in Australian industries	-	-23.0	9.5	29.9	25.1

Table A.2: Payment measures since the 2024–25 Budget^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER (continued)					
Murray-Darling Basin Plan – additional funding	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
National Water Grid Fund – continuing delivery	-	-	-	-	-
Priority Conservation and Recovery Actions for the Maugean Skate	-	5.9	15.1	7.6	-
Protecting Australia's Iconic National Parks – additional funding	-	2.5	4.9	5.0	5.1
Rewiring the Nation – recapitalisation(b)	-	1.6	23.4	11.7	9.1
Securing the Future of Antarctic Operations	-	0.1	0.1	-	-
Strengthening Australia's Climate Information and Reporting	-	4.0	5.5	0.8	-
Supporting Australia's Avian Influenza Preparedness and Response	-	10.5	25.4	-	-
Supporting Timely Environmental Approvals	-	-	68.5	-	-
<i>Director of National Parks</i>					
Protecting Australia's Iconic National Parks – additional funding	-	1.7	10.5	-	-
South-east Marine Parks – adjustment assistance	-	nfp	nfp	-	-
<i>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</i>					
Rebuilding the Great Barrier Reef Aquarium	-	-39.0	12.2	46.6	80.4
Portfolio total	-	-1.8	479.0	414.7	259.6
DEFENCE					
<i>Australian Submarine Agency</i>					
Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – security and industry growth	-	-	-20.0	-	-
<i>Australian War Memorial</i>					
Australian War Memorial – financial sustainability	-	-	0.3	-	-
<i>Department of Defence</i>					
Additional Support for Australian Defence Force Members and Veterans	-	-	-	-	-
Civil Maritime Security Capabilities	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	-
Defence Support to the Pacific and the Middle East(b)	-	18.3	-	-	-
Defence Workforce Plan – investing in Defence's people(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Further Defence Support to Ukraine	-	24.2	-	-	-

Table A.2: Payment measures since the 2024–25 Budget^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
DEFENCE (continued)					
Investing in Defence Naval Shipbuilding in Australia	-	-	-	-	-
Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – infrastructure and capacity investment	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – security and industry growth	-	-	14.5	-	-
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Defence – reversal	-	-1.9	-1.6	-1.6	-1.7
Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide – initial steps	-	-7.0	-2.5	-	-
Supporting Education and Training for Defence Industry	-	-1.0	-	-	-
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>					
Additional Support for Australian Defence Force Members and Veterans	-	-	-	..	..
An Effective and Clinically Appropriate Medicare Benefits Schedule	-	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.9
Department of Veterans' Affairs – additional resourcing to support service delivery	-	30.4	-	-	-
Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement	-	-	-	-	-
Ensuring the Viability and Quality of Aged Care	-	-7.9	-21.1	-21.9	-53.4
Funding Pay Increases for Aged Care Workers	-	0.2	0.2	-	-
Improving Aged Care Support	-	1.6	..	-32.7	-37.4
Improving Cancer Outcomes	-	0.1	0.1	..	-
Legacy Superannuation Retirement Product Conversions and Reserves(b)	-	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme New and Amended Listings(b)	0.1	7.4	10.1	10.1	9.0
Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide – initial steps	-	4.5	-	-	-
Strengthening Medicare	-	-	0.2	..	-
Portfolio total	0.1	69.9	-18.7	-44.9	-82.0
EDUCATION					
<i>Department of Education</i>					
Assistance for Recent Arrivals from Conflict Zones(b)	-	0.4	1.0	1.0	1.0
Australia's Counter-Terrorism and Violent Extremism Strategy 2024	-	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Australian Universities Accord - further reforms(b)	-	24.0	61.8	28.7	-4.2
Building Australia's Future – delivering pay rises for early educators(b)	-	652.3	1,828.0	1,089.2	-
Building Australia's Future – Early Childhood Education and Care Reforms	-	2.7	169.5	329.7	331.6

Table A.2: Payment measures since the 2024–25 Budget^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EDUCATION (continued)					
Building Australia's Future – A fairer deal for students(b)	-	-	0.4	-	-
Building Boarding Schools on Country – additional funding	-	2.7	1.0	-	-
Closing the Gap Partnership on Early Childhood Care and Development	-	-	3.6	3.7	4.1
Education – reprioritisation	-	-35.1	-47.1	-53.4	-61.5
First Nations Education Partnership Funding, Education Policy and Education Programs Extensions	-	-	-	-	-
GENERATION Survey of Post-School Destinations	-	0.4	-	-	-
Quality Outcomes – Parliament and Civics Education Rebate and National Youth Parliament	-	2.8	-	-	-
Review into Bullying in Schools	-	1.2	-	-	-
Strengthening the Integrity and Sustainability of the International Education Sector	-	2.3	7.7	5.0	5.3
Supplementary Funding for the Inclusion Support Program	-	-	105.0	-	-
<i>Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency</i>					
Australian Universities Accord - further reforms(b)	-	3.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
Portfolio total	-	657.2	2,132.3	1,405.7	278.0
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
<i>Australian Skills Quality Authority</i>					
Strengthening the Integrity and Sustainability of the International Education Sector	-	2.4	4.0	0.7	0.7
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
Assistance for Recent Arrivals from Conflict Zones(b)	-	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.2
Building Australia's Future – A fairer deal for students(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Building Australia's Future – Free TAFE	-	-	-	-	-
Employment and Workplace Relations – reprioritisation	-	-21.7	-20.0	-3.0	-14.9
Employment Services Reform – additional supports	-	-5.3	38.5	33.3	-0.2
New Remote Employment Service	-	7.7	5.9	0.9	1.7
Skills and Training – other priorities	-	1.6	3.0	-0.3	-0.7
Strengthening the Integrity and Sustainability of the International Education Sector	-	-	-	-	-
Workplace Relations – additional supports	-	9.6	8.9	-	-
Portfolio total	-	-5.5	41.1	32.0	-13.2

Table A.2: Payment measures since the 2024–25 Budget^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
FINANCE					
<i>Australian Electoral Commission</i>					
Electoral Communications	-	2.2	4.6	6.3	10.2
Reforming the Commonwealth Funding and Disclosure Scheme	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Department of Finance</i>					
Electoral Communications	-	0.2	1.2	0.2	0.2
Establishment of the Australian Centre for Disease Control	-	-	0.1	0.1	-
Finance Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	1.5	2.8	-	-
National Disability Insurance Scheme Reform(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – infrastructure and capacity investment	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Payday Super(b)	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Reforming the Commonwealth Funding and Disclosure Scheme	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Supporting Safety and Remediation in the Resources Sector	-	-	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Digital Transformation Agency</i>					
Enabling a Reliable and Secure Energy Transition	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Payday Super(b)	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Reforming the Commonwealth Funding and Disclosure Scheme	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing	-
<i>Parliamentary Workplace Support Service</i>					
Finance Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	-	2.4	2.4	2.5
Portfolio total	-	4.2	11.6	9.6	13.5
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>Australian Trade and Investment Commission</i>					
Sculpture by the Sea – Perth	-	0.8	0.8	-	-
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>					
Enhancing Pacific Engagement	-	52.2	70.1	61.2	76.7
Lebanon Repatriation and Related Support	-	44.9	-	-	-
Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 – ongoing efforts	-	-	3.7	-	-
<i>Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (National Interest component)</i>					
Critical Minerals Facility – additional support for Iluka Resources Eneabba Rare Earths Refinery(b)	-	-	nfp	nfp	nfp
Southeast Asia Investment Financing Facility – Investment in FAST-P Green Investments Partnership fund(b)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Portfolio total	-	97.8	74.5	61.2	76.7

Table A.2: Payment measures since the 2024–25 Budget^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
HEALTH AND AGED CARE					
<i>Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission</i>					
Ensuring the Viability and Quality of Aged Care	-	1.3	1.4	-	-
<i>Australian Digital Health Agency</i>					
Ensuring the Viability and Quality of Aged Care	-	1.1	-	-	-
<i>Australian Sports Commission</i>					
Investment in Sports	-	0.6	0.6	-	-
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>					
10-Year National Action Plan for the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ People	-	2.4	5.5	4.6	3.1
Adding Maternal Vaccine for Respiratory Syncytial Virus to the National Immunisation Program	-	43.3	41.3	41.9	42.6
An Effective and Clinically Appropriate Medicare Benefits Schedule	-	61.4	48.1	59.9	69.3
Assistance for Recent Arrivals from Conflict Zones(b)	-	0.2	0.9	1.0	0.9
Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement	-	-27.9	-38.0	-30.9	10.4
Ending Gender-Based Violence – additional investment	-	-	-	-	-
Ending Gender-Based Violence – National Cabinet	-	-	-	-	-
Ensuring the Viability and Quality of Aged Care	-	-247.3	1,141.1	860.6	-1,581.8
Establishment of the Australian Centre for Disease Control	-	10.2	84.2	81.4	75.7
Funding Pay Increases for Aged Care Workers	-	-12.3	60.4	24.5	21.6
Government Response to the Disability Royal Commission	-	-	-	-	-
Improving Aged Care Support	-	244.2	178.3	-1,123.4	-1,298.2
Improving Cancer Outcomes	-	9.9	13.5	2.1	0.5
Investment in Sports	-	-0.8	2.5	-	-
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme New and Amended Listings(b)	4.1	544.2	676.6	633.3	624.7
Preventive Health	-	22.8	58.6	14.0	13.1
Private Health Insurance – Prescribed List of Medical Devices and Human Tissue Products(b)	-	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3
Private Hospital Financial Health Check	-	-	-	-	-
Renegotiating Supply of the Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine	-	-146.6	-60.1	-	-
Securing Access to Medicines	-	4.9	0.4	-	-
Strengthening Medicare	-	0.8	479.8	94.7	7.4
Supporting Australia's Avian Influenza Preparedness and Response	-	4.4	17.7	-	-

Table A.2: Payment measures since the 2024–25 Budget^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
HEALTH AND AGED CARE (continued)					
Telethons	-	6.8	..	-	-
Vaping Regulation Reform Package	-	18.4	70.3	61.7	-
Portfolio total	4.1	540.8	2,781.7	724.2	-2,012.0
HOME AFFAIRS					
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>					
Assistance for Recent Arrivals from Conflict Zones(b)	-	0.5	-18.7	7.1	3.7
Australia's Counter-Terrorism and Violent Extremism Strategy 2024	-	-	1.8	1.1	1.2
Civil Maritime Security Capabilities	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Combating Antisemitism and Islamophobia	-	1.5	5.6	5.7	-
Department of Home Affairs – reprioritisation	-	-27.8	-22.4	-22.2	-1.5
Government Response to the Disability Royal Commission	-	-	-	-	-
Government Response to the Multicultural Framework Review	-	-	-	-	-
Lebanon Repatriation and Related Support	-	1.0	-	-	-
Longer-term Funding for the Sustainability of Operations	-	-	-	-	-
Migration – uplift of Visa Application Charges(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Strengthening Australia's Arrangements for High Risk Terrorist Offenders – continuation	-	-	0.4	-	-
United States Global Entry Program	-	-	-	-	-
Vaping Regulation Reform Package	-	-	15.4	15.9	-
<i>National Emergency Management Agency</i>					
Disaster Support	-	-	3.6	-	-
Lebanon Repatriation and Related Support	-	0.1	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	-24.7	-14.3	7.7	3.4
INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES					
<i>Department of Industry, Science and Resources</i>					
Future Made in Australia – accelerating investment in Australian industries	-	-19.2	-24.1	-32.7	-54.5
Science and Resources Technology Uplift	-	0.5	-	0.5	-
Supporting Safety and Remediation in the Resources Sector	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Geoscience Australia</i>					
Future Made in Australia – accelerating investment in Australian industries	-	-7.6	-3.7	-5.3	-
Portfolio total	-	-26.3	-27.8	-37.5	-54.5

Table A.2: Payment measures since the 2024–25 Budget^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS					
<i>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</i>					
Supporting News and Media Diversity(b)	-	-	-	40.9	42.2
<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>					
Social Media Age Limits	-	3.8	16.2	13.3	12.4
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</i>					
Building Australia's Future – Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment	-	-	-	-	-
Community Infrastructure	-	-8.2	-	-7.0	-
Employment Services Reform – additional supports	-	-	0.3	0.3	0.3
Funding for the Indian Ocean Territories	-	0.8	5.4	10.1	1.0
Rebuilding the Great Barrier Reef Aquarium	-	-	-	-	-
Revive – National Cultural Policy Location Offset	-	-	-	-	-
Social Media Age Limits	-	5.1	12.4	4.4	3.6
Supporting Aviation Priorities(b)	-	14.2	1.7	-	-
Supporting Connectivity	-	-1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2
Supporting News and Media Diversity(b)	-	2.1	56.6	55.8	54.9
<i>Special Broadcasting Service Corporation</i>					
Supporting News and Media Diversity(b)	-	2.0	3.9	-	-
Portfolio total	-	18.4	97.6	119.0	115.6
PARLIAMENT					
<i>Department of the House of Representatives</i>					
Quality Outcomes – Parliament and Civics Education Rebate and National Youth Parliament	-	0.1	0.9	0.7	-
Portfolio total	-	0.1	0.9	0.7	-
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET					
<i>Aboriginal Hostels Limited</i>					
Aboriginal Hostels Limited Reform Agenda	-	-	10.0	-	-
<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>					
Ending Gender-Based Violence – National Cabinet	-	-	-	-	-
Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide – initial steps	-	2.5	2.5	-	-
<i>Indigenous Business Australia</i>					
First Nations Economic Empowerment	-	-	-	-	-

Table A.2: Payment measures since the 2024–25 Budget^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET					
(continued)					
<i>National Indigenous Australians Agency</i>					
Aboriginal Hostels Limited Reform Agenda	-	-	-10.0	-	-
Australian Universities Accord - further reforms(b)	-	-	-86.3	-88.8	-91.1
Indigenous Boarding Providers – grants program extension	-	11.5	23.5	12.0	-
McDonald v Commonwealth Class Action - settlement	-	nfp	nfp	-	-
National Access to Justice Partnership	-	-	-27.5	-28.1	-28.7
New Remote Employment Service	-	4.4	134.0	121.9	120.1
Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care	-	1.1	1.2	-	-
Supporting News and Media Diversity(b)	-	-	4.0	4.0	4.0
Youpla Support Program – additional funding	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General</i>					
Remuneration for Honours Council Members	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	19.5	51.4	21.0	4.3
SOCIAL SERVICES					
<i>Department of Social Services</i>					
Assistance for Recent Arrivals from Conflict Zones(b)	-	13.1	57.9	59.7	48.4
Carer Support	-	-	-	-	-
Employment Services Reform – additional supports	-	-
Ending Gender-Based Violence – additional investment	-	-	-	-	-
Ending Gender-Based Violence – National Cabinet	-	3.7	5.1	8.6	15.5
Government Response to the Disability Royal Commission	-	-	-	-	-
Housing Support	-	-	-	-	-
Income Management – maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Legacy Superannuation Retirement Product Conversions and Reserves(b)	-	0.4	2.4	4.7	7.1
National Disability Insurance Scheme Reform(b)	-	-	7.6	-	-
New Remote Employment Service	-	-	15.3	17.0	2.6
Partnering with Communities for Change	-	2.5	2.8	0.6	-
Strengthening Medicare	-	-	8.5	8.7	-

Table A.2: Payment measures since the 2024–25 Budget^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)					
<i>National Disability Insurance Agency</i>					
Assistance for Recent Arrivals from Conflict Zones(b)	-	0.3	3.9	4.4	4.6
Government Response to the Disability Royal Commission	-	-	-	-	-
National Disability Insurance Scheme Reform(b)	-	-	785.8	2.3	-
<i>NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission</i>					
Government Response to the Disability Royal Commission	-	-	-	-	-
National Disability Insurance Scheme Reform(b)	-	-	71.3	72.5	-
<i>Services Australia</i>					
Addressing Surcharges	-	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.5
An Effective and Clinically Appropriate Medicare Benefits Schedule	-	1.8	1.5	0.8	0.9
Assistance for Recent Arrivals from Conflict Zones(b)	-	6.6	3.5	1.9	1.1
Building Australia's Future – delivering pay rises for early educators(b)	-	0.3	0.1	0.2	-
Building Australia's Future – Early Childhood Education and Care Reforms	-	-	6.3	0.2	-
Building Australia's Future – A fairer deal for students(b)	-	1.3	0.3	-	-
Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement	-	-	-	-	-
Employment Services Reform – additional supports	-	0.5	-	-	-
Ending Gender-Based Violence – additional investment	-	-	-	-	-
Ensuring the Viability and Quality of Aged Care	-	95.6	34.6	20.0	22.2
Improving Aged Care Support	-	2.3	17.7	1.6	1.3
Improving Cancer Outcomes	-	..	..	-	-
Income Management – maintenance	-	nfp	nfp	-	-
Legacy Superannuation Retirement Product Conversions and Reserves(b)	-	2.6	1.0	1.0	1.0
New Remote Employment Service	-	-1.5	28.6	2.3	0.6
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme New and Amended Listings(b)	0.2	1.3	0.6	0.4	0.4
Strengthening Medicare	-	..	0.3	-	-
Portfolio total	0.2	130.9	1,055.2	207.3	106.0

