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Foreword

Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2024–25* ensures that the Budget Papers provide comprehensive information on all Government decisions that involve changes to its payment and receipt activities since the *2023–24 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook* released in December 2023. This information is outlined in two parts:

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

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

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Part 1: Receipt Measures

Table 1: Receipt measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(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>					
Agriculture – other priorities(b)	-1.7	-1.1	-0.2	0.2	0.2
Amendments to existing measures(b)	-	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-1.0
Portfolio total	-1.7	-2.0	-1.1	-0.8	-0.8
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Federal Court of Australia</i>					
Establishment of the Administrative Review Tribunal and Addressing Extremely High Migration Backlogs in the Courts(b)	-	0.9	1.5	6.3	6.5
Portfolio total	-	0.9	1.5	6.3	6.5
CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER					
<i>Clean Energy Regulator</i>					
Future Made in Australia – Making Australia a Renewable Energy Superpower(b)	-	-	-	-	0.1
Improving the Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme(b)	-8.5	-1.2	-	-	-
<i>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</i>					
Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – cost recovery arrangements(b)	-	-1.6	-1.8	-1.9	1.3
Future Made in Australia – Strengthening Approvals Processes(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-8.5	-2.9	-1.8	-1.9	1.4
DEFENCE					
<i>Department of Defence</i>					
Defence Export – Boxer Heavy Weapons Carrier for Germany(b)	3.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Portfolio total	3.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
EDUCATION					
<i>Department of Education</i>					
Australian Universities Accord – tertiary education system reforms(b)	-18.9	-90.7	-17.0	-29.4	-35.3
Portfolio total	-18.9	-90.7	-17.0	-29.4	-35.3

Table 1: Receipt measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
Amendments to the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011(b)	-	0.3	0.6	1.0	1.1
Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System – further support(b)	-	-	..	..	..
Australian Universities Accord – tertiary education system reforms(b)	-2.9	-13.8	-9.6	-10.4	-10.5
Employment and Workplace Relations – reprioritisation(b)	..	..	..	..	..
Workplace Relations(b)	-	2.4	5.0	9.4	13.3
<i>Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman</i>					
Workplace Relations(b)	-	-2.4	-5.4	-3.9	-3.9
Portfolio total	-2.9	-13.5	-9.4	-3.8	..
FINANCE					
<i>Department of Finance</i>					
Snowy Hydro Limited(b)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Portfolio total	-	-	-	-	-
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>					
Fast-Track Passport – establishment(b)	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (National Interest component)</i>					
Enhancing Pacific Infrastructure and Engagement(b)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Future Made in Australia – Investing in Innovation, Science and Digital Capabilities(b)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Future Made in Australia – Making Australia a Renewable Energy Superpower(b)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Portfolio total	-	-	-	-	-
HEALTH AND AGED CARE					
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>					
National Joint Replacement Registry – additional funding(b)	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) – new and amended listings(b)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Securing Cheaper Medicines(b)	-	1.2	2.8	3.9	4.8
Strengthening Medicare(b)	-	0.2	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7
Portfolio total	-	1.7	2.5	3.5	4.5

Table 1: Receipt measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
HOME AFFAIRS					
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>					
Engineered Stone Import Prohibition(b)	-
Enhancing Productivity – abolishing nuisance tariffs	-	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0	-11.0
Migration – Mobility Arrangement for Talented Early-professionals Scheme (MATES) and extending the validity of the Business Visitor visa for Indian nationals(b)	-	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0
Migration System Reforms(b)	-	-45.0	-40.0	-35.0	-35.0
Permanent Migration Program – 2024-25 planning levels and multi-year planning(b)	-	-25.0	..	..	..
Southeast Asia Engagement – additional funding(b)	-	5.0	5.0	10.0	5.0
Support for Ukraine – extending duty free access for goods imported from Ukraine	-	-1.0	-1.0	-	-
Work and Holiday Visa – visa pre-application process for certain Working Holiday Maker programs(b)	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Portfolio total	-	-70.0	-40.0	-24.0	-30.0
INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES					
<i>Department of Industry, Science and Resources</i>					
Sport Integrity Australia – funding support(b)	-	1.0	1.0	-	-
Portfolio total	-	1.0	1.0	-	-
INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS					
<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>					
Fighting Scams(b)	-	-	4.9	2.5	2.5
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</i>					
Supporting Connectivity, Media and Communications(b)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Portfolio total	-	-	4.9	2.5	2.5

Table 1: Receipt measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(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>					
Competition Reform(b)	-	-	15.0	37.3	38.2
<i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</i>					
Cyber Security of Regulators and Improving Registers(b)	-	29.4	21.8	11.6	10.4
Future Made in Australia – Promoting Sustainable Finance Markets(b)	-	0.5	-	-	-
Modernising Digital Assets and Payments Regulation(b)	-	-	-	4.2	5.5
Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing(b)	-	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>					
Cyber Security of Regulators and Improving Registers(b)	-	-	9.3	12.2	13.6
Fighting Scams(b)	-	-	3.1	2.7	2.1
Future Made in Australia – Promoting Sustainable Finance Markets(b)	-	-	3.0	2.8	2.4
Modernising Digital Assets and Payments Regulation(b)	-	-	17.3	15.2	13.5
Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing(b)	-	-	2.4	8.7	7.8
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>					
A Higher Rate of JobSeeker Payment for Participants with a Partial Capacity to Work (0-14 hours)(b)	-	..	..	..	..
Amendments to existing measures(b)	-30.0	60.0	-65.0	-55.0	-65.0
Australian Universities Accord – tertiary education system reforms(b)	-	-	..	..	..
Commonwealth Government-Funded Paid Parental Leave – enhancement(b)	-	-	-	65.0	90.0
Endorsement of the Social Security Agreement between Australia and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay(b)	-	-	..	..	..
Future Made in Australia – Strengthening Approvals Processes(b)	-	*	*	*	*
Housing Support(b)	..	..	..	..	..
Migration – Mobility Arrangement for Talented Early-professionals Scheme (MATES) and extending the validity of the Business Visitor visa for Indian nationals(b)	-	10.0	85.0	155.0	155.0
Migration System Reforms(b)	-	*	*	*	*
Modernising Digital Assets and Payments Regulation(b)	-	-	*	*	*
New Vehicle Efficiency Standard Implementation(b)	-	..	-30.0	-120.0	-320.0
Permanent Migration Program – 2024-25 planning levels and multi-year planning(b)	-	..	-5.0	-20.0	-20.0

Table 1: Receipt measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY (continued)					
Personal Income Tax – Cost of Living – increasing the Medicare levy low-income thresholds	-	-	-	-	-
Personal Income Tax – Cost of Living Tax Cuts	-	1,260.0	-1,630.0	-920.0	-10.0
Philanthropy – updates to the list of specifically listed deductible gift recipients	-	-	-1.1	-0.9	-1.0
Small Business Support – \$20,000 instant asset write-off	-	-	-670.0	-60.0	440.0
Strengthening Tax Compliance – extending the Personal Income Tax Compliance Program(b)	-	-	-	-	180.3
Strengthening Tax Compliance – Australian Taxation Office Counter Fraud Strategy(b)	-	62.3	115.8	80.3	43.8
Strengthening Tax Compliance – extending the Shadow Economy Compliance Program(b)	-	-	-	684.4	1,192.4
Strengthening Tax Compliance – extending the Tax Avoidance Taskforce(b)	-	-	-	829.3	1,602.2
Strengthening the foreign resident capital gains tax regime(b)	-	-	200.0	200.0	200.0
Workplace Relations(b)	-	2.3	12.3	22.3	26.2
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>					
Housing Support(b)	-	8.0	12.9	146.2	96.2
Portfolio total	-30.0	1,433.2	-1,902.5	1,102.0	3,704.3
Decisions taken but not yet announced and not for publication	194.6	955.5	959.9	932.2	1,069.7
Total impact of receipt measures(c)	135.9	2,215.2	-1,000.0	1,988.6	4,724.8

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

.. Not zero, but rounded to zero.

- Nil.

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

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

(c) Measures may not add due to rounding.

Employment and Workplace Relations

Amendments to the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.3	0.6	1.0	1.1
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Skills Quality Authority</i>	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

The Government will provide \$1.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.3 million per year ongoing) to the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) to ensure compliance with and enforcement of recent amendments to the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011* (NVETR Act). The amendments give effect to measures that respond to integrity risks in the vocational education and training sector and improve ASQA’s practices and processes.

The amendments have increased the financial penalties that will apply to a relevant offence or civil penalty provision within the NVETR Act. This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$3.0 million over four years from 2024–25.

Home Affairs

Enhancing Productivity – abolishing nuisance tariffs

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Home Affairs	-	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0	-11.0

The Government will permanently abolish 457 nuisance tariffs from 1 July 2024, in the largest unilateral tariff reform in two decades.

This measure will permanently set to ‘free’ the rate of duty in Schedule 3 and Schedules 4A to 15 inclusive of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* on 457 tariffs, streamlining the importation of \$8.5 billion worth of goods annually.

Abolishing nuisance tariffs supports the Government’s Simplified Trade System agenda, will boost productivity, facilitate legitimate trade, and reduce compliance costs. These tariffs do nothing to protect domestic industry as goods imported under these tariffs are already largely eligible for existing tariff preferences or concessions.

This measure will eliminate tariffs on a wide range of imported goods including toothbrushes, hand tools, fridges, dishwashers, clothing, and menstrual and sanitary products.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$41.0 million over the 5 years from 2023–24.

Migration – Mobility Arrangement for Talented Early-professionals Scheme (MATES) and extending the validity of the Business Visitor visa for Indian nationals

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	10.0	85.0	155.0	155.0
Department of Home Affairs	-	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0
Total – Receipts	-	15.0	90.0	165.0	165.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>	-	3.1	1.3	0.7	0.7
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	..	15.0	25.0	25.0
Total – Payments	-	3.1	16.3	25.7	25.7

The Government will implement a new Mobility Arrangement for Talented Early-professionals Scheme (MATES) program for Indian nationals from 1 November 2024.

MATES will provide a new mobility pathway for 3,000 Indian graduates and early career professionals (aged 18 to 30 years at the time of application), with knowledge and skills in targeted fields of study to live and work in Australia for up to two years. The visa will have a pre-application (ballot) charge of \$25 and an application charge of \$365, both of which will be indexed to the consumer price index in future years. This measure is part of the Australia-India Migration and Mobility Partnership Arrangement (MMPA).

As part of the MMPA, the Government also lengthened the validity of the Visitor visa (subclass 600) Business Visitor stream for Indian nationals from up to three years to up to five years.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$435.0 million and increase payments by \$70.9 million over the 5 years from 2023–24.

Permanent Migration Program – 2024–25 planning levels and multi-year planning

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	..	-5.0	-20.0	-20.0
Department of Home Affairs	-	-25.0	..	..	..
Total – Receipts	-	-25.0	-5.0	-20.0	-20.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
National Disability Insurance Agency	-	2.6	8.2	8.3	1.4
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	..	-5.0	-5.0	-10.0
Services Australia	-	..	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Department of Education	-	-1.6	-9.7	-8.6	-7.3
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-3.2	-6.3	-6.6	-6.8
Department of Social Services	-	-3.4	-8.3	-13.2	-15.1
Department of Home Affairs	-	-4.0	-6.4	-1.8	-0.6
Total – Payments	-	-9.6	-27.5	-26.9	-38.6

The Government will set the 2024–25 permanent Migration Program planning level at 185,000 places and allocate 132,200 places (around 70 per cent) to the Skill stream. From 2025–26, the Government will extend the planning horizon for the permanent Migration Program from one year to four years.