Table A.2: Payment measures since the 2024–25 Budget^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY					
<i>Australian Bureau of Statistics</i>					
Building Australia's Future – delivering pay rises for early educators(b)	-	-	0.2	0.2	0.1
Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	20.2	44.4	33.5	-0.2
<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i>					
Addressing Surcharges	-	1.1	1.1	-	-
Ensuring a Better Deal for Consumers(b)	-	4.7	8.5	8.6	8.7
Revitalising National Competition Policy	-	-	1.5	1.5	1.5
Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	2.1	4.3	1.9	1.8
<i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</i>					
Superannuation in Retirement(b)	-	1.3	2.0	2.5	0.9
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>					
Combatting Illegal Phoenixing – extending and enhancing the Phoenix Compliance Program(b)	-	-	0.5	0.6	-
Corporations – fee for takeover transactions(b)	-	0.3	-	-	-
Streamlining Consumer Redress under the Scams Prevention Framework	-	-	-	-	-
Superannuation in Retirement(b)	-	3.5	2.9	2.9	2.9
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>					
Addressing Surcharges	-	5.0	9.4	9.7	10.0
Building Australia's Future – A fairer deal for students(b)	-	1.9	4.7	0.2	0.1
Combatting Illegal Phoenixing – extending and enhancing the Phoenix Compliance Program(b)	-	-	33.2	34.7	1.0
Future Made in Australia – accelerating investment in Australian industries	-	1.1	2.4	5.5	12.3
Modernising Tax Administration Systems(b)	-	11.8	34.6	22.6	6.9
Payday Super(b)	-	63.3	105.4	118.2	-32.7
Research and Development Tax Incentive – excluding activities relating to gambling and tobacco(b)	-	-	-	-4.0	-4.0
Revive – National Cultural Policy Location Offset	-	-	-	4.2	1.1
Strengthening Tax Compliance – boosting the Shadow Economy Compliance Program(b)	-	7.0	13.9	14.1	14.2
Supporting News and Media Diversity(b)	-	0.8	0.8	0.3	-
Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	-	-2.0	-	-

Table A.2: Payment measures since the 2024–25 Budget^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY (continued)					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>					
Adding Maternal Vaccine for Respiratory Syncytial Virus to the National Immunisation Program	-	-	1.8	1.8	1.9
Additional Support for Seamless	-	-1.3	-0.7	-11.9	-
Assistance for Recent Arrivals from Conflict Zones(b)	-
Australia's Counter-Terrorism and Violent Extremism Strategy 2024	-	-	26.7	26.9	28.1
Building Australia's Future – Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment	-	375.0	160.1	155.9	35.4
Building Australia's Future – Free TAFE	-	-	-	82.7	171.1
Combatting Illegal Phoenixing – extending and enhancing the Phoenix Compliance Program(b)	-	-	12.4	33.1	35.4
Community Infrastructure	-	12.7	1.9	0.7	-
Enabling a Reliable and Secure Energy Transition	-	-	nfp	nfp	nfp
Ending Gender-Based Violence – National Cabinet	-	4.6	20.6	23.8	21.6
Ensuring a Better Deal for Consumers(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Expansion of the Social Housing Energy Performance Initiative	-	-	50.0	122.8	156.7
Future Made in Australia – accelerating investment in Australian industries	-	-	-	-	-
Housing Support	-	10.0	-	-	-
Indirect Tax Concession Scheme – diplomatic and consular concessions(b)	-	-1.4	-0.7	-0.2	..
Infrastructure Funding for The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia	-	6.3	16.3	2.5	-
Investment in Sports	-	0.8	0.4	-	-
Migration – uplift of Visa Application Charges(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Murray-Darling Basin Plan – additional funding	-	-	-	-	-
National Access to Justice Partnership	-	-	207.7	228.4	243.6
National Water Grid Fund – continuing delivery	-	-46.6	8.0	41.3	36.1
Northern Heart Centre in Launceston	-	22.0	48.0	20.0	20.0
Phase Out of Live Sheep Exports by Sea – additional transition support	-	-	-	-	-
Preventive Health	-	-	-	-	-
Rebuilding the Great Barrier Reef Aquarium	-	-44.0	-19.5	-36.5	-
Revitalising National Competition Policy	-	-	nfp	nfp	nfp
Securing Access to Medicines	-	15.0	5.0	-	-
Securing the Future of Antarctic Operations	-	-	47.0	47.0	47.0

Table A.2: Payment measures since the 2024–25 Budget^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY (continued)					
Streamlining Consumer Redress under the Scams Prevention Framework	-	5.2	9.5	-	-
Strengthening Australia's Arrangements for High Risk Terrorist Offenders – continuation	-	-	4.0	-	-
Strengthening Medicare	-	-	12.5	4.9	4.9
Strengthening Tax Compliance – boosting the Shadow Economy Compliance Program(b)	-	3.3	16.5	29.6	39.2
Supporting Australia's Avian Influenza Preparedness and Response	-	163.6	3.0	-	-
Supporting Aviation Priorities(b)	-	10.0	6.2	-	-
Supporting Connectivity	-	2.0	-	-	-
Supporting Education and Training for Defence Industry	-	1.0	-	-	-
Supporting Safety and Remediation in the Resources Sector	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Temporary Financial Assistance to the NSW Government for NSW Police Officers(b)	-	53.0	15.0	-	-
Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	-	2.0	-	-
Vaping Regulation Reform Package	-	1.0	1.0	-	-
Workplace Relations – additional supports	-	2.0	-	-	-
<i>Housing Australia</i>					
Housing Support	-	10.0	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	728.2	922.6	1,030.0	865.7
Decisions taken but not yet announced and not for publication (nfp) (c)	-4.0	218.6	828.1	1,187.3	3,321.6
Total impact of payment measures(d)	0.4	2,466.0	8,556.6	5,175.4	2,919.8

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

(d) Measures may not add due to rounding.

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Phase Out of Live Sheep Exports by Sea – additional transition support

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$32.6 million over three years from 2025–26 (and \$0.2 million in 2028–29) to support the phase out of live sheep exports by sea, including to assist sheep producers and businesses in associated supply chains to adapt.

The Government has already provided funding for this measure.

Partial funding for this measure will be held in the Contingency Reserve pending the finalisation of a co-design process with industry.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Phase Out of Live Sheep Exports by Sea – transition support*.

Supporting Agriculture Priorities

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	-	-	5.2	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-0.7	52.3	0.3	4.2
Total – Payments	-	-0.7	57.5	0.3	4.2

The Government will provide \$62.6 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$0.4 million in 2028–29) to support priorities in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio. Funding includes:

- \$46.6 million in 2025–26 to sustain export regulatory functions, including assurance and verification to meet trading partner requirements and exporter demand
- \$7.9 million over three years from 2025–26 (and an additional \$0.2 million in 2028–29) to continue the *Improved Access to Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals* program to help farmers gain access to safe and effective agricultural and veterinary chemicals
- \$5.2 million in 2025–26 to support the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority to continue to regulate and control agricultural and veterinary chemicals

- \$2.2 million over two years from 2024–25 for climate policy and technical capabilities within the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- \$0.6 million over three years from 2025–26 (and an additional \$0.2 million in 2028–29) to continue the *AgFAIR* program to support fair employment practices in the horticulture sector.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

Supporting Australia’s Avian Influenza Preparedness and Response

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	163.6	3.0	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	21.7	2.9	-	-
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	10.5	25.4	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	4.4	17.7	-	-
Total – Payments	-	200.3	48.9	-	-

The Government will provide \$249.6 million over two years from 2024–25 for High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI H7 and HPAI H5) preparedness and response activities. Funding includes:

- \$154.6 million in 2024–25 for the Commonwealth’s share of HPAI H7 responses in Victoria, New South Wales, and the Australian Capital Territory, and for potential further detections in the high-risk period over spring
- \$37.0 million over two years from 2024–25 for initiatives to protect Australian agriculture against HPAI H5N1, including improved national biosecurity response, surveillance and scientific capabilities, vaccines for priority threatened bird species, enhanced wild bird surveillance through Wildlife Health Australia, and a national communications campaign
- \$35.9 million over two years from 2024–25 for initiatives to protect threatened species and priority biodiversity against HPAI H5N1, including preparedness and response planning for the most vulnerable species and places, including Commonwealth national parks
- \$22.1 million over two years from 2024–25 to strengthen public health HPAI H5N1 preparedness by increasing the number of HPAI vaccines for human infections in the National Medical Stockpile.

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The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Attorney-General's

Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Federal Police	-	15.1	14.5	-	-
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	-	0.5	1.2	1.3	-
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	-	-	3.9	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	1.8	-	-
Various Agencies	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	15.6	21.3	1.3	-

The Government will provide \$78.0 million over three years from 2024–25 to support the delivery of Government priorities in the Attorney-General's portfolio, including:

- \$39.8 million over three years from 2024–25 for crime prevention and law enforcement initiatives, with costs to be met from the Confiscated Assets Account under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*
- \$26.7 million over two years from 2024–25 for the Australian Federal Police (AFP) to enhance capabilities to counter people smuggling in support of border protection activities
- \$8.6 million in 2025–26 for the Attorney-General's Department, the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation and the AFP to continue facilitating access to data for law enforcement and national security purposes under the AUS-US Data Access Agreement
- \$3.0 million over three years from 2024–25 for the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner to develop a Children's Online Privacy Code.

The Government has also provided for additional crime prevention and community safety initiatives. Funding for these initiatives is not for publication (nfp) pending finalisation of grant details.

Family Law System – improving access

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Federal Court of Australia	-	-	14.7	14.9	15.0

The Government will provide \$44.5 million over three years from 2025–26 (and \$15.2 million per year ongoing) to the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia to continue providing family law case management services to improve outcomes for vulnerable groups and victims of family and domestic violence.

National Access to Justice Partnership

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	-	207.7	228.4	243.6
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	5.9	7.1	7.7
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	-	-27.5	-28.1	-28.7
Total – Payments	-	-	186.1	207.4	222.6

The Government will provide \$3.9 billion over five years from 2025–26 (and \$812.3 million per year ongoing from 2030–31) to establish a new National Access to Justice Partnership (NAJP) from 1 July 2025 following the expiry of the National Legal Assistance Partnership (NLAP). This funding represents an increase of \$800.0 million to the legal assistance sector, with a focus on supporting frontline service delivery, including indexation to ensure funding does not reduce in real terms over time and funding to reduce community legal sector pay disparity. Funding will benefit Legal Aid Commissions, Community Legal Centres including Women’s Legal Services, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services and Family Violence Prevention Legal Services.

The NAJP also includes ongoing funding for programs currently provided outside the existing NLAP, including the *Temporary Visa Holders Experiencing Family and Domestic Violence Program* (formerly the legal assistance component of the Leaving Violence Program), Family Violence Prevention Legal Services, Supplementary Legal Assistance, and the *Indigenous Women’s Program*. Funding for Specialist Elder Abuse Units and Health Justice Units will also become part of the NAJP from 1 July 2026.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the National Indigenous Australians Agency’s *Indigenous Advancement Strategy*. The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

This funding is a component of the \$4.4 billion Commonwealth package agreed at National Cabinet on 6 September 2024.

This measure supports the implementation of the *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032*.

See also the related payment measures titled *Ending Gender-Based Violence – National Cabinet in Cross Portfolio* and *Ending Gender-Based Violence – additional investment in the Social Services portfolio*.

Pacific Policing Initiative – Centres of Excellence

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Federal Police	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$219.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$59.4 million per year ongoing) to establish three additional police training Centres of Excellence in the Pacific as part of the Pacific Policing Initiative to enhance policing capabilities through specialist training and operational support for Pacific police personnel.

The Government has already provided funding for this measure.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Policing Engagement and Training* and the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Enhancing Pacific Engagement*.

See also the related payment measure titled *Enhancing Pacific Engagement* in the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

Strengthening Australia’s Arrangements for High Risk Terrorist Offenders – continuation

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Federal Police	-	-	8.1	-	-
Attorney-General’s Department	-	-	6.0	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	4.0	-	-
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	-	-	0.7	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	0.4	-	-
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	-	-	0.1	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	19.3	-	-

The Government will provide \$69.3 million in 2025–26 to continue to protect the Australian community from the threats posed by convicted high risk terrorist offenders, including the assessment of ongoing risks, and seeking and implementing post-sentence supervision orders after the completion of custodial sentences.

The Government previously included funding in the Contingency Reserve for this purpose and this measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Strengthening Australia’s Arrangements for High Risk Terrorist Offenders*.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Additional Support for Seamless

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	0.5	0.5	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-1.3	-0.7	-11.9	-
Total – Payments	-	-0.8	-0.2	-11.9	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to support *Seamless*, an industry-led voluntary product stewardship scheme that addresses the environmental impacts of clothing textiles and supports circular economy outcomes.

The Government will also achieve savings of \$14.0 million over three years from 2024–25 by redirecting uncommitted funding from the *Recycling Modernisation Fund – Plastics Technology* stream to support other priorities in the Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water portfolio, including *Seamless*.

Enabling a Reliable and Secure Energy Transition

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	31.3	296.7	303.0	132.9
Digital Transformation Agency	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Department of the Treasury	-	-	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	31.3	296.8	303.0	133.0

The Government will provide \$768.5 million over five years from 2024–25 (and \$0.7 million per year ongoing) to support actions to accelerate a reliable and secure energy transition across Australia. Funding includes:

- \$728.1 million over five years from 2024–25 to support the Australian Energy Market Operator to uplift core digital systems to enhance energy security and reliability
- \$34.9 million in 2025–26 to further fund the Australian Energy Market Operator to deliver Capacity Investment Scheme tenders and undertake contract management activities for selected projects
- \$2.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.7 million per year ongoing from 2028–29) for the Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner to continue delivering community engagement and support for communities affected by the energy transition

- \$2.3 million over two years from 2024–25 for an expert panel led review into wholesale market settings in the National Electricity Market to promote investments in firmed, renewable generation and storage capacity.

Partial savings in this measure have already been provided for by the Government.

The cost of this measure will also be partially met from savings identified in the Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water portfolio, including savings from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Capacity Investment Scheme* through amendments to the Federation Funding Agreement with New South Wales. The financial implications of this measure are not for publication (nfp) as the disclosure would impair the Commonwealth’s position in negotiating contracts with industry.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measures titled *Capacity Investment Scheme* and *Ensuring the Supply of Reliable, Secure and Affordable Energy*, the 2023–24 MYEFO measures titled *Capacity Investment Scheme – expansion* and *Enabling Australia’s Energy Transformation* and the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Harnessing the Energy Transition to Benefit Consumers*.

Expansion of the Social Housing Energy Performance Initiative

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	-	50.0	122.8	156.7
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-	1.4	2.6	2.3
Total – Payments	-	-	51.4	125.3	159.0

The Government will provide additional funding of \$499.3 million over four years from 2025–26 to extend the *Social Housing Energy Performance Initiative* to fund social housing energy performance upgrades for additional homes in partnership with states and territories.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Household Energy Upgrades Fund – establishment*.

Murray-Darling Basin Plan – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide funding over four years from 2024–25 to continue implementation of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, including:

- \$3.0 million over two years from 2024–25 for Murray-Darling Basin states to undertake business cases investigating land and water partnerships
- funding for additional voluntary water purchases to contribute towards environmental outcomes under the Basin Plan.

The Government will also achieve a saving of \$12.8 million over two years from 2024–25 by reducing funding from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Future-proofing the Murray-Darling Basin*.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure and the remainder of the cost will be met by reprioritising funding from the *On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme*.

The financial implications for some elements of this measure are not for publication (nfp) because they would impair the Commonwealth’s position in negotiating contracts.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Murray-Darling Basin Plan – continuing delivery*.

National Water Grid Fund – continuing delivery

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-46.6	8.0	41.3	36.1
Total – Payments	-	-46.6	8.0	41.3	36.1

The Government will provide \$278.2 million over six years from 2024–25 to deliver new water infrastructure projects to drive economic growth, create jobs and support renewable industries. Funding includes:

- \$150.6 million over five years from 2025–26 to support construction of the Greater South East Irrigation Scheme, Tasmania

- \$65.0 million over two years from 2024–25 for planning works for the Northern Water Supply Project, South Australia
- \$34.8 million over four years from 2024–25 for new water infrastructure projects in New South Wales, including \$18.1 million for the Yass Water Treatment Plant Upgrade
- \$27.8 million over two years from 2025–26 to support First Nations communities through the Better Bores for Communities – Phase 1 package, Northern Territory.

The Government will also achieve savings of \$34.1 million over two years from 2024–25 by redirecting uncommitted funding from the National Water Grid Fund to support other priorities in the Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water portfolio.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure. Further expenditure will be met by reallocating funding from within the National Water Grid Fund and the \$150.0 million allocated to improve water security for First Nations communities under the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Closing the Gap – further investment*.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *National Water Grid Fund – responsible investment in water infrastructure for the regions*.

Priority Conservation and Recovery Actions for the Maugean Skate

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	5.9	15.1	7.6	-

The Government will provide \$28.6 million over three years from 2024–25 to support the conservation of the Maugean skate. Funding includes:

- \$21.2 million over three years from 2024–25 to scale up the reoxygenation of water in Macquarie Harbour
- \$4.9 million over three years from 2024–25 to expand the Maugean skate captive breeding program
- \$2.5 million over three years from 2024–25 to monitor the population of the Maugean skate and environmental conditions in Macquarie Harbour, as well as undertake compliance activities and engagement with the local community of Strahan.

The cost of this measure will be met from savings identified in the Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water portfolio.

Protecting Australia’s Iconic National Parks – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	2.5	4.9	5.0	5.1
Director of National Parks	-	1.7	10.5	-	-
Total – Payments	-	4.1	15.5	5.0	5.1

The Government will provide \$30.2 million over four years from 2024–25 to meet the Commonwealth’s obligations and protect the cultural and environmental values of Australia’s iconic national parks. Funding includes:

- \$17.5 million over four years from 2024–25 to sustain the Office of the Supervising Scientist’s core functions under the *Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act 1978*, and undertake essential monitoring and oversee remediation of the Ranger Uranium and Jabiluka mines
- \$12.7 million over two years from 2024–25 to provide waste management services within the Mutitjulu community in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and develop a Weed Management Plan to achieve better environmental outcomes in the Jabiru township in the Kakadu National Park.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from reprioritising funding from the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Jabiru Remediation – continuing delivery* and from savings identified in the Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water portfolio.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Protecting Australia’s Iconic National Parks*.

Rebuilding the Great Barrier Reef Aquarium

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	-	-39.0	12.2	46.6	80.4
Department of the Treasury	-	-44.0	-19.5	-36.5	-
Total – Payments	-	-82.9	-7.3	10.1	80.4

The Government will provide \$149.6 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$11.5 million in 2028–29) for a redeveloped aquarium in Townsville, enhancing its role as Australia’s national education centre for the Great Barrier Reef and boosting the local and regional economy.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and the redirection of existing funding for the Townsville City Deal.

Rewiring the Nation – recapitalisation

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	1.6	23.4	11.7	9.1
Bureau of Meteorology	-	0.8	-	-	-
Clean Energy Finance Corporation	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	2.4	23.4	11.7	9.1
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</i>	-	-	1.0	11.7	23.3

The Government will provide additional funding of \$1.2 billion over six years from 2024–25 to optimise and expand Australia’s energy grid, and boost connection times for new renewable and storage projects. Funding includes:

- \$1.2 billion to recapitalise the *Rewiring the Nation* program to provide additional concessional finance and underwriting support for transmission and distribution projects critical to Australia’s energy transformation
- \$36.9 million over six years from 2024–25 to support the optimisation and utilisation of existing grid infrastructure through regulatory reforms and grid enhancing technologies
- \$10.1 million over two years from 2024–25 to establish the Accelerated Connections Fund to reduce grid bottlenecks and fast-track connections for new critical renewable generation and clean storage projects.

The cost of this measure will be met from savings identified in the Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water portfolio.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Powering Australia – Rewiring the Nation*.

Securing the Future of Antarctic Operations

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	0.1	0.1	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	47.0	47.0	47.0
Total – Payments	-	0.1	47.1	47.0	47.0

The Government will provide \$188.2 million over five years from 2024–25 for an agreement with the Tasmanian Government to construct a new Macquarie Wharf 6 in the Port of Hobart to support *Australian Antarctic Program* operations.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water portfolio.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Australian Antarctic Program – continuing delivery*.

South-east Marine Parks – adjustment assistance

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Director of National Parks	-	nfp	nfp	-	-

The Government will establish a new grants program to support commercial fishers impacted by planned changes to the South-east Marine Parks management arrangements.

The cost of this measure will be met from reprioritising funding from the 2021–22 Budget measure titled *Oceans Leadership Package* and from savings identified within the Director of National Parks.

The financial implications of this measure are not for publication (nfp) due to an ongoing consultation process required under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Strengthening Australia’s Climate Information and Reporting

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	4.0	5.5	0.8	-
Bureau of Meteorology	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	4.0	5.5	0.8	-

The Government will provide \$10.5 million over three years from 2024–25 to strengthen Australia’s climate information and emissions reporting mechanisms in response to reviews of the Australian Climate Service and the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (NGER) scheme. Funding includes:

- \$10.2 million over three years from 2024–25 to implement key improvements to fugitive methane emissions reporting under the NGER scheme in response to the Climate Change Authority’s 2023 review of the NGER legislation, including through the work of an expert panel
- \$0.3 million in 2024–25 to develop actions in response to the recommendations of the Independent Review of the Australian Climate Service.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure. The remainder of the cost will be met from savings identified in the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *National Climate Adaptation and Risk Program*.

Supporting Timely Environmental Approvals

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-	68.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$68.5 million in 2025–26 for the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to maintain resourcing for environmental assessment, approval and compliance functions to support the timely delivery of approvals, including in priority areas such as renewable energy, transmission, critical minerals and housing.

This measure extends the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Sustaining Environmental Assessments* and builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Future Made in Australia – Strengthening Approvals Processes*.

Cross Portfolio

Ending Gender-Based Violence – National Cabinet

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	4.6	20.6	23.8	21.6
Department of Social Services	-	3.7	5.1	8.6	15.5
Attorney-General's Department	-	0.6	9.1	7.7	5.2
Federal Court of Australia	-	0.4	3.5	3.3	3.4
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	9.4	38.2	43.5	45.7

The Government will provide \$350.4 million over four years from 2024–25 to address the national crisis of gender-based violence, including violence against children and young people. Funding includes:

- \$214.7 million over three years from 2025–26 (and an additional \$152.2 million from 2028–29 to 2029–30) to extend the National Partnership Agreement on Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses to support frontline service delivery, with a focus on specialist services for women and children and working with men, with funding to be matched by states and territories bringing the total investment to over \$700 million across governments
- \$82.4 million over four years from 2024–25 to strengthen responses to high-risk and serial perpetrators of family and domestic violence, including by improving information sharing across systems and jurisdictions and intervening early to stop violence escalating
- \$49.4 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$15.8 million per year ongoing) to enhance and expand child centric trauma-informed supports for children and young people, with a specific focus on First Nations children and young people
- \$2.6 million over three years from 2024–25 to develop national standards for men's behaviour change programs
- \$1.0 million over two years from 2025–26 to review and update the *National framework for action to prevent alcohol-related family violence*, to address the role of alcohol and other drugs in exacerbating violence
- \$0.2 million in 2024–25 to conduct an audit of key Commonwealth government systems to identify areas where they are being weaponised by perpetrators and to embed 'safety by design' principles within new and existing systems.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Social Services, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Health and Aged Care, the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and the Attorney-General's Department.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measures titled *The Leaving Violence Program – financial support for victim-survivors of intimate partner violence* and *Ending Gender-Based Violence – additional resourcing*.

See also the related payment measures titled *Ending Gender-Based Violence – additional investment* in the Social Services portfolio and *National Access to Justice Partnership* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

This funding is a component of the \$4.4 billion Commonwealth package agreed at National Cabinet on 6 September 2024.

This measure supports the implementation of the *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032*.

Future Made in Australia – accelerating investment in Australian industries

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Renewable Energy Agency	-	1.5	2.0	3.0	2.2
Australian Taxation Office	-	1.1	2.4	5.5	12.3
Clean Energy Regulator	-	-	3.2	4.5	2.4
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Geoscience Australia	-	-7.6	-3.7	-5.3	-
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	-19.2	-24.1	-32.7	-54.5
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-23.0	9.5	29.9	25.1
Total – Payments	-	-47.3	-10.7	5.0	-12.3

The Government will provide \$469.6 million over 14 years from 2024–25 to accelerate investment in Future Made in Australia priorities, including renewable hydrogen and refining and processing of critical minerals. Funding includes:

- \$336.2 million over 14 years from 2024–25 to participate in the Australia-Germany H2Global program, connecting Australian suppliers with overseas purchasers and attracting matched co-investment from the German Government in the development of renewable hydrogen export products

- \$70.0 million over three years from 2025–26 to establish a grants program to support the participation of First Nations organisations and communities in the development of clean energy projects and accelerate development of First Nations led projects
- \$19.6 million over four years from 2024–25 to administer the Hydrogen Production Tax Incentive to support the production of renewable hydrogen in Australia
- \$11.9 million over four years from 2024–25 to administer and support the delivery of the Critical Minerals Production Tax Incentive
- \$11.2 million over two years from 2024–25 to support the establishment of a new Front Door to act as a single entry point for investors and proponents of major, transformational projects across all sectors of the economy
- \$10.7 million over seven years from 2024–25 in additional resourcing to implement the Battery Breakthrough Initiative, administered by the Australian Renewable Energy Agency, to promote development of battery manufacturing capabilities through production credits and capital grants to attract investors and build a sustainable industry
- \$5.5 million over four years from 2024–25 to the Australian Made Campaign Limited to increase the profile and awareness of the Australian Made, Australian Grown logo in key export markets
- \$4.6 million over five years from 2024–25 to undertake targeted research and data collection initiatives, and explore regulatory reform and capital investment options to address barriers First Nations people and communities face to participate in clean energy projects and programs.

Funding for the Battery Breakthrough Initiative will be held in the Contingency Reserve pending consultation and design.

The Government has also updated design and delivery parameters for the *Critical Minerals Production Tax Incentive*, the Future Made in Australia Innovation Fund and the *Hydrogen Headstart* program.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, the Australian Renewable Energy Agency and the Treasury, and savings identified in the Industry, Science, and Resources portfolio and the Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water portfolio.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Support for Energy Security and Reliability* and the 2024–25 Budget measures titled *Future Made in Australia – Making Australia a Renewable Energy Superpower* and *Future Made in Australia – Attracting Investment in Key Industries*.

Defence

Additional Support for Australian Defence Force Members and Veterans

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.4 million over three years from 2025–26 (and \$53,000 per year ongoing) to provide additional support to Australian Defence Force members and veterans. Funding includes:

- \$0.4 million in 2025–26 for the completion of Bravery Trust's trial program to provide financial counselling services to current and former Australian Defence Force members
- \$75,000 over two years from 2026–27 (and \$53,000 per year ongoing) to fund legal and financial advice for vulnerable military personnel and veterans who are considering lump sum compensation payments under the amended *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*.

The Government will also support veterans and their families by allocating compensation payments for eligible young persons of severely impaired veterans in line with the caring arrangements for eligible young persons or children, rather than paying the full amount to the primary carer.

The Government will require Parliament to review the operation of the reforms to veterans' compensation in the Veterans' Entitlements, Treatment and Support (Simplification and Harmonisation) Bill 2024. The review will take place 12 months after the commencement of the Act.

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

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

Australian War Memorial – financial sustainability

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian War Memorial	-	-	0.3	-	-

The Government will provide \$8.1 million in 2025–26 to support the financial sustainability of the Australian War Memorial.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Australian War Memorial – financial sustainability*.

Defence Support to the Pacific and the Middle East

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Defence	-	18.3	-	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-0.1	..	-	-

The Government will provide \$25.4 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$2.2 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35) to provide Defence support to Australia’s Pacific partners and in response to the escalation of conflict in the Middle East. Funding includes:

- \$18.3 million in 2024–25 for *Operation BEECH* to ensure the readiness of Australian Defence Force personnel to deploy in support of the Australian Government response to the Middle East conflict, and assist Australian citizens and foreign nationals where required
- \$4.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$2.2 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35) to provide the Government of Papua New Guinea with 12 armoured vehicles and sustainment support
- \$3.0 million in 2024–25 to establish the Pacific Special Advisory Team, a multinational group of defence personnel to support Pacific civilian authorities and organisations to respond to disasters.

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

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Defence Assistance – regional and global support*.

Defence Workforce Plan – investing in Defence’s people

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	40.0	48.0	49.0

The Government will provide \$609.4 million over three years from 2025–26 (and an additional \$363.4 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35) to support the Defence Workforce Plan and grow the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to 69,000 personnel by the early 2030s. Funding includes:

- \$571.8 million over three years from 2025–26 to extend and expand the current Continuation Bonus so that eligible, permanent ADF members nearing the end of their initial service obligation receive a \$40,000 bonus, and a second cohort of eligible, permanent ADF members also receive a \$40,000 bonus after a minimum seven years of service

- \$37.6 million over three years from 2025–26 (and an additional \$363.4 from 2028–29 to 2034–35) to increase the ADF’s Operational Reserves, reaching an additional 1,000 reservists by 2030.

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

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Recognising the Australian Defence Force’s Unique Service to the Nation*.

Department of Veterans’ Affairs – additional resourcing to support service delivery

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Veterans’ Affairs	-	30.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$30.4 million in 2024–25 to address the additional increased demand for downstream services following an increase in the determination of claims.

The Government has also reduced the reliance on external labour in the *Open Arms – Veterans and Family Counselling* program, in line with the Government’s broader objectives to reduce outsourcing of core work and reliance on consultants, contractors and labour hire.

Further Defence Support to Ukraine

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Defence	-	24.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$545.5 million over two years from 2024–25 to provide additional military and operational support to the Government of Ukraine. Funding includes:

- \$246.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to provide Ukraine with 49 M1A1 Abrams tanks
- \$189.8 million in 2024–25 to provide Ukraine with air-to-ground weapons, including guided weapons, anti-tank weapons and artillery, mortar, cannon and small arms ammunition
- \$63.0 million in 2024–25 to provide Ukraine with air defence missiles
- \$24.2 million in 2024–25 for *Operation KUDU* to deploy Australian Defence Force personnel to provide support, training and advice
- \$20.0 million in 2024–25 to provide Ukraine with 14 inflatable rigid hull boats to support Ukraine’s operational needs

- \$1.6 million in 2024–25 to provide Ukraine with a shipment of military boots for the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

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

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Defence Assistance – regional and global support*.

Investing in Defence Naval Shipbuilding in Australia

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$127.0 million over three years from 2024–25 to conduct planning, consultations, preliminary design and feasibility studies as well as enabling works for a Defence Precinct at Henderson, Western Australia, to support continuous naval shipbuilding and sustainment, and to sustain Australia’s conventionally armed, nuclear-powered submarines.

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

Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – infrastructure and capacity investment

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Finance	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of Defence	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide funding over six years from 2024–25 in equity and non-equity investments for ASC Pty Ltd to enhance its capacity to support nuclear-powered submarine sustainment, including to grow its workforce, develop capability partnerships, invest in cyber security and digital transformation, and to build and sustain its nuclear capabilities.

The Government will also provide Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd (ANI) with an equity injection over four years from 2024–25 to progress the construction of the Skills and Training Academy in Osborne, South Australia.

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

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Equity Injection for Australian Naval Infrastructure*.

The financial implications of this measure are commercially sensitive and not for publication (nfp) as disclosure would impair the Commonwealth’s position in contract negotiations.

Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – security and industry growth

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Defence	-	-	14.5	-	-
Australian Federal Police	-	-	5.5	-	-
Australian Submarine Agency	-	-	-20.0	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$269.0 million over four years from 2024–25 to continue to build the capacity of Australian industry to support Australia’s nuclear-powered submarine program, invest in security requirements and improve education and training coordination between AUKUS partners. Funding includes:

- \$262.4 million over three years from 2024–25 to enhance domestic industry capacity, including expanding the *Defence Industry Vendor Qualification Program* to increase Australian industry participation in nuclear-powered submarine construction and sustainment supply chains, and supporting Australian industry to build their supply chain resilience and security, as part of a broader strategy to grow Australian industry participation
- \$5.5 million in 2025–26 for the Australian Federal Police to continue to develop the capabilities required to provide protective security for Submarine Rotational Force-West at *HMAS Stirling*
- \$1.1 million over four years from 2024–25 for the Australian Submarine Agency (ASA) to assist in harmonising vocational educational and training qualifications across AUKUS partners.

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

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measures titled *Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – workforce and supply chain investments* and *National Security Agencies – additional funding*.

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Defence – reversal

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Defence	-	-1.9	-1.6	-1.6	-1.7

The Government will achieve savings of \$17.5 million over ten years from 2024–25 (and \$1.8 million per year ongoing) by not proceeding with the establishment of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Defence after the Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Joint Committee on Defence) Bill 2024 was not agreed to by the Parliament. Funding for the Parliamentary committee was previously provisioned in the Contingency Reserve.

Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide – initial steps

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	4.5	-	-	-
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	2.5	2.5	-	-
Department of Defence	-	-7.0	-2.5	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.5 million over two years from 2024–25 to begin implementing the *Australian Government Response to the Final Report of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide*. Funding includes:

- \$5.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to appoint an interim head of the new statutory oversight entity and establish a cross-agency taskforce to provide advice to Government on the implementation of the Government’s response to the Royal Commission’s recommendations, including the establishment of the statutory oversight entity
- \$4.5 million in 2024–25 to undertake a nation-wide stakeholder consultation process to co-design the development of a new agency within the Department of Veterans’ Affairs focused on veteran wellbeing and consult on the development of an ex-service organisation peak body.

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

The Government will consider future measures to implement the Government response following provision of advice from the implementation taskforce in 2025.

Supporting Education and Training for Defence Industry

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	1.0	-	-	-
Department of Defence	-	-1.0	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 million in 2024–25, with additional contributions from the South Australian Government, to support a pilot program of degree apprenticeships allowing students to attain higher education qualifications while undertaking on-the-job training with defence industry.

The measure will support the implementation of the *South Australian Defence Industry Workforce and Skills Action Plan*.

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

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

Education

Australian Universities Accord – further reforms

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Education	-	24.0	61.8	28.7	-4.2
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency	-	3.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	-	-86.3	-88.8	-91.1
Total – Payments	-	27.4	-23.3	-58.8	-94.1
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency</i>	-	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
<i>Department of Education</i>	-	-	-0.9	-2.6	-4.7
Total – Receipts	-	1.5	0.6	-1.1	-3.1

The Government will invest an additional \$2.5 billion in net funding over 11 years from 2024–25 to further respond to key recommendations of the *Australian Universities Accord Final Report* providing more university places, introducing a demand driven system to help more students from under-represented backgrounds enrol in universities, and helping more of these students finish their degrees. Funding includes:

- \$1.7 billion over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$6.1 billion from 2028–29 to 2034–35) to implement a new approach in higher education equity funding to better support students from under-represented backgrounds and those studying at regional campuses from 1 January 2026, subject to the passage of legislation
- \$780.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$10.4 billion from 2028–29 to 2034–35) to transition to a new Managed Growth Funding System for Commonwealth supported places (CSPs) at higher education providers, subject to the passage of legislation. The new Managed Growth Funding System will provide universities with greater certainty about the number of CSPs that are fully funded, and will allow universities to better meet student demand, maintain sustainable growth and more closely link higher education funding to achieving outcomes. It will also allow for demand driven CSPs for equity students
- \$20.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$33.8 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35) to establish the Australian Tertiary Education Commission (ATEC) in an interim capacity from 1 July 2025 and, subject to the passage of legislation, permanently from 1 January 2026. The ATEC will be led by three Commissioners and will provide independent advice to Government on management of the Managed Growth Funding System, pricing, allocation of student places, tertiary sector harmonisation, and sector performance

- \$7.6 million over five years from 2024–25 to the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) to update TEQSA’s information technology system to meet whole-of-government information security requirements. The cost of this measure will be met over five years from 2024–25 under TEQSA’s cost recovery arrangements.