Maintaining around 70 per cent of places for the Skill stream will help address Australia’s long-term skill needs. Extending the planning horizon for the permanent Migration Program from one year to four years will enable better cross-government planning in the future.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$70.0 million and decrease payments by \$102.7 million over the 5 years from 2023–24.

See also the related payment measure *Migration System Reforms* in the Department of Home Affairs' portfolio.

Support for Ukraine – extending duty free access for goods imported from Ukraine

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Home Affairs	-	-1.0	-1.0	-	-

The Government has extended by a further two years, to 3 July 2026, the duty exemption for Ukrainian goods in response to Russia's ongoing illegal invasion of Ukraine.

This measure applies a 'free' rate of duty to all goods that are the produce or manufacture of Ukraine except for excise-equivalent goods, such as certain alcohol, fuel, tobacco and petroleum products, which will remain subject to excise-equivalent customs duty.

This measure continues part of Australia's defence, economic and humanitarian assistance to Ukraine, and commitment to supporting Ukraine's continued participation in international trade and the efforts of Ukraine to uphold its territorial integrity.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$2.0 million over the 5 years from 2023–24.

This measure builds on the 2023-24 MYEFO measure titled *Support for Ukraine – extending duty free access for goods imported from Ukraine*.

Work and Holiday visa – visa pre-application process for certain Working Holiday Maker programs

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Home Affairs	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>	-	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1

The Government will introduce a visa pre-application (ballot) process for the capped Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa program for China, Vietnam and India from 2024–25.

The ballot process will help to manage program demand and application processing times for these countries. A ballot charge of \$25 (indexed to the Consumer Price Index in future years) will apply.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$4.0 million and increase payments by \$1.0 million over the 5 years from 2023–24.

Treasury

Amendments to existing measures

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-1.0
Australian Taxation Office	-30.0	60.0	-65.0	-55.0	-65.0
Total – Receipts	-30.0	59.1	-65.9	-55.9	-65.9
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>	-	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-1.0
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-5.0	132.2	-0.8	-0.2	-0.2
Total – Payments	-5.0	131.3	-1.7	-1.1	-1.1

The Government will:

- Make minor amendments to Treasury portfolio legislation that clarify the law to ensure it operates in accordance with the policy intent and make minor policy changes to improve administrative outcomes. Further information can be found on the Treasury website under the consultation page Miscellaneous Amendments to Treasury Portfolio Laws 2024.
- Amend the start date of the 2023–24 Budget measure *Tax Integrity – expanding the general anti-avoidance rule in the income tax law* from income years commencing on or after 1 July 2024 to income years commencing on or after the day the amending legislation receives Royal Assent, regardless of whether the scheme was entered into before that date.
- Make minor amendments to the start date of certain components of the 2022–23 March Budget measure *Streamlining excise administration for fuel and alcohol package*. Components that streamline licence application and renewal requirements will commence the later of 1 July 2024 (current start date) or the day following Royal Assent, with the requirement for the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to publish on its website a public register of excise licences and excise equivalent warehouse licences applying from 30 days following commencement of legislation. In addition, the removal of regulatory barriers applying to bunker fuels for commercial shipping industries will apply from 1 January 2025, instead of 1 July 2024.

- Extend refunds of indirect tax (including GST, fuel and alcohol taxes) under the Indirect Tax Concession Scheme (ITCS). The Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO) will have ITCS access upgraded for additional concessions to be claimed for the purchase of vehicles for personal use by SKAO officials, or a member of their family. Additional concessions for commercial rent will also be formalised for existing ITCS packages for Bangladesh, Costa Rica, El Salvador and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office. Construction and renovation concessions will be formalised for the existing ITCS package for the Netherlands. Concessions for both commercial rent and construction and renovation will be formalised for the existing ITCS package for Pacific Trade Invest.
- No longer proceed with the 2019–20 Budget measure announced by the former Government *Black Economy – Strengthening the Australian Business Number system* as integrity issues are being addressed through enhanced administrative processes implemented by the ATO.
- Further to the measure *Rugby World Cup 2027 (men’s) and Rugby World Cup 2029 (women’s)* announced in the 2022–23 March Budget, the Government will provide income tax exemptions to World Rugby and/or related entities for income derived in relation to the Rugby World Cup 2027 (men’s) and Rugby World Cup 2029 (women’s) events (‘RWC events’). The exemptions will apply to income derived in relation to the RWC events for the 2023–24 to 2030–31 income years (inclusive). The Government will also provide an exemption from interest, dividend and royalty withholding tax liabilities arising from payments relating to RWC events.
- Make changes to the agricultural levy and charge on sweet potatoes at the request of Australian Sweetpotato Growers Inc. From 1 July 2024, the Government will decrease the marketing component of the levy and charge from 1.0 per cent of sale value to nil. This change will decrease the overall levy rate on sweet potatoes from 1.5 per cent to 0.5 per cent.
- Amend the 2022–23 October Budget measure *Multinational Tax Integrity Package – amending Australia’s interest limitation (thin capitalisation) rules* to exempt Australian plantation forestry entities from the new earnings-based rules, allowing these entities to continue to apply the former asset-based thin capitalisation rules.
- Discontinue the measure *Denying deductions for payments relating to intangibles held in low- or no-tax jurisdictions* announced in the 2022–23 October Budget as the integrity issues will now be addressed through the Global Minimum Tax and Domestic Minimum Tax being implemented by the Government. The Government will also introduce a new provision from 1 July 2026 that applies a penalty to taxpayers who are part of a group with more than \$1 billion in global turnover annually that are found to have mischaracterised or undervalued royalty payments, to which royalty withholding tax would otherwise apply.