The Government will also transfer the responsibility for the *Indigenous Student Success Program* from the National Indigenous Australians Agency to the Department of Education to align the program to other funding measures in response to the *Australian Universities Accord Final Report*.

The cost of this measure will be partially met (\$16.4 billion over 11 years from 2024–25) by repurposing existing funding and efficiencies resulting from the introduction of the Managed Growth Funding System.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Australian Universities Accord – tertiary education system reforms*.

Better and Fairer Schools Bilateral Agreements with Western Australia, Northern Territory, Tasmania and Australian Capital Territory

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Education	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.1 billion over four years from 2024–25 (and \$4.8 billion over the medium term) to fulfil the Australian Government’s commitment to increase funding for government school students with jurisdictions which have signed the Better and Fairer Schools Agreement. Funding includes:

- \$510.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$1.4 billion from 2028–29 to 2034–35) to increase the Commonwealth’s share of School Resourcing Standard funding to 22.5 per cent by 2026 for students in Western Australia
- \$384.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$1.9 billion from 2028–29 to 2034–35) to increase the Commonwealth’s share of School Resourcing Standard funding to 40 per cent by 2029 for students in the Northern Territory
- \$100.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$265.6 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35) to increase the Commonwealth’s share of School Resourcing Standard funding to 22.5 per cent by 2026 for students in Tasmania
- \$71.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$201.2 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35) to increase the Commonwealth’s share of School Resourcing Standard funding to 22.5 per cent by 2026 for students in the Australian Capital Territory.

The Government will continue to provide funding for the Commonwealth’s share of 20 per cent of the Schooling Resource Standard for states which have signed a one-year Interim School Funding Agreement – New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Queensland. Arrangements for the states following the expiry of the one-year interim

funding agreement will be subject to negotiations between the Commonwealth and those states.

The Government has already provided funding for this measure.

Building Australia’s Future – delivering pay rises for early educators

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Education	-	652.3	1,828.0	1,089.2	-
Services Australia	-	0.3	0.1	0.2	-
Australian Bureau of Statistics	-	-	0.2	0.2	0.1
Total – Payments	-	652.6	1,828.3	1,089.6	0.1
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	168.0	*	*	-

The Government will provide \$3.6 billion over four years from 2024–25 to support a wage increase for the Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) workforce through a worker retention payment, including:

- \$3.5 billion over three years from 2024–25 to support a wage increase in the ECEC sector of 10 per cent on top of the current national award rate in the first year from December 2024 and 15 per cent in the second year from December 2025
- \$21.4 million over two years from 2025–26 to the Department of Education to support the administration of the grant payment
- \$0.6 million over three years from 2024–25 to Services Australia to facilitate the payment of the grant
- \$0.5 million over three years from 2025–26 to the Australian Bureau of Statistics to develop and maintain an index for the provision of child care services to support a fee constraint for participating providers.

Providers will opt in by applying for the worker retention payment and will be paid in the form of a grant. Funding is conditional on eligible providers:

- limiting fee growth to no more than 4.4 per cent from 8 August 2024 and 4.2 per cent from 8 August 2025
- engaging staff through a workplace instrument that meets grant conditions
- passing on all funding to eligible workers through increased wages.

The Government decision will increase wages for workers in the ECEC sector and subsequently increase income tax receipts. This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$168.0 million in 2024–25. The increase in receipts over the two years from 2025–26 is unquantifiable due to the unknown impact of future Fair Work Commission decisions at the Annual Wage Review.

The Government will also provide \$10.0 million in 2024–25 to peak bodies, employer organisations, and employee representative organisations in the ECEC sector to assist

providers and their staff to engage with the worker retention payment, including meeting the workplace instrument requirements.

The Government will also expand the eligibility for the ECEC paid practicum subsidy from 2024–25 to include diploma-level qualifications and to increase the maximum subsidy period to eight weeks to better align with the practicum requirements for ECEC qualifications. The subsidy allows ECEC providers to give staff paid leave while undertaking practicums.

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

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce*.

Building Australia’s Future – Early Childhood Education and Care Reforms

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Education	-	2.7	169.5	329.7	331.6
Services Australia	-	-	6.3	0.2	-
Total – Payments	-	2.7	175.7	329.9	331.6

The Government will provide \$839.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$130.3 million per year ongoing) in addition to \$500 million provisioned in the Contingency Reserve for future financial investments, to improve access to Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC). Funding includes:

- \$1.0 billion to establish the Building Early Education Fund (the Fund). The Fund will focus on increasing the number of ECEC places across Australia and driving supply of high quality care
 - \$529.6 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$1.2 million in 2028–29) for targeted capital grant rounds for ECEC providers and state and local governments to establish new services and increase the capacity of existing services. Grants will be targeted to priority and underserved markets, for example those located on school sites, in regional and remote locations and First Nations ECEC services
 - \$2.3 million over two years from 2024–25 to the Department of Education to undertake a business case for the Commonwealth to invest in owning and leasing a portfolio of early childhood education and care centres to increase the supply of ECEC services, with \$500 million over three years from 2026–27 provisioned in the Contingency Reserve for future investments.

- \$291.2 million over three years from 2025–26 (and \$129.0 million per year ongoing) to the Department of Education to increase families’ entitlement to subsidised early childhood education and care by reforming the *Child Care Subsidy* activity test from January 2026. These changes will provide at least 72 hours of subsidised care per fortnight for families, and a greater entitlement of 100 hours for families with First Nations children, regardless of their activity levels
- \$10.4 million over three years from 2024–25 for the Department of Education to develop an Early Education Service Delivery Price to determine the reasonable cost of providing quality ECEC. An external technical expert will be engaged by the Department of Education to support development of the Service Delivery Price, which will provide an evidence-based mechanism for appropriate levels of funding for child care services and inform future reforms
- \$6.4 million over two years from 2025–26 to Services Australia to upgrade the *Child Care Subsidy* system to support the reforms.

Building Boarding Schools on Country – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Education	-	2.7	1.0	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$3.7 million over two years from 2024–25 to support the operation of Manjali Studio School, a new secondary boarding school in the West Kimberley region for First Nations students due to open in 2025. Funding will support resources for classrooms and administration, uniforms and recruitment costs.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the Department of Education.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *First Nations – supporting education outcomes*.

Closing the Gap Partnership on Early Childhood Care and Development

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Education	-	-	3.6	3.7	4.1

The Government will provide \$11.4 million to extend the Closing the Gap Partnership on Early Childhood Care and Development (the Partnership) for three years from 2025–26. The Partnership is an Australian Government commitment to bring together governments and First Nations representatives to develop recommendations to improve early childhood outcomes for First Nations children and families.

This measure extends on the *Early Childhood Care and Development Policy Partnership*, a component of the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Plan for Cheaper Child Care*.

Education – reprioritisation

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Education	-	-35.1	-47.1	-53.4	-61.5

The Government will achieve savings of \$197.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$627.1 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35) by ceasing and reducing funding within the Department of Education. Savings include:

- \$107.4 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$491.8 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35) by ceasing the *Innovative Places* program on 31 December 2026
- \$89.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$135.3 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35) by better matching the *Tertiary Access Payment* program to demand and expanding access to non-school leavers from 1 January 2025.

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

First Nations Education Partnership Funding, Education Policy and Education Programs Extensions

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Education	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$8.5 million over four years from 2024–25 to extend programs supporting education outcomes for First Nations students. Funding includes:

- \$4.5 million over three years from 2024–25 to extend the AURORA Education Foundation’s Redefining Indigenous Success in Education (RISE) initiative to support First Nations high school students through activities such as tutoring and mentoring programs, and undertake a comparative analysis of the impacts of these supports
- \$4.0 million over four years from 2024–25 to extend support for the GO Foundation to continue support for young First Nations people by providing access to quality education, mentorship, and pathways to employment.

The Government has already provided funding for this measure.

GENERATION Survey of Post-School Destinations

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Education	-	0.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.4 million in 2024–25 to extend the GENERATION Survey of Post-School Destinations longitudinal study of students transitioning to life after school. Funding will cover the program’s operations for the 2025 calendar year.

Indigenous Boarding Providers – grants program extension

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	11.5	23.5	12.0	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$47.1 million over three years from 2024–25 to extend the *Indigenous Boarding Provider* grants program for rural and remote First Nations students for two additional years.

This measure extends the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Closing the Gap – further investment*.

Quality Outcomes – Parliament and Civics Education Rebate and National Youth Parliament

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Education	-	2.8	-	-	-
Department of the House of Representatives	-	0.1	0.9	0.7	-
Total – Payments	-	2.9	0.9	0.7	-

The Government will provide \$2.8 million in 2024–25 to extend the *Parliament and Civics Education Rebate* (PACER) Pilot program for the 2025 calendar year.

The PACER program provides financial assistance for students to visit national democratic, historical and cultural institutions in Canberra. Students from regional, remote, and very remote schools and those in socio-educationally disadvantaged areas will be eligible for additional rebates as part of the extension of the PACER Pilot program.

The Government will also provide \$1.7 million over three years from 2024–25 to the Department of the House of Representatives to prepare for and deliver a National Youth Parliament program in August 2026.

Review into Bullying in Schools

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Education	-	1.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.2 million in 2024–25 to undertake an expert led investigation to examine current procedures and best practice methods looking at what is working to address bullying behaviours and what needs strengthening. The review will advise the Education Ministers Meeting on options for a nationally consistent standard to address bullying, and inform policy development across jurisdictions.

Strengthening the Integrity and Sustainability of the International Education Sector

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Skills Quality Authority	-	2.4	4.0	0.7	0.7
Department of Education	-	2.3	7.7	5.0	5.3
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	4.6	11.7	5.7	6.0

The Government will provide \$28.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$5.4 million per year ongoing) to ensure the quality, integrity and sustainability of the international education sector. Funding includes:

- \$16.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$4.4 million per year ongoing) for the Department of Education to monitor international student commencements at the sector and provider level to support the prioritisation of visa processing
- \$7.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.4 million per year ongoing) to enable the Australian Skills Quality Authority to deliver additional integrity activities for Australia’s international vocational education and training sector, working closely with sector regulators
- \$4.3 million over three years from 2025–26 (and \$0.6 million per year ongoing) for the Department of Education to provide essential upgrades to the Provider Registration and International Student Management System.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and from savings identified in the Education portfolio.

Supplementary Funding for the Inclusion Support Program

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Education	-	-	105.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$105.0 million in 2025–26 to help early childhood education and care services increase their capacity to support inclusion of children with additional needs, through tailored support and funding to services.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Inclusion Support Program – additional funding*.

Employment and Workplace Relations

Building Australia’s Future – Free TAFE

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	82.7	171.1
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	82.7	171.1

The Government will provide \$253.7 million over two years from 2026–27 (and an additional \$1.4 billion from 2028–29 to 2034–35) to fund 100,000 Free TAFE places per year from 2027. A new Free TAFE Act will establish Free TAFE as an enduring feature of the national vocational education and training system, subject to the passage of legislation.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Vocational Education – Fee-Free TAFE and TAFE Technology Fund*.

Employment and Workplace Relations – reprioritisation

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-21.7	-20.0	-3.0	-14.9

The Government will achieve savings of \$67.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$7.0 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35) within the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations. Savings include:

- \$33.1 million over two years from 2024–25 by temporarily pausing new credits to the Workforce Australia – Employment Fund for each new participant to Workforce Australia Online for 12 months until 31 December 2025
- \$22.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$7.0 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35) by reducing and ceasing underutilised programs across the Skills and Training portfolio
- \$8.3 million over three years from 2024–25 by reducing the length of the *New Energy Apprenticeships Mentoring* program
- \$2.3 million in 2024–25 by reducing funding from the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Prohibition on the Use of Engineered Stone – communications strategy*
- \$1.5 million over three years from 2024–25 by reducing funding from the *WorkFoundations* program under the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Employment Services Reform*.

Partial savings in this measure have already been provided for by the Government.

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

Employment Services Reform – additional supports

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Services Australia	-	0.5	-	-	-
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-	0.3	0.3	0.3
Department of Social Services	-	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-5.3	38.5	33.3	-0.2
Total – Payments	-	-4.7	38.8	33.6	0.1

The Government will provide \$67.6 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.1 million per year ongoing) to support employment services reform through delivery of place-based employment services and strengthened integrity of service delivery processes. Funding includes:

- \$62.6 million over three years from 2024–25 to extend the *Local Jobs* program for two years to 30 June 2027 to connect local employers, job seekers and communities in 51 employment regions
- \$4.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to better ensure the integrity of processes supporting mutual obligation requirements
- \$0.2 million over three years from 2025–26 (and \$0.1 million per year ongoing) to deliver a consolidated, place-based employment program on Norfolk Island from 1 July 2025.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Employment White Paper*.

The Government will transfer funding of \$0.7 million over three years from 2025–26 (and \$0.2 million per year ongoing) from the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and the Department of Social Services to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, for Norfolk Island employment servicing arrangements.

Skills and Training – other priorities

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	1.6	3.0	-0.3	-0.7

The Government will provide \$3.6 million over four years from 2024–25 to support additional skills and training priorities. Funding includes:

- \$2.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to enable Jobs and Skills Australia to continue to undertake labour market analysis and stakeholder engagement. This will inform the implementation of the three-tier model for the new temporary skilled migration system, including the post-arrival analysis of occupations and wages in the Specialist Skills Stream of the new Skills in Demand visa
- \$0.7 million over four years from 2024–25 to amend the Group Training Organisation Reimbursement Pilot prior to its implementation from 1 January 2025.

This measure extends elements of the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Migration System Reforms* and builds on elements of the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Future Made in Australia – Workforce and Trade Partnerships for Renewable Energy Superpower Industries*.

Workplace Relations – additional supports

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	9.6	8.9	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	2.0	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	11.5	8.9	-	-

The Government will provide \$20.5 million over two years from 2024–25 to further support progression of the Government’s workplace relations agenda. Funding includes:

- \$16.4 million over two years from 2024–25 to establish a one-year pilot program to support state and territory Trades and Labour Councils and peak employer organisations to deliver initiatives to improve gender equality in gender-segregated industries
- \$2.1 million over two years from 2024–25 for ancillary costs incurred for the administration of the Construction and General Division of the Construction, Forestry and Maritime Employees Union (CFMEU)
- \$2.0 million in 2024–25 to the Victorian Government to continue progressing the establishment of a national labour hire regulation model through harmonisation of state and territory laws.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.
This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Workplace Relations*.

Finance

Electoral Communications

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Electoral Commission	-	2.2	4.6	6.3	10.2
Department of Finance	-	0.2	1.2	0.2	0.2
Total – Payments	-	2.4	5.8	6.5	10.4

The Government will provide \$25.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$7.2 million per year ongoing with an additional \$3.3 million in 2030–31 and each third year thereafter) to address misleading or incorrect content in electoral communications and political advertising, including funding the Australian Electoral Commission to establish an Electoral Communications Panel and undertake a Digital Media Literacy Program. Funding will also be provided to the Department of Finance to manage appointments to the Electoral Communications Panel.

Finance Portfolio – additional resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Finance	-	1.5	2.8	-	-
Parliamentary Workplace Support Service	-	-	2.4	2.4	2.5
Total – Payments	-	1.5	5.2	2.4	2.5

The Government will provide \$11.6 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$2.5 million per year ongoing) to support the delivery of Government priorities in the Finance portfolio. Funding includes:

- \$7.3 million over three years from 2025–26 (and \$2.5 million per year ongoing) to fund the ongoing operation of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Commission to support safe and respectful workplaces for parliamentarians, their staff and other people who work in a Commonwealth parliamentary workplace
- \$4.3 million over two years from 2024–25 for the Department of Finance to continue to support smaller entities to navigate the new Australian Public Service Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) approach and plan an ERP solution that best meets each entity’s needs and budget.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Future of Shared Services* and the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Initial Funding for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Commission*.

Reforming the Commonwealth Funding and Disclosure Scheme

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Finance	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Digital Transformation Agency	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Australian Electoral Commission	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

The Government will provide funding to support the new Commonwealth electoral funding and disclosure scheme to improve the integrity and transparency of Australia’s electoral processes, including funding for the Australian Electoral Commission to implement and administer the new scheme, funding to support necessary IT enhancements, anticipated election funding as well as administrative and compliance funding.

The financial implications for this measure are not for publication (nfp) because they would impair the Commonwealth’s position in negotiating contracts with industry.

Foreign Affairs and Trade

Critical Minerals Facility – additional support for Iluka Resources Eneabba Rare Earths Refinery

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (National Interest component)	-	-	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (National Interest component)</i>	-	-	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will provide up to \$475.0 million in additional financing through the Critical Minerals Facility for Iluka Resources to continue to develop the Eneabba Rare Earths Refinery in Western Australia.

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

Enhancing Pacific Engagement

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	52.2	70.1	61.2	76.7

The Government will provide \$383.7 million over four years from 2024–25 to enhance and expand Australia’s engagement with Pacific Island countries. Funding includes:

- \$256.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$378.3 million from 2028–29 to 2033–34) to support the entry of a Papua New Guinea (PNG) franchise into the National Rugby League, including supporting the entry of PNG teams into the elite men’s and women’s competitions, grassroots rugby league programs and elite development pathways in PNG and Pacific Island countries
- \$120.6 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$42.0 million in 2028–29 and \$2.0 million per year ongoing from 2029–30) to support enhanced economic, social and security cooperation with Nauru under the *Nauru-Australia Treaty*
- \$6.6 million over three years from 2025–26 for additional scholarships through the Australia Awards program for students from the Indo-Pacific region, which contributes to the development needs of Australia’s partner countries in line with bilateral and regional agreements.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measures titled *Enhancing Pacific Infrastructure and Engagement* and *Policing Engagement and Training*, the 2023–24 MYEFO measures titled *Enhancing Pacific Engagement* and *Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific – PNG loan* and the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Enhancing Pacific Engagement*.