- Amend the tax law to give the Commissioner of Taxation (Commissioner) a discretion to not use a taxpayer’s refund to offset old tax debts, where the Commissioner had put that old tax debt on hold prior to 1 January 2017. This discretion will apply to individuals, small businesses and not-for-profits, and will maintain the Commissioner’s current administrative approach.

These changes will decrease receipts by \$158.7 million and increase payments by \$122.3 million over the 5 years from 2023–24.

Personal Income Tax – Cost of Living – increasing the Medicare levy low-income thresholds

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

The Government has increased the Medicare levy low-income thresholds for singles, families, and seniors and pensioners from 1 July 2023 to provide cost-of-living relief. The increase to the thresholds ensures that low income individuals continue to be exempt from paying the Medicare levy or pay a reduced levy rate.

The increase to the thresholds accounts for recent annual CPI outcomes and is estimated to decrease receipts by \$640 million over the four years to 2026–27.

The threshold for singles has been increased from \$24,276 to \$26,000. The family threshold has been increased from \$40,939 to \$43,846. For single seniors and pensioners, the threshold has been increased from \$38,365 to \$41,089. The family threshold for seniors and pensioners has been increased from \$53,406 to \$57,198. The family income thresholds will now increase by \$4,027 for each dependent child, up from \$3,760.

This measure has already been provisioned for by the Government.

Personal Income Tax – Cost of Living Tax Cuts

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	1,260.0	-1,630.0	-920.0	-10.0

The Government has legislated permanent tax cuts for all 13.6 million Australian taxpayers from 1 July 2024.

The tax cuts provide cost-of-living relief, return bracket creep, support women and boost labour supply.

The Government's tax changes provide bigger tax cuts for more taxpayers, delivering meaningful cost-of-living relief to middle Australia without adding to inflationary pressures.

Under the Government's tax cuts, from 2024–25:

- the 19 per cent tax rate will be reduced to 16 per cent
- the 32.5 per cent tax rate will be reduced to 30 per cent
- the income threshold above which the 37 per cent tax rate applies will be increased from \$120,000 to \$135,000
- the income threshold above which the 45 per cent tax rate applies will be increased from \$180,000 to \$190,000.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$1.3 billion over the 5 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	-	-	-1.1	-0.9	-1.0

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

- The Hillview Foundation Australia Limited for gifts received from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029
- Skip Foundation Ltd for gifts received from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2030
- Combatting Antisemitism Fund Limited for gifts received from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2030

The Government has also approved DGR status for the Australian Muslim Advocacy Network's AMAN Foundation Ltd.

The listing of Combatting Antisemitism Fund Limited and Skip Foundation Ltd is subject to charity registration with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.

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

The Government will also remove the following specifically listed DGRs as the organisations are no longer operating:

- Don Chipp Foundation Ltd
- Ian Clunies Ross Memorial Foundation
- Ian Thorpe’s Fountain for Youth
- Layne Beachley – Aim for The Stars Foundation Limited
- National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples Limited
- Sir William Tyree Foundation
- SouthCare Helicopter Fund Pty Limited
- The Lingiari Policy Centre Limited.

Further, the Government will remake the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (Consequential and Transitional) Regulation 2016* with an extension of the current charity transitional reporting arrangement for five years.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$3.0 million over the 5 years from 2023–24.

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

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-670.0	-60.0	440.0

The Government will continue to improve cash flow and reduce compliance costs for small businesses by extending the \$20,000 instant asset write-off by 12 months until 30 June 2025.

Small businesses, with an aggregated annual turnover of less than \$10 million, will continue to be able to immediately deduct the full cost of eligible assets costing less than \$20,000 that are first used or installed ready for use by 30 June 2025. The asset threshold applies on a per asset basis so small businesses can instantly write off multiple assets.

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

The provisions that prevent small businesses from re-entering the simplified depreciation regime for five years if they opt-out will continue to be suspended until 30 June 2025.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$290.0 million over the 5 years from 2023–24.

Strengthening Tax Compliance – extending the Personal Income Tax Compliance Program

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	180.3
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	-	-	44.3

The Government will extend the ATO Personal Income Tax Compliance Program for one year from 1 July 2027.

This extension will enable the ATO to continue to deliver a combination of proactive, preventative and corrective activities in key areas of non-compliance, including overclaiming of deductions, incorrect reporting of income and inappropriate tax agent influence. This will enable the ATO to continue its focus on emerging risks to the tax system, such as deductions relating to short-term rental properties.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$180.3 million and increase payments by \$44.3 million over the 5 years from 2023–24.

Strengthening Tax Compliance – Australian Taxation Office Counter Fraud Strategy

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	62.3	115.8	80.3	43.8
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	68.9	72.7	25.2	20.2
<i>Department of Finance</i>	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	-	*	*	*
<i>Total – Payments</i>	-	69.0	72.8	25.3	20.3

The Government will provide \$187.0 million over four years from 1 July 2024 to the ATO to strengthen its ability to detect, prevent and mitigate fraud against the tax and superannuation systems. Funding includes:

- \$78.7 million for upgrades to information and communications technologies to enable the ATO to identify and block suspicious activity in real time
- \$83.5 million for a new compliance taskforce to recover lost revenue and intervene when attempts to obtain fraudulent refunds are made

- \$24.8 million to improve the ATO’s management and governance of its counter-fraud activities, including improving how the ATO assists individuals harmed by fraud.

The Government will also provide \$0.4 million over four years from 1 July 2024 to the Department of Finance to undertake a Gateway Review process over the life of the proposal to ensure independent assurance, oversight and delivery of the measure.

Further, the Government will strengthen the ATO’s ability to combat fraud by extending the time the ATO has to notify a taxpayer if it intends to retain a business activity statement (BAS) refund for further investigation. The ATO’s mandatory notification period for BAS refund retention will be increased from 14 days to 30 days to align with time limits for non-BAS refunds.

The extended period will strengthen the ATO’s ability to combat fraud during peak fraud events like the one that triggered Operation Protego. Legitimate refunds will be largely unaffected. Any legitimate refunds retained for over 14 days would result in the ATO paying interest to the taxpayer (as is currently the case). The ATO will publish BAS processing times online.

This will have effect from the start of the first financial year after Royal Assent of the enabling legislation.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$302.2 million and increase payments by \$187.4 million over the 5 years from 2023–24.

Strengthening Tax Compliance – extending the Shadow Economy Compliance Program

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	684.4	1,192.4
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	-	-	158.0	271.6
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	-	89.7	90.9
<i>Total – Payments</i>	-	-	-	247.7	362.5

The Government will extend the ATO Shadow Economy Compliance Program for two years from 1 July 2026.

This extension of the Shadow Economy Compliance Program will enable the ATO to continue to reduce shadow economy activity, thereby protecting revenue and preventing non-compliant businesses from undercutting competition.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$1.9 billion and increase payments by \$610.2 million over the 5 years from 2023–24. This includes an increase in GST payments to the states and territories of \$429.6 million.

Strengthening Tax Compliance – extending the Tax Avoidance Taskforce

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	829.3	1,602.2
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	-	579.3	586.7

The Government will extend the ATO Tax Avoidance Taskforce for two years from 1 July 2026.

Extending the Taskforce ensures the ATO continues to be well-resourced to pursue key tax avoidance risks, with a focus on multinationals, large public and private businesses, and high-wealth individuals.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$2.4 billion and increase payments by \$1.2 billion over the 5 years from 2023–24.

Strengthening the foreign resident capital gains tax regime

Receipts (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	200.0	200.0	200.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	0.1	3.3	3.0	1.5

The Government will strengthen the foreign resident capital gains tax (CGT) regime to ensure foreign residents pay their fair share of tax in Australia and to provide greater certainty about the operation of the rules. The amendments will apply to CGT events commencing on or after 1 July 2025 to:

- clarify and broaden the types of assets that foreign residents are subject to CGT on
- amend the point-in-time principal asset test to a 365-day testing period
- require foreign residents disposing of shares and other membership interests exceeding \$20 million in value to notify the ATO, prior to the transaction being executed.

This measure will ensure that Australia can tax foreign residents on direct and indirect sales of assets with a close economic connection to Australian land, more in line with the tax treatment that already applies to Australian residents. The new ATO notification process will improve oversight and compliance with the foreign resident CGT withholding rules, where a vendor self-assesses their sale is not taxable real property.

These reforms will also improve certainty for foreign investors by aligning Australia’s tax law for foreign resident capital gains more closely with OECD standards and international best practice.

The Government will consult on the implementation details of the measure.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$600.0 million and increase payments by \$8.0 million over the 5 years from 2023–24.

Part 2: Payment Measures

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY					
<i>Australian Fisheries Management Authority</i>					
Civil Maritime Critical Security Capabilities	-	1.7	-	-	-
<i>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>					
Agriculture – other priorities(b)	-6.2	2.2	5.0	3.4	3.9
Agriculture and Land Sectors – low emissions future	-	9.9	13.4	6.8	6.9
Amendments to existing measures(b)	-	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-1.0
Enabling Western Sydney International Airport	-	5.5	5.6	4.7	1.3
Future Drought Fund – better support for farmers and communities to manage drought and adapt to climate change	-	11.1	10.7	9.3	11.1
Phase Out of Live Sheep Exports by Sea – transition support	-	15.9	25.5	24.1	21.5
Trade and Tourism Strategies – additional funding	-	1.8	1.8	-	-
Portfolio total	-6.2	47.2	61.1	47.4	43.7
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Administrative Appeals Tribunal</i>					
Establishment of the Administrative Review Tribunal and Addressing Extremely High Migration Backlogs in the Courts(b)	-	47.3	-173.8	-163.6	-162.4
<i>Administrative Review Tribunal</i>					
Establishment of the Administrative Review Tribunal and Addressing Extremely High Migration Backlogs in the Courts(b)	-	-	220.2	212.6	208.8
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Reform	-	1.7	-	-	-
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2024-25 projects funded under round two	-	-	-	-	-
Attorney-General's – reprioritisation	-6.9	-14.3	-16.2	-17.0	-20.1
Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Australian Universities Accord – tertiary education system reforms(b)	-	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2
Digital ID	-	6.1	3.9	0.5	0.4
Enhancing First Nations Justice Policy Outcomes	-	8.6	8.4	2.6	2.8
Establishment of the Administrative Review Tribunal and Addressing Extremely High Migration Backlogs in the Courts(b)	-	0.4	-	-	-
National Firearms Register	-	2.9	3.1	0.8	1.1
National Redress Scheme – further support	-	7.2	-	-	-

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)					
Services Australia – additional resourcing	-	0.3	-	-	-
Supporting Safe and Responsible AI	-	1.2	-	-	-
Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing(b)	-	0.2	-	-	-
<i>Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission</i>					
Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	70.3	28.4	-	-
National Firearms Register	-	7.2	8.0	5.7	8.4
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>					
Enabling Western Sydney International Airport	-	10.4	24.7	30.7	29.9
Enhancing Pacific Infrastructure and Engagement(b)	-	5.5	-	-	-
National Firearms Register	-	1.0	-	-	-
Policing Engagement and Training	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Australian Law Reform Commission</i>					
Enhancing First Nations Justice Policy Outcomes	-	0.2	0.3	-	-
<i>Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre</i>					
Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Reform	-	47.6	113.2	-	-
Child Care Subsidy Reform – further measures for strong and sustainable foundations	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Maintaining Support for an Effective Foreign Service	-	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<i>Federal Court of Australia</i>					
Enhancing First Nations Justice Policy Outcomes	-	5.7	5.6	4.8	4.1
Establishment of the Administrative Review Tribunal and Addressing Extremely High Migration Backlogs in the Courts(b)	-	36.8	24.7	24.5	25.2
<i>Office of the Australian Information Commissioner</i>					
Digital ID	-	5.6	-	-	-
<i>Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman</i>					
Australian Universities Accord – tertiary education system reforms(b)	-	8.8	10.6	nfp	nfp
<i>Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</i>					
Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	16.3	18.7	-	-
Civil Maritime Critical Security Capabilities	0.4	1.6	-	-	-
Maintaining Support for an Effective Foreign Service	-	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4
Sport Integrity Australia – funding support(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-6.5	279.6	281.0	102.7	99.3