See also the related payment measure titled *Pacific Policing Initiative – Centres of Excellence* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Lebanon Repatriation and Related Support

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	44.9	-	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	1.0	-	-	-
National Emergency Management Agency	-	0.1	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	46.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$46.0 million in 2024–25 for repatriation and related support for Australian citizens, permanent residents and their families from Lebanon who have been significantly affected as a result of the recent and ongoing conflict.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Middle East Crisis Response*.

See also the related payment measure titled *Assistance for Recent Arrivals from Conflict Zones* in the Home Affairs portfolio.

Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 – ongoing efforts

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	3.7	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	2.2	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	5.9	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.9 million in 2025–26 to continue diplomatic activities and legal action in pursuit of truth, justice and accountability for the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17.

Sculpture by the Sea – Perth

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	-	0.8	0.8	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.5 million over two years from 2024–25 to support the Sculpture by the Sea exhibitions in Perth, Western Australia.

Southeast Asia Investment Financing Facility – Investment in FAST-P Green Investments Partnership fund

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (National Interest component)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (National Interest component)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will invest USD50.0 million (approximately AUD75.0 million) from 2024–25 under the Southeast Asia Investment Financing Facility to support an investment in the Singapore Government-backed Financing Asia’s Transition Partnership (FAST-P) Green Investments Partnership fund. Australia will invest alongside likeminded international partners to support the clean energy transition in Southeast Asia.

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

Health and Aged Care

10-Year National Action Plan for the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTIQA+ People

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	2.4	5.5	4.6	3.1

The Government will provide \$15.5 million over four years from 2024–25 to support the implementation of the 10-Year National Action Plan for the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTIQA+ people. Funding includes:

- \$13.1 million over four years from 2024–25 to provide grants for LGBTIQA+ community programs that support the health and wellbeing of LGBTIQA+ people through clinical and non-clinical services
- \$2.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to La Trobe University to continue and expand LGBTIQA+ health and wellbeing surveys “Private Lives” and “Writing Themselves In”
- \$0.5 million over four years from 2024–25 to Intersex Human Rights Australia to continue the InterLink program to provide mental health and wellbeing services to people with innate variations of sex characteristics.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *10 Year National Action Plan for LGBTIQA+ Health and Wellbeing*.

Adding Maternal Vaccine for Respiratory Syncytial Virus to the National Immunisation Program

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	43.3	41.3	41.9	42.6
Department of the Treasury	-	-	1.8	1.8	1.9
Total – Payments	-	43.3	43.1	43.7	44.4

The Government will provide \$174.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$44.4 million per year ongoing) to support the addition of a maternal respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine to the *National Immunisation Program* (NIP). The vaccine will be subsidised for the prevention of lower respiratory tract illness caused by RSV in infants from birth through to six months of age, with all pregnant women between 28 and 36 weeks eligible for vaccination.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories. States and territories will deliver an RSV vaccination program under the NIP.

An Effective and Clinically Appropriate Medicare Benefits Schedule

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	61.4	48.1	59.9	69.3
Services Australia	-	1.8	1.5	0.8	0.9
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.9
Total – Payments	-	64.1	50.3	61.5	71.1

The Government will provide \$246.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$82.4 million per year ongoing) to ensure the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) remains clinically appropriate and reflects modern medical practices, including:

- \$185.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$82.3 million per year ongoing) to maintain high quality health care through amendments to items on the MBS, including:
 - \$72.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$37.2 million per year ongoing) to support the treatment of advanced stage prostate cancer
 - \$48.1 million over three years from 2025–26 (and \$17.2 million per year ongoing) to provide imaging tests to detect a wider range of cancers
 - \$32.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$17.7 million per year ongoing) to allow greater access to surgical services by expanding the pool of surgical assistants to include Nurse Practitioners.
- \$61.0 million in 2024–25 to defer changes to Chronic Disease Management planning items until 1 July 2025, to allow more time to support general practices and providers to prepare for the changes.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *A Modern and Clinically Appropriate Medicare Benefits Schedule*, and the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Strengthening Medicare – an effective and clinically appropriate Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS)*.

Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Services Australia	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-27.9	-38.0	-30.9	10.4
Total – Payments	-	-27.9	-38.0	-30.9	10.4

The Government will provide \$1.8 billion over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$488.5 million from 2028–29 to 2029–30) for community pharmacy remuneration and to support access to medicines under the Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement. Funding includes:

- \$2.1 billion over six years from 2024–25 to provide community pharmacies with additional legislated payments, known as the Additional Community Supply Support Payment
- \$52.0 million over five years from 2024–25 to increase the Regional Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance
- \$43.0 million in 2024–25 as a Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement (7CPA) remuneration adjustment closure cost, due to the early termination of the 7CPA
- \$39.6 million over five years from 2024–25 in implementation and evaluation costs, including an education campaign.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Securing Cheaper Medicines*.

The Government will also achieve savings of \$127.9 million over three years from 2024–25 by ceasing funding for the Regional Pharmacy Transition Allowance which terminated on 1 July 2024.

Ensuring the Viability and Quality of Aged Care

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Services Australia	-	95.6	34.6	20.0	22.2
Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	-	1.3	1.4	-	-
Australian Digital Health Agency	-	1.1	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-7.9	-21.1	-21.9	-53.4
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-247.3	1,141.1	860.6	-1,581.8
Total – Payments	-	-157.1	1,156.0	858.7	-1,613.0

The Government will provide \$5.4 billion over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$6.8 billion from 2028–29 to 2033–34) to ensure the viability and quality of aged care and support a growing number of older Australians to remain in their homes as they age, through the *Support at Home Program*. Funding includes:

- \$4.7 billion over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$6.0 billion from 2028–29 to 2033–34) for the new *Support at Home Program*, including:
 - \$1.9 billion over three years from 2025–26 (and a saving of \$322.0 million from 2028–29 to 2033–34) to provide improved in-home care, including care management services, to older Australians from 1 July 2025
 - \$1.1 billion over three years from 2025–26 (and an additional \$3.4 billion from 2028–29 to 2033–34) for an Assistive Technology and Home Modifications scheme to enable older Australians to access assistive items and home modifications to stay in their homes longer

- \$798.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$2.5 billion from 2028–29 to 2033–34) for a restorative care pathway to deliver multi-disciplinary allied health programs and time limited services, for up to 12 weeks, for older Australians assessed as benefitting from this support
- \$637.4 million over two years from 2025–26 for grants to support home care providers in thin markets
- \$132.7 million over three years from 2025–26 (and an additional \$385.1 million from 2028–29 to 2033–34) for a new end-of-life pathway to increase the services available to older Australians in the last three months of their life
- \$109.5 million over two years from 2024–25 to support the preparation, implementation and evaluation of the new program
- \$35.6 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$53.9 million from 2028–29 to 2033–34) to develop and implement an assurance framework for the new program
- \$5.2 million over three years from 2025–26 to trial budget pooling, which would allow participants to combine their budgets to achieve economies of scale in service delivery.
- \$743.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$787.7 million from 2028–29 to 2033–34) to improve the funding, viability and quality of residential aged care, including:
 - \$390.9 million over three years from 2025–26 (and an additional \$776.4 million from 2028–29 to 2033–34) to provide a one-off increase to the hotelling supplement paid to approved providers
 - \$300.0 million over two years from 2025–26 for the *Aged Care Capital Assistance Program* to provide grants to support aged care providers in regional, rural and remote areas (Modified Monash 3 to Modified Monash 7) to build, extend or upgrade aged care services, or to build staff accommodation
 - \$35.1 million over four years from 2024–25 for the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority to undertake pricing and costing research activities for the *Multi-Purpose Services* and the *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care* programs to provide advice on the cost of delivering aged care services in thin markets and a feasibility study of tiering the hotelling supplement based on provider location and resident care needs
 - \$4.6 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$2.7 million from 2028–29 to 2033–34) to implement reforms to accommodation funding arrangements in residential aged care homes to improve viability for the sector
 - \$4.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$8.6 million from 2028–29 to 2033–34) to exempt National Redress Scheme payments from being considered assessable assets under the residential aged care means testing arrangements

- \$3.5 million over two years from 2024–25 for a stocktake and review of rural and remote policy settings across all aged care programs, including the appropriateness of the Modified Monash Model
- \$2.8 million over three years from 2024–25 to improve sector innovation including extending funding for Aged Care Research and Industry Innovation Australia until 30 June 2026 to continue to deliver research, training, and innovation services and funding for the *Data and Digital Support Program* to support the innovation and development of a new reporting strategy and system
- \$2.1 million over two years from 2024–25 to replace the existing residential aged care Additional Service Fee and Extra Service Fees with a streamlined Everyday Living Fee that providers can charge in exchange for higher quality goods and service levels.

The Government has also agreed to:

- introduce a new framework for participant co-contributions to create a fairer, more equitable and sustainable aged care system for older Australians. This new framework will save \$3.0 billion over four years from 2024–25 (and \$15.8 billion from 2028–29 to 2033–34)
- increase the maximum room price that providers can charge before needing approval from the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority from \$550,000 to \$750,000, and introduce a requirement for providers to retain a small portion of new refundable accommodation deposits received and index daily accommodation payments
- temporarily reduce the residential aged care provision ratio from 78.0 places to 59.3 places per 1,000 people aged over 70 years in 2024–25, with the provision to gradually increase to 61.5 places per 1,000 people aged over 70 years in 2029–30. The reduction in the ratio reflects the increasing preference of older Australians to remain in their homes and will save \$1.7 billion over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$1.7 billion from 2028–29 to 2029–30)
- provide higher-level packages in the *Support at Home Program* that will delay the entry of older Australians into residential aged care and will save \$446.2 million over three years from 2025–26 (and an additional \$1.2 billion from 2028–29 to 2033–34).

This measure will be partially offset by reprioritising funding from Program 3.2 – Aged Care Services.

Establishment of the Australian Centre for Disease Control

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	10.2	84.2	81.4	75.7
Department of Finance	-	-	0.1	0.1	-
Total – Payments	-	10.2	84.3	81.5	75.7

The Government will provide \$251.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$73.3 million per year ongoing) to establish the Australian Centre for Disease Control as an independent agency.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Australian Centre for Disease Control – design and consultation*, the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Establish the Australian Centre for Disease Control* and the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Preventive Health*.

Funding Pay Increases for Aged Care Workers

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.2	0.2	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-12.3	60.4	24.5	21.6
Total – Payments	-	-12.1	60.6	24.5	21.6

The Government will provide \$226.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$378.2 million from 2028–29 to 2033–34) to fund the outcome of the Fair Work Commission’s Stage 3 decision on the Aged Care Work Value Case. The decision was to increase the minimum award wages from 1 January 2025 for many aged care workers, including assistants in nursing, personal care workers, home care workers, recreational activity officers, administration staff, maintenance staff and gardeners, cleaners and food services assistants. This is in addition to the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Funding Pay Increases for Aged Care Workers*. Funding includes:

- \$167.8 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$339.9 million from 2028–29 to 2033–34) for two new grant programs for *Commonwealth Home Support Programme* providers to cover the cost of the increase in award wages
- \$40.5 million over two years from 2024–25 for a new grant program to fund the historical leave provisions of staff working in Commonwealth-funded aged care providers
- \$18.6 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$38.3 million from 2028–29 to 2033–34) to uplift funding for the *Indigenous Employment Initiative*, *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program*, and *Multi-Purpose Service Program*.

This measure will be partially offset by reprioritising funding from Program 3.2 – Aged Care Services.

The 2024–25 MYEFO also includes \$3.7 billion over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$8.9 billion from 2028–29 to 2033–34) to meet the cost of the Fair Work Commission’s Stage 3 decision on 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.

Improving Aged Care Support

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	244.2	178.3	-1,123.4	-1,298.2
Services Australia	-	2.3	17.7	1.6	1.3
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	1.6	..	-32.7	-37.4
Total – Payments	-	248.1	196.0	-1,154.5	-1,334.3

The Government will provide \$1.0 billion over seven years from 2024–25 to deliver key aged care reforms and to continue to implement recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety. Funding includes:

- \$596.8 million over seven years from 2024–25 for private providers, and states and territories to undertake aged care assessment services under the Single Assessment System, including transition support, addressing wage increases and reducing the assessment waitlist to ensure continuity of assessment services
- \$157.8 million over two years from 2024–25 to provide continued COVID-19 support for aged care, including extending the Aged Care Outbreak Management Supplement and addressing low vaccination rates in aged care
- \$101.7 million in 2024–25 to release an additional 7,615 Home Care Packages to meet growing demand, reduce the average wait times for packages ahead of the commencement of the *Support at Home Program* on 1 July 2025 and to support timely discharge of long stay older patients out of hospital
- \$88.1 million over three years from 2025–26 to provide additional funding to very remote residential aged care services under the *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program* to align with the national price under the Australian National Aged Care Classification
- \$41.4 million in 2025–26 to extend the aged care viability support programs, including the *Market Adjustment Program*, to provide business advisory services to improve the viability of the residential aged care sector
- \$9.4 million over two years from 2024–25 to extend the *Dementia Training Program* and the Australian Dementia Network to improve the capability of the health and aged care workforce to support dementia diagnosis and care, particularly in rural areas, and to better position General Practitioners for new dementia treatment options

- \$4.1 million over three years from 2024–25 to extend funding for the interim First Nations Aged Care Commissioner
- \$1.7 million in 2025–26 to extend funding for the Maggie Beer Foundation to improve the quality of food for people in aged care.

The Government will achieve savings of \$233.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$109.7 million per year ongoing) through better targeting residential aged care funding. The Government will adjust the 24/7 registered nurse supplement to align with changes recommended by the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority in its *Residential Aged Care Pricing Advice 2024–25*. The Government will also link care minute funding to the delivery of care minutes from 1 October 2025 for residential aged care providers in metropolitan areas.

The Government will achieve savings of \$2.5 billion over three years from 2025–26 (and \$234.1 million per year ongoing) by improving payment arrangements for residential aged care. The Government will transition to paying providers in arrears rather than in advance for the provision of services over two years from 1 July 2026. This will align payment arrangements for residential aged care providers with other government programs such as home care and the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Providers will not have their funding reduced through this measure.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget and 2024–25 Budget measures titled *Improving Aged Care Support*, the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Continued Support for the COVID-19 Response*, the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Improving Health Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People* and the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Fixing the Aged Care Crisis*.

Improving Cancer Outcomes

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	9.9	13.5	2.1	0.5
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.1	0.1	..	-
Services Australia	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	10.0	13.7	2.1	0.5

The Government will provide \$26.3 million over four years from 2024–25 to continue support for cancer screening and specialist programs to improve cancer outcomes for Australians. Funding includes:

- \$21.7 million over three years from 2024–25 to support access to bowel cancer screening kits for Australians between the age of 45 and 49 years old through the *National Bowel Cancer Screening Program*

- \$2.7 million over two years from 2025–26 to continue support of the *Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurses Program* to ensure patients with prostate cancer continue to receive vital care and support
- \$1.9 million over four years from 2024–25 to Canteen to ensure continuation of high-quality and personalised care to adolescents and young adults with cancer through the Youth Cancer Services Program.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Improving Cancer Outcomes*.

Investment in Sports

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	0.8	0.4	-	-
Australian Sports Commission	-	0.6	0.6	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-0.8	2.5	-	-
Total – Payments	-	0.6	3.4	-	-

The Government will provide \$325.8 million over two years from 2024–25 to support major sporting events, high-performance sport programs, sport participation, and investment in sporting infrastructure, including:

- \$67.3 million over two years from 2024–25 to establish a new Direct Investment Fund, providing targeted funding to National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) to support high performance prior to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games
- \$54.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to establish a new Paralympic Investment Fund to uplift and address systematic and structural barriers to performance, including improved classification opportunities, access to fit-for-purpose training environments and specialised coaching and performance support
- \$51.2 million over two years from 2024–25 to extend the *High-Performance Grants Program* to assist NSOs and National Sporting Organisations for people with a Disability (NSODs) which will support over 2,000 athletes and staff of Olympic and Paralympic sports
- \$40.5 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue the existing Olympic and Paralympic Preparation Fund, providing financial assistance for eligible NSOs and NSODs to support the delivery of key high-performance initiatives and projects, enhancing the performance of Australian athletes in key international sporting events
- \$37.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to extend the *Performance Pathways Grants Program* to assist in maintaining support for athletes' wellbeing, including the delivery of mental health initiatives, community engagement, professional development services and representation at showcase events
- \$20.0 million in 2024–25 as a co-contribution with the New South Wales Government to work with the Australian Rugby League Commission and the Inner West Council to upgrade and restore the Leichhardt Oval in Sydney

- \$17.6 million over two years from 2024–25 to extend the *Direct Athletes Investment Support Grants Program* which provides financial support to athletes to enable them to focus on training and competitions to achieve the strategy targets in Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games sports
- \$15.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to Football Australia for the delivery of the Women’s Asian Cup 2026 to be held in Australia
- \$14.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to Australian Sports Commission to manage sport grants programs
- \$1.7 million in 2025–26 to continue The Big Issue’s Community Street Soccer program
- \$1.2 million over two years from 2024–25 as a co-contribution with the New South Wales Government for the delivery of the 2025 International Canoe Federation Canoe Slalom World Championships to be held in Sydney
- \$1.2 million in 2025–26 to the Indigenous Marathon Foundation for the Indigenous Marathon Project which supports young First Nations people to train and participate in marathon events
- \$1.2 million over two years from 2024–25 to support the delivery of VIRTUS World Athletic Championships to be held in the Gold Coast and the 2025 World Boccia Challenger to be held in Canberra
- \$1.1 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue supporting First Nations community participation in AFL training and competitions across the Northern Territory
- \$1.0 million in 2024–25 to the Australian Sports Commission to provide medal incentive payments to Australian Paralympians who won medals at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

The Government has also committed to provide funding to Paralympics Australia for incentive payments to athletes who win medals at the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Paralympic Games.