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER					
<i>Australian Renewable Energy Agency</i>					
Future Made in Australia – Making Australia a Renewable Energy Superpower(b)	-	138.1	310.9	326.0	497.6
New Vehicle Efficiency Standard Implementation(b)	-	-12.0	-21.0	-21.0	-6.0
<i>Clean Energy Regulator</i>					
Future Made in Australia – Making Australia a Renewable Energy Superpower(b)	-	1.9	4.3	6.1	3.4
Future Made in Australia – Strengthening Approvals Processes(b)	-	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.4
Improving the Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme(b)	-8.5	-8.1	-8.1	-8.1	-7.3
Nature Positive Plan – additional funding	-	6.5	7.5	-	-
New Vehicle Efficiency Standard Implementation(b)	-	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.1
<i>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</i>					
Agriculture and Land Sectors – low emissions future	-	8.6	4.3	3.8	2.3
Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Australia-France Enhanced Relations	-	-	-	-	-
Australia's International Climate Change Engagement	-0.7	37.6	-25.2	3.0	-2.5
Australian Antarctic Program – additional funding	-	17.8	57.4	70.1	61.1
Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – cost recovery arrangements(b)	-	8.2	-	-	-
Commonwealth Leadership for a Safe Circular Economy – continuing delivery	-	23.0	-	-	-
Future Made in Australia – Making Australia a Renewable Energy Superpower(b)	-	11.6	13.9	12.2	6.4
Future Made in Australia – Strengthening Approvals Processes(b)	-	21.3	13.5	11.7	7.0
Future Made in Australia – Workforce and Trade Partnerships for Renewable Energy Superpower Industries	-	-	-	-	-
Harnessing the Energy Transition to Benefit Consumers	-1.3	13.2	12.0	-	-
Improving the Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme(b)	-	6.9	8.1	8.1	7.3
Inspector-General of Water Compliance Legislative Functions	-	7.3	6.7	7.2	7.4
Jabiru Remediation – continuing delivery	-	5.8	4.1	0.8	0.2

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(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 – continuing delivery	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Nature Positive Plan – additional funding	-3.7	13.3	11.8	-	-
New Vehicle Efficiency Standard Implementation(b)	-	12.0	21.0	21.0	6.0
Reducing the Impact of Litter and Supporting On-ground Biodiversity Actions	-0.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Regional cooperation initiative on carbon sequestration	-	5.2	5.3	4.8	4.4
Snowy Hydro Limited(b)	-	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Sustaining Water Functions	-	55.5	58.9	59.0	43.9
Tourism Reef Protection Initiative – continuing delivery	-	-5.0	-	-	-
<i>Director of National Parks</i>					
Jabiru Remediation – continuing delivery	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</i>					
Tourism Reef Protection Initiative – continuing delivery	-	5.0	-	-	-
<i>Murray-Darling Basin Authority</i>					
Sustaining Water Functions	-	3.7	0.9	0.7	0.7
Portfolio total	-14.8	380.0	488.5	507.4	634.0

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
CROSS PORTFOLIO					
<i>Various Agencies</i>					
Savings from External Labour – extension	-	-93.8	-93.8	-93.8	-718.8
Portfolio total	-	-93.8	-93.8	-93.8	-718.8
DEFENCE					
<i>Australian Submarine Agency</i>					
Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – workforce and supply chain investments	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Australian War Memorial</i>					
Australian War Memorial – financial sustainability	-	8.0	-	-	-
<i>Department of Defence</i>					
Continuing Veterans' Access to Health and Support Programs	-	-3.2	-3.6	-2.1	-
Defence Assistance – regional and global support	12.2	-	-	-	-
Defence Export – Boxer Heavy Weapons Carrier for Germany(b)	3.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Defence Industry Development Strategy	-	-	-	-	-
Defence Oversight – Parliamentary Joint Committee on Defence	-	-	-	-	-
Equity Injection for Australian Naval Infrastructure	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Implementation of the Defence Trade Controls Amendment Act 2024	-	-	-	-	-
2024 National Defence Strategy and Integrated Investment Program	-	400.0	770.0	730.0	3,800.0
Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – workforce and supply chain investments	-	-	-	-	-
Policing Engagement and Training	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Southeast Asia Engagement – additional funding(b)	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>					
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2024-25 projects funded under round two	-	-	-	-	-
Commonwealth Rent Assistance – increase the maximum rates	-	1.8	2.3	2.2	2.2
Commonwealth War Graves Commission – additional funding	-	0.4	0.4	0.4	-
Continuing Veterans' Access to Health and Support Programs	-	28.5	27.7	2.4	-
Defence Service Homes Insurance Scheme Review	-	-	-	-	-

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
DEFENCE (continued)					
Department of Veterans' Affairs – additional resourcing to support service delivery	-	94.0	59.9	20.1	20.3
Establishment of the Administrative Review Tribunal and Addressing Extremely High Migration Backlogs in the Courts(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Funding for the Alfred Hospital	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.1
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) – new and amended listings(b)	6.1	19.2	16.4	10.1	9.9
Reform of Veterans' Compensation Legislation	-	-	-	-	-
Securing Cheaper Medicines(b)	-	0.4	1.1	1.9	2.4
Strengthening Medicare – Medicare Urgent Care Clinics – additional funding	-	1.6	1.5	-	-
Strengthening Medicare – an effective and clinically appropriate Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS)	-	1.1	1.1	1.4	2.2
Supporting Ongoing Access to Vaccines	-	0.8	1.2	1.3	1.3
Supporting Veteran Owned Business Grant Program	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	21.6	554.6	880.1	769.8	3,840.4
EDUCATION					
<i>Department of Education</i>					
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2024-25 projects funded under round two	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Universities Accord – tertiary education system reforms(b)	-	34.4	146.5	172.7	199.8
Child Care Subsidy Reform – further measures for strong and sustainable foundations	-	-6.5	-141.3	-143.3	-135.6
Closing the Gap – Education	-	40.4	42.2	13.1	11.8
Inclusion Support Program – additional funding	-	98.4	-	-	-
Permanent Migration Program – 2024-25 planning levels and multi-year planning(b)	-	-1.6	-9.7	-8.6	-7.3
School Education Support	-	9.1	12.7	11.1	6.4
<i>Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency</i>					
Australian Universities Accord – tertiary education system reforms(b)	-	0.5	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	174.7	50.4	45.0	75.1

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
<i>Australian Skills Quality Authority</i>					
Amendments to the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011(b)	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Australian Universities Accord – tertiary education system reforms(b)	-	1.3	-	-	-
<i>Comcare</i>					
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2024-25 projects funded under round two	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2024-25 projects funded under round two	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System – further support(b)	-	65.2	180.1	18.0	1.9
Australian Universities Accord – tertiary education system reforms(b)	-	14.0	15.0	20.9	22.9
Commonwealth Rent Assistance – increase the maximum rates	-	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.7
Disability Employment Services Reform	0.2	35.0	28.5	10.7	1.1
Employment and Workplace Relations – reprioritisation(b)	-11.0	-14.9	-13.2	-13.2	-13.3
Employment Services Reform	-2.9	37.9	3.5	-14.4	-29.2
Engineered Stone Import Prohibition(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Extending Broome Employment Services	-	-	1.2	1.7	0.7
First Nations Prison to Employment Program	..	8.7	19.6	15.9	15.5
Further Support for the Vocational Education and Training System	-	25.0	0.8	0.4	..
Future Made in Australia – Workforce and Trade Partnerships for Renewable Energy Superpower Industries	..	14.6	20.8	20.6	10.7
Housing Support(b)	0.2	9.0	2.8	0.5	-
Net Zero Economy	-	9.6	27.6	31.5	28.8
Permanent Migration Program – 2024-25 planning levels and multi-year planning(b)	-	-	-	..	..
Promoting TAFE and VET Pathways	-	4.4	-	-	-
Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program	-	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.1
Services Australia – additional resourcing	-	0.4	-	-	-
Supporting Safety and Responsible Decommissioning in the Offshore Resources Sector	-	-	-	-	-
Workplace Relations(b)	-	13.2	27.4	29.1	29.2
<i>Fair Work Commission</i>					
Net Zero Economy	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (continued)					
<i>Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman</i>					
Delivering a Strategic Fleet	-	0.9	0.9	-	-
Workplace Relations(b)	-	8.6	6.3	8.1	8.3
Portfolio total	-13.5	234.5	323.1	131.4	78.2
FINANCE					
<i>Australian Electoral Commission</i>					
Finance Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	6.5	6.4	-	-
<i>Department of Finance</i>					
Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Reform	-	0.1	0.1	-	-
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2024-25 projects funded under round two	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Antarctic Program – additional funding	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Civil Maritime Critical Security Capabilities	-	0.1	-	-	-
Cyber Security of Regulators and Improving Registers(b)	-	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Delivering a Strategic Fleet	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Digital ID	-	18.4	26.7	-	-
Equity Injection for Australian Naval Infrastructure	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Finance Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	5.9	1.1	1.1	1.1
Future Made in Australia – Attracting Investment in Key Industries	-	1.3	1.8	1.8	1.9
Future Made in Australia – Investing in Innovation, Science and Digital Capabilities(b)	0.9	-	-	-	-
Housing Support(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Initial funding for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Commission	-	1.5	1.6	0.8	0.8
Maintaining Support for an Effective Foreign Service	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
National Disability Insurance Scheme – getting the NDIS back on track	-	0.2	0.2	0.1	-
National Firearms Register	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Parliamentary Expenses Management System – additional funding	-	4.9	4.9	-	-
Prime Minister and Cabinet – additional resourcing	-	-	-	-	-
Services Australia – additional resourcing	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Snowy Hydro Limited(b)	-	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.4
Strengthening Tax Compliance – Australian Taxation Office Counter Fraud Strategy(b)	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Digital Transformation Agency</i>					
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2024-25 projects funded under round two	-	-	-	-	-
Finance Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	3.3	3.4	-	-

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
FINANCE (continued)					
Supporting Safe and Responsible AI	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority</i>					
Finance Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	1.5	-	-	-
<i>Parliamentary Workplace Support Service</i>					
Initial funding for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Commission	-	3.8	-	-	-
Portfolio total	0.9	49.3	47.4	5.0	5.0
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>Australian Trade and Investment Commission</i>					
Phase Out of Live Sheep Exports by Sea – transition support	-	3.0	3.0	3.1	-
Southeast Asia Engagement – additional funding(b)	0.5	1.4	1.4	1.5	-
Trade and Tourism Strategies – additional funding	-	17.4	15.6	6.0	5.8
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>					
Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Australia-France Enhanced Relations	-	-	-	-	-
Australia's International Climate Change Engagement	-	4.6	-	-	-
Enhancing Pacific Infrastructure and Engagement(b)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Fast-Track Passport – establishment(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Future Made in Australia – Attracting Investment in Key Industries	-	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2
Future Made in Australia – Investing in Innovation, Science and Digital Capabilities(b)	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Future Made in Australia – Workforce and Trade Partnerships for Renewable Energy Superpower Industries	-	3.6	3.1	2.9	1.3
International Climate Finance	-	15.0	-	25.0	25.0
Maintaining Support for an Effective Foreign Service	-	77.2	74.9	50.1	48.4
Middle East Crisis Response	-	-	-	-	-
Regional cooperation initiative on carbon sequestration	-	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
Southeast Asia Engagement – additional funding(b)	0.3	11.8	14.4	12.1	9.3
Trade and Tourism Strategies – additional funding	-	2.3	2.1	-	-