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

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

Northern Heart Centre in Launceston

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	22.0	48.0	20.0	20.0

The Government will provide funding of \$120.0 million over six years from 2024–25 to the Tasmanian Government to support the establishment of the Northern Heart Centre in the

Launceston General Hospital. The Centre will deliver comprehensive best practice cardiac care from diagnosis, through treatment and recovery.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme New and Amended Listings

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	4.1	544.2	676.6	633.3	624.7
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.1	7.4	10.1	10.1	9.0
Services Australia	0.2	1.3	0.6	0.4	0.4
Total – Payments	4.4	552.9	687.3	643.8	634.1
<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 \$2.5 billion over five years from 2023–24 for new and amended listings on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, Life Saving Drugs Program, National Epidermolysis Bullosa Dressing Scheme and Stoma Appliance Scheme. Examples of new and amended PBS listings since the 2024–25 Budget include:

- osimertinib (Tagrisso®) from 1 June 2024, which has been expanded for use as additional therapy after surgery for patients with epidermal growth factor receptor mutation positive early-stage non-small cell lung cancer
- elexacaftor with tezacaftor and with ivacaftor, and ivacaftor (Trikafta®) from 1 August 2024, expanded to include children aged two to five years with cystic fibrosis who have at least one F508del mutation on the cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator gene
- selumetinib (Koselugo®) from 1 August 2024, for the treatment of symptomatic, inoperable benign nerve tumours in children two years old and over with neurofibromatosis type 1
- trastuzumab deruxtecan (Enhertu®) from 1 September 2024, for the treatment of human epidermal growth factor receptor 2-low unresectable or metastatic breast cancer
- avacopan (Tavneos®) from 1 October 2024, for the treatment of certain types of rare autoimmune diseases that cause inflammation of blood vessels
- icosapent ethyl (Vazkepa®) from 1 October 2024, for the treatment of patients with heart disease
- belzutifan (Welireg®) from 1 December 2024, for the treatment of patients with von Hippel-Lindau disease who require therapy for associated renal cell carcinoma, central nervous system haemangioblastomas, or pancreatic neuroendocrine tumours.

The financial implications for some elements of this measure are not for publication (nfp) because the disclosure of funding would reveal individual arrangements between third

parties and the Commonwealth that are confidential and commercially privileged, which must not be disclosed under Deeds of Agreements.

Preventive Health

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	22.8	58.6	14.0	13.1
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	22.8	58.6	14.0	13.1

The Government will provide \$187.9 million over five years from 2024–25 to improve health outcomes through preventive and other health initiatives. Funding includes:

- \$50.1 million over five years from 2024–25 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to undertake medical research into Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) with a focus on screening and prevention, improving and targeting treatment, and accelerating the search for a cure to T1D
- \$43.3 million over four years from 2024–25 to support states and territories to increase the number of conditions that are screened through the newborn bloodspot screening programs
- \$26.0 million over five years from 2024–25 to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare to continue and expand chronic condition data collection and research
- \$15.0 million in 2024–25 to the Australian Stroke Alliance to continue urgent stroke care across Australia under the *Stroke Golden Hour Program*
- \$14.1 million in 2025–26 to improve health outcomes through extending existing alcohol and other drug treatment services in the community, aligning with the *National Framework for Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Treatment 2019–2029*
- \$7.7 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue critical patient and clinician support services for Australians with chronic conditions, in support of the *National Preventive Health Strategy 2021–2030*
- \$5.4 million in 2025–26 to continue the *Health in My Language* program, which provides training to bilingual health educators and workers to deliver health services and information to multicultural communities
- \$5.1 million in 2025–26 to continue delivery of the Every Moment Matters awareness campaign, to support women who are planning pregnancy to achieve alcohol-free pregnancies and reduce the incidence of babies born with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD)
- \$4.3 million in 2025–26 to extend funding for FASD prevention, diagnosis and support activities to continue to support Australians living with FASD, their families and carers

- \$4.0 million in 2025–26 to continue the Australian Longitudinal Study on Male Health, including data, analysis and reporting on health and wellbeing of Australian men and boys
- \$3.1 million in 2025–26 to extend the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood’s role to continue providing pasteurised donor human milk to premature babies in neonatal intensive care units or special care units across the hospital network
- \$2.6 million in 2025–26 to continue support for the Australian Breastfeeding Association’s National Breastfeeding Helpline, to provide a free-call service on breastfeeding to women and their families
- \$2.3 million in 2025–26 to extend a range of actions to reduce the stillbirth rate in Australia and to ensure high quality care is provided to families who experience stillbirth
- \$1.8 million in 2024–25 to support Children’s Ground to continue delivery of culturally safe health and wellbeing services for children and their families in First Nations communities
- \$1.2 million in 2024–25 to support Small & Up and Monash Health to continue delivery of FASD prevention, diagnosis and support services
- \$0.7 million in 2025–26 to expand the delivery of the Strong Born campaign, which provides information about FASD to First Nations people
- \$0.6 million in 2025–26 to the University of New South Wales for the maintenance and improvement of the YourIVFSuccess website, to support Australian couples with independent advice and information on fertility support services and In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF)
- \$0.5 million in 2025–26 to maintain the Consumers Health Forum’s continued viability as a national peak body representing Australian healthcare consumers.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

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

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

This measure extends the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Preventive Health*.

Private Health Insurance – Prescribed List of Medical Devices and Human Tissue Products

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>	-	-1.3	-	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$5.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.3 million per year ongoing) by ceasing ongoing direct funding of compliance and post listing review activities for medical devices on the Prescribed List of Medical Devices and Human Tissue Products, which will be funded by cost recovery from industry from 2025–26.

This measure will decrease receipts by \$1.3 million in 2024–25.

Private Hospital Financial Health Check

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	-	-	-

The Government has provided \$0.7 million over two years from 2023–24 to undertake a Private Hospital Financial Health Check.

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

Renegotiating Supply of the Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-146.6	-60.1	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$206.7 million over two years from 2024–25 by renegotiating the terms of the advance purchase agreement entered into with Novavax, Inc for the purchase of COVID-19 vaccines.

The savings from this measure will fund other Government policy priorities in the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure relates to the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *COVID-19 Response*.

Securing Access to Medicines

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	15.0	5.0	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	4.9	0.4	-	-
Total – Payments	-	19.9	5.4	-	-

The Government will provide \$35.3 million over two years from 2024–25 to increase public awareness of and access to medicines. Funding includes:

- \$20.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to facilitate access to difluoromethylornithine (DFMO) for people with high-risk neuroblastoma
- \$10.0 million in 2024–25 to update the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) 60-day Prescriptions Education Campaign to raise awareness of new cost saving measures available for patients taking PBS medicines
- \$5.3 million over two years from 2024–25 to support timely consideration of Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee submissions including health technology assessment evaluation, committee costs and departmental resourcing.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

Strengthening Medicare

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	0.8	479.8	94.7	7.4
Services Australia	-	..	0.3	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	12.5	4.9	4.9
Department of Social Services	-	-	8.5	8.7	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	0.2	..	-
Total – Payments	-	0.8	501.3	108.4	12.3

The Government will provide \$749.2 million over four years from 2024–25 to provide better access and more affordable health care. Funding will support greater access to primary care and other health services, including:

\$143.1 million over three years from 2024–25 to provide better access and more affordable primary care for all Australians, including:

- \$68.4 million in 2025–26 to extend the *Primary Health Networks (PHN) After-Hours Homelessness Access Program* and *PHN Multicultural Access Program* to improve equity and access to primary care services across Australia

- \$8.0 million in 2024–25 to raise awareness of Medicare services and increase uptake of quality health care
- \$3.4 million in 2025–26 for Royal Far West’s *National Paediatric Telecare Service* to support children with developmental delays in rural and remote regions of Australia
- \$3.2 million in 2025–26 to continue the trial of the *Palliative Care Service Navigation Pilot* at two pilot locations in South Australia to provide a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach to end-of-life care services.

\$71.2 million over three years from 2024–25 to strengthen and support the health workforce, including:

- \$17.4 million in 2025–26 for the *General Practice Incentive Fund* to continue improved access to primary care in thin markets
- \$16.7 million in 2025–26 to extend the *Rural Locum Assistance Program for Aged Care* and the *Northern Territory Locum Program* to 30 June 2026 to continue service delivery for rural and remote aged care services and health services in the Northern Territory
- \$13.6 million in 2025–26 to extend the *Pre-Fellowship Program* to support non-vocationally registered doctors to gain general practice experience and increase access to primary care in areas of need
- \$10.5 million in 2024–25 to develop a national Primary Care Health Workforce Campaign to raise awareness of the benefits and value of working in primary care and the investments being made to support and expand the sector, including in regional, rural and remote areas
- \$8.1 million over three years from 2024–25 to extend the *Other Medical Practitioners Programs*, to enable eligible non-vocationally recognised doctors to access higher Medicare Benefits Schedule rebates when delivering services in approved locations, including rural and remote areas
- \$4.8 million in 2025–26 to support bereaved parents by maintaining the number of perinatal pathologists to perform stillbirth autopsies and the perinatal loss workforce.

\$86.5 million over three years from 2025–26 to support improved health outcomes for First Nations people. Funding includes:

- \$46.5 million in 2025–26 to improve infrastructure in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services to meet clinical and accreditation needs, and support Closing the Gap targets
- \$15.4 million over three years from 2025–26 to detect, treat and prevent rheumatic heart disease in high-risk communities
- \$14.7 million over three years from 2025–26 to support states and territories to screen, treat and eliminate trachoma
- \$9.9 million in 2025–26 to support ten existing Birthing on Country services to provide continuity of care to First Nations women and babies.

\$448.3 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$2.2 million per year ongoing) for prevention and early intervention activities, mental health treatment initiatives, suicide

prevention and postvention initiatives, support for First Nations people and to uplift the mental health workforce. Funding includes:

- \$362.7 million over three years from 2025–26 (and \$2.2 million per year ongoing) for mental health treatment. Funding includes:
 - \$272.1 million over two years from 2025–26 for the *Commonwealth Psychosocial Support Program* to provide continuity of psychosocial support services for people with a severe psychosocial disability
 - \$75.7 million in 2025–26 to ensure continued access to mental health supports for young people with severe mental illness
 - \$4.5 million over three years from 2025–26 (and \$1.7 million per year ongoing) for an additional headspace centre in the Moonee Valley Local Government Area in Victoria
 - \$3.3 million in 2025–26 to support the mental health needs of multicultural communities
 - \$1.9 million in 2025–26 for Mental Health Australia to continue as the mental health peak body and to embed lived experience in the implementation of the *National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Agreement*
 - \$1.6 million in 2025–26 to continue four safe spaces established by the Brisbane North Primary Health Network to support services while they transition to Medicare Mental Health Centres
 - \$1.5 million over three years from 2025–26 (and \$0.5 million per year ongoing) to fund the headspace satellite in Corio
 - \$1.3 million in 2025–26 to continue the *Embrace Multicultural Mental Health Program*
 - \$0.6 million in 2025–26 to support mental health services delivered in Cape York
 - \$0.2 million in 2025–26 to support in-person, phone and online services for unpaid carers of people with eating disorders across Australia.
- \$30.7 million over two years from 2025–26 for the mental health workforce. Funding includes:
 - \$17.2 million over two years from 2025–26 to extend funding for *Individual Placement and Support Program* and *Digital Work and Study Service*. These programs are delivered in headspace centres and help young people with mental illnesses find employment or access study supports
 - \$4.6 million in 2025–26 to support upskilling the mental health workforce in evidence-based eating disorder interventions
 - \$4.0 million in 2025–26 to support implementing the *Mental Health Workforce Strategy 2022–2032* through the *National Mental Health Pathways to Practice Program*
 - \$2.6 million in 2025–26 to support raising the awareness and knowledge of health practitioners about digital mental health, and support a digital-first mental health solution for Australian healthcare workers through *e-Mental Health in Practice*

- \$0.9 million in 2025–26 to support a digital-first mental health solution for Australian healthcare workers through *The Essential Network*
- \$0.5 million in 2025–26 to support the mental health of the Australian healthcare workforce, including supporting a confidential mental health support service for doctors and medical students in Australia through *Drs4Drs*, and confidential peer support for health professionals from peers in similar disciplines
- \$0.4 million in 2025–26 to support lived experience capacity building and research through the *Mental Health Consumer and Carer Advocacy Program*
- \$0.2 million in 2025–26 to support the annual mental health services conference
- \$0.1 million in 2025–26 to support a framework (*Every Doctor, Every Setting*) to guide coordinated action on the mental health of doctors and medical students.
- \$20.2 million over three years from 2024–25 for prevention and early intervention. Funding includes:
 - \$10.7 million in 2025–26 to invest in child mental health and social and emotional wellbeing through universal access to evidence-based parenting education
 - \$5.3 million in 2025–26 to support perinatal mental health screening across public antenatal and postnatal care settings
 - \$3.0 million over three years from 2024–25 to Raise Foundation to provide the *Student Mentoring Program* for young people in high school
 - \$1.0 million in 2025–26 to the National Eating Disorder Collaboration to support a national platform which brings together information and resources that establish standards for the prevention and treatment of eating disorders
 - \$0.2 million in 2025–26 to implement the *Body Bright Program* to support school-led programs to support positive body image in Australian primary schools.
- \$17.7 million in 2025–26 for First Nations people. Funding includes:
 - \$9.5 million in 2025–26 to support suicide prevention with cultural sensitivity and community empowerment through the *Culture Care Connect Program*
 - \$3.7 million in 2025–26 to support culturally appropriate programs in the Northern Territory through the *Red Dust Program*, focused on social and emotional wellbeing, sexual health, relationships, alcohol and other drugs, and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder
 - \$2.6 million in 2025–26 to support the *Social and Emotional Wellbeing Policy Partnership* as part of the *National Agreement on Closing the Gap*.
 - \$1.9 million in 2025–26 to support the development of a national commissioning framework and national strategic approach to cultural safety and appropriateness across mental health services and referral pathways for First Nations people.
- \$17.1 million in 2025–26 for suicide prevention and postvention. Funding includes:
 - \$13.7 million in 2025–26 to work with states and territories to continue postvention services nationally to support people who are bereaved by suicide

- \$3.3 million in 2025–26 to support workplace-based suicide prevention programs.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

This measure will also be partially met from within the existing resourcing of, and savings identified in the Department of Health and Aged Care, and from reprioritising funding from Program 1.4 – Health Workforce and Program 2.1 – Medical Benefits.

Partial savings in this measure have already been provided by the Government.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Strengthening First Nations Health*, the 2023–24 Budget measures titled *Strengthening Medicare*, and *Mental Health*, and the 2024–25 Budget measures titled *Strengthening Medicare* and *Health Workforce*, and *Mental Health*.

Telethons

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	6.8	..	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.8 million over two years from 2024–25 to recent and upcoming Telethons to support medical research into children’s disease and treatments for mothers and their babies during the perinatal period.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Channel 7 Perth Telethon* and the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *2024 Channel Nine Brisbane Telethon*.

Vaping Regulation Reform Package

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	18.4	70.3	61.7	-
Department of the Treasury	-	1.0	1.0	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	15.4	15.9	-
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	-	-	1.1	1.4	-
Total – Payments	-	19.4	87.8	79.0	-

The Government will provide \$194.9 million over four years from 2024–25 to implement and deliver vaping regulation reform legislation to reduce the availability of vaping products in Australia, following the passage of the *Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Act 2024*, including:

- \$92.6 million over two years from 2025–26 to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) to extend their regulatory, compliance and enforcement activities on all vaping products, including for staffing costs and uplifting TGA’s IT and digital infrastructure
- \$31.3 million over two years from 2025–26 to support the Australian Border Force’s regulatory and enforcement activities, including for staffing costs and the disposal of seized vaping products
- \$12.5 million over three years from 2024–25 to establish a consumer collection and disposal scheme for vaping products
- \$11.3 million over two years from 2025–26 of additional funding to extend and adapt the existing National Youth Vaping Education campaign to target the 14-24 years old cohort
- \$8.7 million over four years from 2024–25 to establish a national vaping prevention education program for Year 7 and 8 school students, through the University of Sydney’s OurFutures Institute
- \$7.5 million in 2024–25 to establish and manage a *Business Surrender Scheme* for vaping products
- \$6.8 million over three years from 2024–25 to provide additional funding to states and territories for storage and disposal of unlawful vaping products seized through joint enforcement activities with the TGA
- \$5.7 million over two years from 2025–26 to establish and extend data collection activities to support ongoing monitoring of vaping and tobacco reform
- \$5.2 million over two years from 2025–26 to support the development and implementation of monitoring and evaluation programs for tobacco and vaping reform, including a mid-point review of the *National Tobacco Strategy 2023–2030*
- \$2.9 million in 2024–25 for a monitoring program for vape sales in pharmacies
- \$2.5 million over two years from 2025–26 to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to undertake prosecutions on behalf of the Commonwealth under the *Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Act 2024*
- \$1.0 million in 2024–25 to support research on cost effective and environmentally sustainable methods to dismantle and dispose of vaping products
- \$1.0 million over two years from 2025–26 to develop a framework for nationally consistent retail arrangements
- \$1.0 million over three years from 2024–25 to the Alcohol and Drug Foundation to expand the existing Good Sports Program to include vaping prevention.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Enhanced Regulatory Model for Vaping Products*.

Home Affairs

Assistance for Recent Arrivals from Conflict Zones

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Social Services	-	13.1	57.9	59.7	48.4
Services Australia	-	6.6	3.5	1.9	1.1
Department of Home Affairs	-	0.5	-18.7	7.1	3.7
Department of Education	-	0.4	1.0	1.0	1.0
National Disability Insurance Agency	-	0.3	3.9	4.4	4.6
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	0.2	0.9	1.0	0.9
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.2
Department of the Treasury	-
Total – Payments	-	21.3	49.1	75.6	60.0
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Department of Home Affairs	-	5.0	5.0	..	..
Australian Taxation Office	-	..	5.0	5.0	5.0
Department of Education	-	-
Total – Receipts	-	5.0	10.0	5.0	5.0

The Government will provide \$6.1 million to support recent arrivals from conflict zones. Funding includes:

- \$5.1 million in 2024–25 for Palestinian-led community organisations to provide emergency relief and for community organisations to provide youth services for Palestinian and young Muslim communities in Australia
- \$1.0 million in 2024–25 for the Australian Red Cross to provide emergency assistance to recent arrivals from Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories affected by the Hamas-Israel conflict.

The Government will also provide longer-term visa options on a case-by-case basis for Palestinian, Israeli and Ukrainian temporary visa holders in Australia with visas expiring in 2024 and 2025 who are unable to return home due to ongoing conflicts, which is estimated to increase payments for government services and benefits by \$265.5 million over four years from 2024–25.

The costs of this measure will be partially met from savings from the reallocation of places within the *Humanitarian Program* and reprioritisation of funding from the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Supporting Australian Communities Affected by the Hamas-Israel Conflict*.

The measure (including savings) is expected to increase receipts by \$25.1 million over the four years from 2024–25.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measures titled *Reforms to Migrant and Refugee and Settlement Services* and *Support to Individuals from Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories affected by the Hamas-Israel conflict*.

See also the related payment measure *Lebanon Repatriation and Related Support* in the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

Australia’s Counter-Terrorism and Violent Extremism Strategy 2024

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Education	-	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Department of the Treasury	-	-	26.7	26.9	28.1
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	1.8	1.1	1.2
Total – Payments	-	0.2	28.9	28.4	29.7

The Government will provide \$106.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$31.3 million per year ongoing) to address emerging risks in the terrorism and violent extremism environment as part of Australia’s Counter-Terrorism and Violent Extremism Strategy 2024. Funding includes:

- \$85.9 million over three years from 2025–26 (and \$30.3 million per year ongoing) for the *National Support and Intervention Program* to support the states and territories in providing intervention services to at-risk individuals in community and custodial settings
- \$13.5 million over three years from 2025–26 for the Department of Home Affairs to partner with the New South Wales (NSW) Government to roll out the *NSW Step Together* online support and referral program on a national level, and support Countering Violent Extremism practitioner and frontline worker training
- \$3.6 million over four years from 2024–25 to increase community engagement and understanding of countering violent extremism initiatives, including funding for youth advisory groups and an awareness campaign to enhance bystander understanding of violent extremism
- \$3.2 million over three years from 2025–26 (and \$1.1 million per year ongoing from 2028–29) to enhance the capability of partners in Southeast Asia to counter violent extremism.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Home Affairs and partially from savings identified in the Department of Home Affairs.

Civil Maritime Security Capabilities

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Defence	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding over three years from 2024–25 for Australia’s civil maritime security capabilities, including:

- \$108.8 million over two years from 2024–25 for the Australian Border Force’s on-water response and aerial surveillance capabilities
- funding over three years from 2024–25 to the Department of Home Affairs and the Department of Defence for new Australian Border Force patrol vessels.

The financial implications for some elements of this measure are not for publication (nfp) as disclosure would impair the Commonwealth’s position in negotiating contracts with industry.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Civil Maritime Critical Security Capabilities*.

Combatting Antisemitism and Islamophobia

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Home Affairs	-	1.5	5.6	5.7	-

The Government will provide \$16.7 million over four years from 2023–24 for a Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism and a Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia, including secretariat and communications support for the Special Envoys, to preserve social cohesion and tackle the ongoing impacts of the Hamas-Israel conflict in Australia.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

Department of Home Affairs – reprioritisation

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Home Affairs	-	-27.8	-22.4	-22.2	-1.5

The Government will achieve savings of \$73.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.5 million per year ongoing) from the Department of Home Affairs, including:

- \$51.0 million over three years from 2024–25 by returning uncommitted capital funding from the 2018–19 Budget measure titled *Aviation, Air Cargo and International Mail Security Package*

- \$17.0 million over three years from 2024–25 by streamlining activities within the *International Capacity Building Program*
- \$5.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.5 million per year ongoing) by returning uncommitted funding from the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Pacific Security and Engagement Initiatives*.

The savings from this measure will support other Government policy priorities in the Home Affairs portfolio.

Disaster Support

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
National Emergency Management Agency	-	-	3.6	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.6 million in 2025–26 to extend targeted mental health support to emergency service workers.

This support is in addition to the assistance provided under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements through which the Australian Government provides funding to states and territories to share the financial burden of responding to natural disasters. The cost of this support is reflected in the estimates for the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements under Australia’s Federal Financial Relations.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Disaster Support*.

Government Response to the Multicultural Framework Review

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$118.2 million over four years from 2024–25 to improve multicultural outcomes across Australia and to support implementation of recommendations from the Multicultural Framework Review report, *Towards Fairness – a multicultural Australia for all*. The response will be implemented through a number of new programs.

The *Modernised Multicultural Grants Program* will contain four streams. Funding includes:

- \$70.0 million over three years from 2025–26 for an infrastructure grants program for multicultural organisations
- \$9.8 million over four years from 2024–25 to support grassroots multicultural organisations deliver local initiatives
- \$4.0 million over four years from 2024–25 to support peak multicultural bodies to improve social cohesion

- \$2.0 million over three years from 2025–26 for organisations to develop and deliver non-religious training courses for faith leaders and for those with pastoral roles in faith organisations.

The Government will also provide funding for the Department of Home Affairs to strengthen community engagement and improve access to government services for multicultural communities, including:

- \$14.2 million over four years from 2024–25 to support implementation of the response to the report, including grant program delivery
- \$9.4 million over four years from 2024–25 to extend and expand the Community Liaison Officer Network and increase in-person outreach among multicultural communities in regional Australia
- \$7.0 million in 2024–25 for a translation capability within the Translating and Interpreting Service and an on-demand web translation capability
- \$1.8 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.5 million per year ongoing) to produce an annual Mapping Multicultural Report in partnership with the Scanlon Foundation Research Institute.

The Government has already provided funding for this measure.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings from removing visa subclass 500 (student) eligibility to access the free Translating and Interpreting Service.

Infrastructure Funding for The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	6.3	16.3	2.5	-

The Government will provide \$25.0 million over three years from 2024–25 for infrastructure works at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan site in Redfern, New South Wales, including restoration of the historical Cathedral church, upgrades to St Andrew’s Theological College, and building a new great hall, library and museum.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

Longer-term Funding for the Sustainability of Operations

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$308.5 million over three years from 2025–26 (and \$104.1 million per year ongoing) to the Department of Home Affairs to support the performance of core functions including Australian Border Force operations, immigration compliance activities, and sustainment of critical systems supporting those operations and services.

The Government has already provided funding for this measure.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Department of Home Affairs – supplementation*.

United States Global Entry Program

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.9 million in 2024–25 (including \$0.7 million in capital funding) for Australia’s participation in the United States’ Global Entry Program to provide expedited clearance for pre-approved, low-risk Australian travellers entering the United States for a period of five years.

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

Industry, Science and Resources

Science and Resources Technology Uplift

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	0.5	-	0.5	-

The Government will provide \$1.5 million over four years from 2024–25 to promote opportunities from technological improvements in the Science and Resources sectors, including:

- \$1.0 million over three years from 2024–25 to sponsor the 2025 and 2027 Resources Technology Showcases in Perth, to support the public demonstration of the latest technological advances and future job possibilities in the mining, resources, defence and space industries in Western Australia
- \$0.5 million over four years from 2024–25 to establish and remunerate members of an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Advisory Body to provide independent advice to government on the opportunities and risks of AI.

The cost of this measure will be met from savings and reprioritisations identified in the Industry, Science, and Resources portfolio.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Supporting Safe and Responsible AI*.

Supporting Safety and Remediation in the Resources Sector

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Finance	-	-	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of the Treasury	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide funding to support environmental and rehabilitation objectives in the resources sector, including:

- funding for the decommissioning of the Northern Endeavour floating oil production storage and offtake facility. Costs will be fully recovered through the Laminaria and Corallina Decommissioning Cost Recovery Levy
- funding to progress rehabilitation works at the former Rum Jungle mine site in the Northern Territory by prioritising rehabilitation in areas which require urgent treatment.

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

The Government has already provided funding for this measure.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Supporting Safety and Responsible Decommissioning in the Offshore Resources Sector*.

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Building Australia’s Future – Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	375.0	160.1	155.9	35.4
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	375.0	160.1	155.9	35.4

The Government will provide \$2.6 billion over ten years from 2024–25 for road and rail infrastructure priorities to support productivity and jobs, including:

- \$1.7 billion over ten years from 2024–25 for additional funding to support road maintenance activities on the National Land Transport Network
- \$926.9 million over seven years from 2024–25 for existing projects under the *Infrastructure Investment Program*
- \$13.0 million over four years from 2025–26 for two new projects under the *Infrastructure Investment Program* in the Australian Capital Territory.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within existing funding for the *Infrastructure Investment Program*, including from the termination of the *Inland Rail Interface Improvement Program*.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment*.

Community Infrastructure

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	12.7	1.9	0.7	-
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-8.2	-	-7.0	-
Total – Payments	-	4.5	1.9	-6.3	-

The Government will provide \$201.1 million over three years from 2024–25 to support sustainable urban and regional development in Australia. Funding includes:

- \$172.1 million over three years from 2024–25 to support the delivery of community infrastructure programs and additional funding for the *Thriving Suburbs Program*
- \$28.9 million over two years from 2024–25 for round nine of the *Stronger Communities Programme* to support small capital projects that deliver social benefits for local communities across Australia.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development portfolio. The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *National Approach for Sustainable Urban Development* and the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Responsible Investment to Grow Our Regions*.

Funding for the Indian Ocean Territories

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	0.8	5.4	10.1	1.0

The Government will provide \$23.3 million over four years from 2024–25 to improve emergency preparedness and safety on Cocos (Keeling) Islands. Funding includes:

- \$12.2 million to maintain and extend existing sea walls
- \$8.1 million to repair and extend cyclone shelters on Home Island and West Island
- \$3.0 million to support the release of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan.

The cost of this measure will be partially met by redirecting funding from within the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

Revive – National Cultural Policy Location Offset

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	4.2	1.1
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	4.2	1.1

The Government will provide \$5.2 million over two years from 2026–27 (and \$1.1 million in 2029–30 and \$1.3 million per year ongoing from 2030–31) to support the production of large budget screen productions to film in Australia by reducing the minimum Qualifying Australian Production Expenditure threshold from \$20.0 million to \$15.0 million for feature films under the *Location Offset*.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Revive – National Cultural Policy and Location Incentive*.

Social Media Age Limits

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	5.1	12.4	4.4	3.6
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	3.8	16.2	13.3	12.4
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	-	0.6	2.2	1.1	1.1
Total – Payments	-	9.5	30.7	18.8	17.1

The Government will provide \$76.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$16.9 million per year ongoing from 2028–29) to establish a minimum age of access to social media.

Funding includes:

- \$45.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$12.3 million per year ongoing) for the Office of the eSafety Commissioner to provide regulatory oversight and enforcement functions
- \$15.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$3.5 million per year ongoing) for the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to support the delivery of the Government’s online safety priorities
- \$10.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to deliver a national public education campaign to help parents and carers, as well as young people, their educators and the community understand changes to aid the transition to a social media minimum age

- \$5.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.1 million per year ongoing) for the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner to provide regulatory oversight of the privacy safeguards.

Supporting Aviation Priorities

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	14.2	1.7	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	10.0	6.2	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	24.2	7.9	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</i>	-	-	<i>nfp</i>	-	-

The Government will provide \$44.3 million over four years from 2024–25 to support aviation connectivity for regional and remote communities and implementation of Aviation White Paper initiatives, including:

- \$16.2 million over two years from 2024–25 towards the Whyalla Airport runway upgrade
- \$14.2 million in 2024–25 for the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to support the delivery of aviation priorities
- \$7.2 million over two years from 2024–25 to enhance consumer protections for aviation customers through the establishment of an independent Aviation Industry Ombuds Scheme and a new Aviation Customer Rights Charter
- \$2.7 million over four years from 2024–25 to improve accessibility to air travel for people with disability
- \$2.4 million over two years from 2024–25 to improve planning on and around federally leased airports to minimise the impacts of aircraft noise
- \$1.7 million in 2025–26 for the *Remote Air Services Subsidy Scheme* to continue to subsidise the carriage of passengers and essential goods to communities in remote and isolated areas of Australia.

The Government is also providing financing of up to \$80.0 million to keep Regional Express (Rex) operational throughout its administration process and is guaranteeing regional flight bookings for Rex customers to 30 June 2025, in line with the approved extension of the convening period by the Federal Court. The financial impacts are not for publication (nfp) as publication would disclose individual financing arrangements with third parties.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Supporting Transport Priorities*.

Supporting Connectivity

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	2.0	-	-	-
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2
Total – Payments	-	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.2

The Government will provide \$23.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.2 million per year to 2029–30) to support telecommunications connectivity. Funding includes:

- \$16.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to extend the Strengthening Telecommunications Against Natural Disasters Package to continue Sky Muster Community Wi-Fi services at emergency coordination points to 30 June 2029 and to improve telecommunications infrastructure resilience in regional Western Australia
- \$4.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.2 million per year to 2029–30) for the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts for the delivery of communications priorities, including boosting connectivity and digital inclusion
- \$3.5 million in 2024–25 for trials to test alternative technology options for legacy voice services to support the design of modern Universal Service Obligation services.

The cost of this measure will be partially met by redirecting funding from the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Better Connectivity Plan for Regional and Rural Australia*.

Supporting News and Media Diversity

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	2.1	56.6	55.8	54.9
Special Broadcasting Service Corporation	-	2.0	3.9	-	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	0.8	0.8	0.3	-
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	-	4.0	4.0	4.0
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	-	-	-	40.9	42.2
Total – Payments	-	4.8	65.3	101.0	101.1
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-
<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>	-	-	-50.2	-0.1	-
Total – Receipts	-	-	-50.2	-0.1	..

The Government will provide \$285.3 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$44.7 million in 2028–29 and \$43.0 million per year ongoing) to support news and media diversity in Australia. Funding includes:

- \$168.5 million over four years from 2024–25 for the *News Media Assistance Program*, including:
 - \$116.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.7 million in 2028–29) for the *News Media Assistance Program* to sustain public interest news and journalism, support business innovation and build commercial sustainability and resilience of news organisations, including \$17.6 million for the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to support program delivery
 - \$33.0 million over three years from 2025–26 to support the financial sustainability of the Australian Associated Press
 - \$15.0 million in 2024–25 for the *News Media Relief Program* to provide urgent support for eligible regional, independent suburban, multicultural and First Nations news publishers
 - \$3.8 million over three years from 2025–26 to develop a National Media Literacy Strategy to improve media literacy in Australia.
- \$89.8 million over four years from 2024–25 for National Broadcasters, including:
 - \$83.1 million over two years from 2026–27 (and \$43.0 million per year ongoing) for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) to provide stable funding to support the operation of its television, radio and digital media services

- \$6.7 million over two years from 2024–25 for the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS), supported by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to develop a business case to establish a standalone Western Sydney production hub and talent incubator.
- \$27.0 million over three years from 2025–26 for Community Broadcasting and First Nations Media, including:
 - \$15.0 million over three years from 2025–26 for the *Community Broadcasting Program* to support the community broadcasting sector, including community television
 - \$12.0 million over three years from 2025–26 for the *Indigenous Broadcasting and Media Program* to support the First Nations media and broadcasting sector.

The Government will also:

- suspend the Commercial Broadcasting Tax for one year, from 9 June 2025 to 8 June 2026, to provide temporary relief for commercial television and radio broadcasters. This change is estimated to decrease receipts by \$50.3 million over two years from 2025–26
- introduce the News Bargaining Incentive to support the sustainability of news and public interest journalism. Funding includes \$1.9 million over three years from 2024–25 for the Australian Taxation Office to introduce and administer the Incentive, which will apply for income years starting on or after 1 January 2025
- mandate a minimum commitment of \$3.0 million per year for two years from 2025–26 for regional newspaper advertising across the total annual Commonwealth Government media advertising spend.

The cost of the *News Media Relief Program* measure will be met from a reprioritisation of funding from the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Better Connectivity Plan for Regional and Rural Australia*.

Prime Minister and Cabinet

Aboriginal Hostels Limited Reform Agenda

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Aboriginal Hostels Limited	-	-	10.0	-	-
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	-	-10.0	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.0 million in 2025–26 to Aboriginal Hostels Limited to continue to fund improvements to Aboriginal hostels. Funding includes:

- \$3.6 million to provide additional hostel attendants in high and very high-risk locations to ensure 24 hour security, and increase the classification of hostel managers and assistant hostel managers
- \$2.2 million to increase the daily food allowance per occupied bed to improve the quality of meals provided
- \$2.1 million for ongoing maintenance costs in all hostels, including hostel amenity improvements and physical security upgrades
- \$1.2 million for nutrition, human resources and ICT services
- \$0.6 million to upgrade ICT systems.

The cost of this measure will be met from reprioritisation of funding from within the National Indigenous Australians Agency’s *Indigenous Advancement Strategy*.

This measure extends the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Closing the Gap – further investment*.

First Nations Economic Empowerment

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Indigenous Business Australia	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$16.9 million over five years from 2024–25 to support development of a First Nations Economic Framework and establish a First Nations Economic Partnership (the Partnership).

The Government has also progressed amendments to the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005* to enhance Indigenous Business Australia’s ability to leverage its capital and investments to support First Nations economic self-determination.

The Government has already provided funding for this measure.

Partial funding for this measure is provisioned in the Contingency Reserve and these amounts are not for publication (nfp) pending the finalisation of the Partnership, including engagement and negotiation with First Nations communities and stakeholders.

McDonald v Commonwealth Class Action - settlement

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	nfp	nfp	-	-

The Government will provide \$202.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to make settlement payments following the Federal Court’s approval of the *McDonald v Commonwealth* class action, for First Nations people who worked in the Northern Territory between 1933 and 1971 under unfair Commonwealth laws that denied them fair financial reward.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

The financial implications of some elements of this measure are not for publication (nfp) because they would impair the Commonwealth position in settlement discussions.

New Remote Employment Service

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	7.7	5.9	0.9	1.7
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	4.4	134.0	121.9	120.1
Department of Social Services	-	-	15.3	17.0	2.6
Services Australia	-	-1.5	28.6	2.3	0.6
Total – Payments	-	10.6	183.8	142.1	124.9

The Government will provide \$1.5 billion over four years from 2024–25 (and \$448.8 million in 2028–29), including \$7.1 million in capital funding over two years from 2024–25, to implement a new remote employment services program and to provide continuity of support to participants under the *New Jobs Program* trial. The new remote employment services program is the next phase of reforms to replace the *Community Development Program* with a program to support real jobs, proper wages and decent conditions. Funding includes:

- \$1.4 billion over four years from 2024–25 (and \$446.3 million in 2028–29) to establish the new Remote Employment Transition Program (Transition Program) that will support people in remote Australia into pathways to work and is tailored to remote labour market conditions and community needs

- \$19.3 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$2.5 million in 2028–29) to improve the delivery of existing job seeker assessment tools, and pilot and evaluate ways to test how existing job seeker processes and assessment tools could be more fit for purpose in the remote employment context
- \$14.3 million in 2024–25 to extend the *New Jobs Program* trial to 30 June 2025 to support a smooth transition of jobs to the *Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program*
- \$5.7 million over three years from 2024–25 to improve the capability and performance of providers to deliver quality services and outcomes under the Transition Program
- \$4.2 million over two years from 2024–25 to uplift English and first language, literacy and numeracy skills and training for job seekers under the Transition Program.

The Government will also provide \$15.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to extend the *Tailored Assistance Employment Grant* program to 31 December 2025 to ensure service continuity for First Nations jobseekers through funding tailored activities that address barriers to employment and improve retention in the workplace.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from a reprioritisation of funding from the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program*, within the existing resourcing of the National Indigenous Australians Agency’s *Indigenous Advancement Strategy*, and from savings identified in the Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program* and the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Strengthening support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, women, children and veterans*.

Remuneration for Honours Council Members

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.3 million per year ongoing) to remunerate community representatives on the Council for the Order of Australia, the Australian Bravery Decorations Council and the National Emergency Medal Committee.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General.

Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	1.1	1.2	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$2.3 million over two years from 2024–25 to extend the *SNAICC – National Voice of our Children’s Early Years Support Program* for 12 months.

The extension will continue support for evidence-based early childhood learning and development outcomes delivered by Aboriginal Controlled Community Organisations, including through operational and leadership support.

Youpla Support Program – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$0.9 million over three years from 2024–25 for the *Youpla Support Program*. Funding includes:

- \$0.8 million over three years from 2024–25 to provide additional support to the funeral bond provider to ensure services are delivered in a culturally appropriate and accessible manner
- \$0.1 million in 2024–25 to enable a minimum resolution payment floor of \$100 to all eligible persons who are entitled to receive less than this amount under the *Youpla Support Program*.

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

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Youpla Support Program – continuation*.

Social Services

Carer Support

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.6 million over 12 years from 2024–25 to establish a Carer Advisory Committee to guide the implementation and evaluation of the *National Carer Strategy 2024–2034* and accompanying Action Plan 2024–2027.

The Government will also extend the Carer Inclusive Workplace Initiative to 30 June 2026 to assist employers to develop and adopt practices which support employees with caring responsibilities to enter and remain in the workforce.

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

Ending Gender-Based Violence – additional investment

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-
Services Australia	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$13.5 million over four years from 2023–24 to keep women and children safe. Funding includes:

- \$11.1 million in 2023–24 to fund three family, domestic and sexual violence projects, including further funding for the Escaping Violence Payment to meet increased demand, the Australian Bureau of Statistics' *Criminal Justice Data Asset* to expand available data on perpetrators, and funding to undertake a systems mapping project to identify key intervention points
- \$2.0 million over two years from 2025–26 to strengthen local disaster recovery responses for women and children experiencing family and domestic violence
- \$0.4 million in 2024–25 to expand Medicare access to otherwise ineligible clients of the *Forced Marriage Specialist Support Program* and their dependents.

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

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measures titled *The Leaving Violence Program – financial support for victim-survivors of intimate partner violence* and *Ending Gender-Based Violence – additional resourcing*.

See also the related payment measures titled *Ending Gender-Based Violence – National Cabinet* in Cross Portfolio and *National Access to Justice Partnership* in the Attorney-General’s portfolio.

This measure supports the implementation of the *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–32*.

Government Response to the Disability Royal Commission

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
National Disability Insurance Agency	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	-	-	-
NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$103.2 million over five years from 2023–24 to deliver and implement recommendations from the Disability Royal Commission. Funding includes:

- \$39.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$12.9 million ongoing) to establish a new disability advocacy program
- \$19.6 million over four years from 2024–25 to support and improve community attitudes around disability
- \$13.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$1.7 million in 2028–29) to unify national disability quality and safeguarding arrangements
- \$12.3 million over four years from 2024–25 to improve national approaches to accessible information and communications
- \$12.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$5.8 million ongoing) to amend the Migration Health Requirement to be fairer and more inclusive for children with disability
- \$6.9 million over five years from 2023–24 to review and modernise the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*
- \$4.4 million over two years from 2024–25 for a consistent approach to community visitor schemes
- \$3.7 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue the *Primary Care Enhancement Program for People with Intellectual Disability*

- \$1.2 million over two years from 2024–25 to develop targets to reduce and eliminate restrictive practices.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure and partial costs will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Income Management – maintenance

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-
Services Australia	-	nfp	nfp	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to maintain the *Income Management* program and continue to undertake consultation with stakeholders and communities on the future of *Income Management*.

The Government has already provided funding for this measure. The financial implications for some elements of this measure are not for publication (nfp) because they would impair the Commonwealth’s position in negotiating contracts for these services.

National Disability Insurance Scheme Reform

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
National Disability Insurance Agency	-	-	785.8	2.3	-
NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	-	-	71.3	72.5	-
Department of Social Services	-	-	7.6	-	-
Department of Finance	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	864.7	74.8	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>National Disability Insurance Agency</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.1 billion over three years from 2024–25 to support the design and implementation of Foundational Supports, further reforms to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and implementation of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No.1) Act 2024* which came into effect on 3 October 2024. Funding includes:

- \$503.5 million in 2025–26 to ensure the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) can continue to support NDIS participants

- \$280.0 million in 2025–26 to the NDIA to begin implementation of the new planning framework
- \$143.9 million over two years from 2025–26 to the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission to improve the quality and safety of the NDIS supports and services for participants
- \$110.4 million over two years from 2024–25 to boost fraud detecting information technology systems at the NDIA, to further safeguard the integrity of the NDIS
- \$18.5 million over three years from 2024–25 to continue design and consultation work for the implementation of Foundational Supports for children with disability or developmental concerns and their parents and carers
- \$4.5 million over two years from 2025–26 to the NDIA to undertake further design and consultation on an early intervention pathway for children in the NDIS.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Social Services.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *National Disability Insurance Scheme – getting the NDIS back on track*.

Partnering with Communities for Change

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Social Services	-	2.5	2.8	0.6	-

The Government will provide \$22.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$4.4 million in 2028–29) to partner with communities for change and reduce cycles of disadvantage through targeted, community-based interventions. Funding includes:

- \$14.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$4.4 million in 2028–29) to strengthen the capacity of communities to design and deliver place-based programs through funding for Partnerships for Local Action and Community Empowerment (PLACE), with funding to be matched by five philanthropic partners
- \$3.8 million over two years from 2024–25 to expand the *Strong and Resilient Communities – Inclusive Communities* grant program, to support the social and economic participation of vulnerable and disadvantaged people through local community-driven solutions
- \$2.0 million over three years from 2024–25 to provide child safety education and programs to children and young people to prevent abuse, through new funding to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation
- \$1.3 million in 2025–26 to extend funding for six national peak organisations under the Families and Communities Service Improvement activity.

The Government will also redesign the *Volunteer Grants* program to focus on supporting the wellbeing and development of children, and on communication, insurance, or certain

travel items that will benefit program volunteers, to support the efforts of Australia’s volunteers and to encourage and increase participation in volunteering.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

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

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Targeting Entrenched Community Disadvantage*.

Treasury

Addressing Surcharges

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	5.0	9.4	9.7	10.0
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	1.1	1.1	-	-
Services Australia	-	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.5
Total – Payments	-	6.2	10.8	10.1	10.5

The Government will provide \$37.6 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$10.9 million per year ongoing) to reduce card surcharges. Funding includes:

- \$35.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$10.9 million per year ongoing) for the Australian Taxation Office and Services Australia to stop passing on debit card surcharges from 1 January 2025
- \$2.1 million over two years from 2024–25 for the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to improve compliance with the current legislative ban on excessive card surcharges, by increasing monitoring activity and developing a campaign to increase awareness and understanding of surcharging.

The Government is prepared to ban debit card surcharging from 1 January 2026, subject to the outcome of the Reserve Bank of Australia’s Review of merchant card payment costs and surcharging, and safeguards to ensure both small businesses and consumers can benefit from lower costs.

Ensuring a Better Deal for Consumers

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	4.7	8.5	8.6	8.7
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	4.7	8.5	8.6	8.7
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>13.0</i>

The Government will provide funding of \$30.6 million over four years from 2024–25 to ease cost-of-living pressures and support a better deal for consumers, including:

- \$30.4 million over four years from 2024–25 for the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to increase investigation and enforcement activity on harmful or misleading conduct in the supermarket and retail sectors

- \$0.3 million in 2024–25 for the ACCC to increase awareness of unit pricing information to assist shoppers to get better value for money at the supermarket, with the Government to introduce penalties for unit pricing non-compliance by grocery retailers.

In addition, the Government will work with state and territory governments to introduce proposed bans on unfair trading practices, to address drip pricing and subscription traps, and empower regulators to issue infringement notices or pursue penalties for breaches of the Consumer Guarantee and Supplier Indemnification provisions of the Australian Consumer Law.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the Treasury’s existing resources and partially offset from an estimated increase in receipts from additional enforcement penalties.

Housing Support

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	10.0	-	-	-
Housing Australia	-	10.0	-	-	-
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	20.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$20.0 million to support delivery of housing programs, including:

- \$10.0 million in 2024–25 to Housing Australia to fast-track a round for social and affordable housing projects under the Housing Australia Future Fund targeted to state and territory governments, to commence in 2025
- \$10.0 million in 2024–25 to the Treasury to raise community awareness of available housing supports
- extending the Housing Policy Partnership for 12 months to 30 June 2026 to ensure continued progress and a coordinated approach across Government to progress housing targets under the *National Agreement on Closing the Gap*.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measures titled *Safer and More Affordable Housing* and *Closing the Gap Housing Policy Partnership*.

International Assistance – pursuing Australia’s national interest through multilateral development banks

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	..	2.2	4.0	5.8

The Government will continue to support multilateral development banks, and their engagement in the Asia-Pacific region, through the following measures:

- USD200 million (approximately AUD306.2 million) in guarantees of Asian Development Bank loans through their Innovative Finance Facility for Climate in Asia and the Pacific, to accelerate climate change mitigation and adaptation projects
- USD150 million (approximately AUD229.6 million) for the purchase of World Bank Group coupon-bearing hybrid capital that will help scale up action on climate change and other global challenges
- EUR40.3 million (approximately AUD66.6 million) for the purchase of new shares issued by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to finance Ukraine’s reconstruction.

Commitments will be phased in over a five-year period from 2025.

The financial implications of this measure reflect expected returns on investment in hybrid capital and the provision of guarantees that will have a positive budget impact.

Payday Super

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	63.3	105.4	118.2	-32.7
Department of Finance	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Digital Transformation Agency	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total – Payments	-	63.5	105.6	118.4	-32.5
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	-	-20.0	-107.0

The Government will provide \$404.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$11.2 million per year ongoing) to implement the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Securing Australians’ Superannuation Package*. From 1 July 2026, employers will be required to pay their employees’ Superannuation Guarantee entitlements on the same day that they pay salary and wages. The funding will enable the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to build and improve data matching capabilities to match employers’ payroll data with superannuation contribution data, providing the ATO with near real-time visibility as to whether employers have met their obligations.

The Government will also redesign the Superannuation Guarantee charge legislation in line with the move to payday super. Penalties and charges will reflect the serious nature of

unpaid or underpaid Superannuation Guarantee, and will be recalibrated to encourage prompt rectification of non-payment, with scalable consequences to deter severe or repeated non-compliance. These changes are expected to reduce tax receipts by \$127.0 million over two years from 2026–27 and reduce associated payments by \$98.0 million over two years from 2026–27 (with an ongoing reduction in both tax receipts and associated payments)

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

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Securing Australians' Superannuation Package*.

Revitalising National Competition Policy

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	-	1.5	1.5	1.5
Department of the Treasury	-	-	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	-	1.5	1.5	1.5

The Government will provide \$909.3 million over 12 years from 2024–25 to improve competition and ease cost-of-living pressures that are impacting Australians. Funding includes:

- \$900.0 million over 11 years from 2025–26 to establish a new National Productivity Fund which will incentivise states and territories to undertake reforms to boost competition and productivity across the economy, with initial reforms to include streamlining commercial planning and zoning and removing barriers to modern construction methods
- \$4.7 million in 2025–26 to extend the National Competition Taskforce to support implementation of the National Competition Policy, including to complete a review of the Motor Vehicle Service and Repair Information Sharing Scheme and develop a broader right to repair for other consumer products
- \$4.5 million over three years from 2025–26 for the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to expedite the review and updating of mandatory product safety and information standards.

Partial funding will be held in the Contingency Reserve pending passage of legislation.

The expenditure profile for the National Productivity Fund is not for publication (nfp) pending further information from states and territories on the timing of reforms.

Streamlining Consumer Redress under the Scams Prevention Framework

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	5.2	9.5	-	-
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	5.2	9.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$14.7 million over two years from 2024–25 to establish an external dispute resolution scheme for scams to be administered by the Australian Financial Complaints Authority. The Scheme will provide a pathway for consumers to seek redress under the Scams Prevention Framework, which will initially apply to the banking, telecommunications and digital platforms sectors. Once operational, the Scheme will be fully cost recovered from industry.

This measure builds on the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Fighting Scams*.

Superannuation in Retirement

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	3.5	2.9	2.9	2.9
Australian Prudential Regulation Authority	-	1.3	2.0	2.5	0.9
Total – Payments	-	4.8	4.9	5.4	3.8
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Australian Prudential Regulation Authority	-	1.3	2.0	2.5	0.9
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	-	3.5	2.9	2.9
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-
Total – Receipts	-	1.3	5.5	5.5	3.8

The Government will provide \$18.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$3.2 million per year ongoing) to ensure the retirement phase of superannuation delivers a dignified retirement for more Australians. Funding includes:

- \$11.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$2.7 million per year ongoing) for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) to enhance, expand and promote retirement resources and calculators available on the Moneysmart website
- \$7.4 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.4 million per year ongoing) for the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) and ASIC to introduce a retirement reporting framework to monitor the retirement outcomes delivered for members of superannuation funds in a transparent and consistent way.

The Government will also:

- update innovative income stream regulations to remove unintended barriers, enhance competition, and increase the attractiveness of innovative income stream products for older Australians
- develop a new set of voluntary best practice principles to guide the superannuation industry in designing modern, high-quality income products that support Australians' financial security in retirement.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from cost recovery through ASIC and APRA industry levies and from within the existing resourcing of the Treasury.

Temporary Financial Assistance to the NSW Government for NSW Police Officers

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	53.0	15.0	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	19.0	7.0	-

The Government will provide \$72.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to the NSW Government to reimburse NSW police officers for certain financial outcomes experienced as a result of the method through which insurance premiums were paid under the former Police Blue Ribbon Insurance scheme.

The funding assistance relates to insurance premiums which were counted as superannuation contributions in the 2023–24 and 2024–25 financial years. The funding represents the end of the transitional assistance on this matter.

The cost of this measure will be partially met by an anticipated increase in tax receipts.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Bureau of Statistics	-	20.2	44.4	33.5	-0.2
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	2.1	4.3	1.9	1.8
Digital Transformation Agency	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	2.0	-	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-2.0	-	-
Total – Payments	-	22.3	48.7	35.4	1.6

The Government will provide \$110.7 million over four years from 2024–25 to support the delivery of Government priorities in the Treasury portfolio. Funding includes:

- \$97.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (with an ongoing saving of \$0.3 million per year) to support further modernisation and digitalisation of the Australian Bureau of Statistics' data acquisition
- \$7.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (with \$1.9 million in 2028–29 and \$0.2 million per year ongoing) to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and the Treasury to implement the Government's response to the *Review of the Food and Grocery Code of Conduct 2023–24*, including establishment and enforcement of a new mandatory code
- \$3.6 million over two years from 2024–25 to support continuation of the ACCC's oversight of digital platforms
- \$2.0 million in 2025–26 to support the continuing work of the Tax and Transfer Policy Institute.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Treasury and the Australian Taxation Office.