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
(continued)					
<i>Export Finance and Insurance Corporation</i>					
<i>(National Interest component)</i>					
Enhancing Pacific Infrastructure and Engagement(b)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Future Made in Australia – Investing in Innovation, Science and Digital Capabilities(b)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Future Made in Australia – Making Australia a Renewable Energy Superpower(b)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Portfolio total	0.9	138.6	116.8	103.0	92.2
HEALTH AND AGED CARE					
<i>Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission</i>					
Improving Aged Care Support	-	97.5	3.5	-	-
<i>Australian Digital Health Agency</i>					
Improving Aged Care Support	-	7.5	6.0	-	-
Strengthening Medicare(b)	-	9.0	-	-	-
<i>Australian Sports Commission</i>					
Australian Institute of Sport Site Redevelopment	-	30.1	164.1	55.5	-
Supporting Sports Participation	-	38.6	59.9	-	-
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>					
2024 Channel Nine Brisbane Telethon	-	-	-	-	-
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2024-25 projects funded under round two	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Universities Accord – tertiary education system reforms(b)	-	9.6	5.2	1.5	2.1
Carer Payment – increased flexibility	-	-	..	..	..
Commonwealth Rent Assistance – increase the maximum rates	-	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Continuing Veterans' Access to Health and Support Programs	-	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3	-
Ensuring Service Delivery at Hummingbird House	-	-	-	-	-
Funding for the Alfred Hospital	-	12.0	2.4	2.6	2.6
Further Investment to Closing the Gap	-	-	-	-	-
Health Workforce	5.1	77.0	2.8	1.0	1.1
Improving Aged Care Support	-16.0	1,277.3	596.8	37.6	7.3
Improving Cancer Outcomes	-	11.6	12.7	4.5	3.4
Management of Torres Strait and Papua New Guinea Cross Border Health Issues	-	-	-	-	-
Medical Research	-	18.0	0.8	-	-
Mental Health	-	30.3	43.9	10.2	15.2
National Disability Insurance Scheme – getting the NDIS back on track	0.5	4.7	0.3	-	-
National Joint Replacement Registry – additional funding(b)	1.2	1.6	-	-	-

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
HEALTH AND AGED CARE (continued)					
National Strategies for Bloodborne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections – continuation and expansion	-	66.2	60.3	-	-
Permanent Migration Program – 2024-25 planning levels and multi-year planning(b)	-	-3.2	-6.3	-6.6	-6.8
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) – new and amended listings(b)	324.1	1,023.1	872.2	534.3	556.5
Portfolio Administrative Matters	7.0	24.2	22.7	10.6	8.8
Preventive Health	-	205.2	203.2	12.3	12.4
Reform of Veterans' Compensation Legislation	-	-	-	-	-
Reforms to Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services	-	0.4	0.6	0.7	..
Response to HIV Taskforce Recommendations – eliminating HIV in Australia	-	9.8	8.0	-	-
Securing Cheaper Medicines(b)	..	nfp	103.3	143.6	177.8
Strengthening Medicare(b)	0.2	118.0	78.5	120.0	104.3
Strengthening Medicare – Medicare Urgent Care Clinics – additional funding	-	84.1	73.8	-	-
Strengthening Medicare – an effective and clinically appropriate Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS)	-	78.9	28.8	51.2	114.9
Support to Individuals from Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories affected by the Hamas-Israel conflict	..	0.2	..	-	-
Supporting Ongoing Access to Vaccines	-	111.2	205.9	103.1	107.8
Supporting Safe and Responsible AI	-	1.5	-	-	-
Supporting Sports Participation	-	17.2	19.4	2.7	0.8
Women's Health	-	21.3	18.1	8.8	5.1
<i>National Blood Authority</i>					
Portfolio Administrative Matters	-	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.8
<i>National Health and Medical Research Council</i>					
Portfolio Administrative Matters	9.0	-	-	-	-
<i>National Mental Health Commission</i>					
Portfolio Administrative Matters	-	-12.7	-17.2	-17.6	-17.8
<i>Sport Integrity Australia</i>					
Sport Integrity Australia – funding support(b)	-	19.1	19.1	-	-
Portfolio total	331.1	3,391.5	2,591.2	1,078.7	1,098.6

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
HOME AFFAIRS					
<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
Digital ID	-	1.9	1.6	-	-
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>					
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund:					
2024-25 projects funded under round two	-	-	-	-	-
Civil Maritime Critical Security Capabilities	3.6	116.3	-	-	-
Department of Home Affairs – supplementation	-	100.0	-	-	-
Enabling Western Sydney International Airport	-	60.3	19.4	19.8	20.5
Engineered Stone Import Prohibition(b)	-	20.0	12.1	-	-
Establishment of the Administrative Review Tribunal and Addressing Extremely High Migration Backlogs in the Courts(b)	0.2	20.2	6.7	3.5	3.5
Infrastructure Upgrades at Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	-
Maintaining Support for an Effective Foreign Service	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Middle East Crisis Response	-	-	-	-	-
Migration – Mobility Arrangement for Talented Early-professionals Scheme (MATES) and extending the validity of the Business Visitor visa for Indian nationals(b)	-	3.1	1.3	0.7	0.7
Migration System Reforms(b)	-	8.5	8.3	..	-
National Firearms Register	-	1.8	5.6	8.9	4.5
Permanent Migration Program – 2024-25 planning levels and multi-year planning(b)	-	-4.0	-6.4	-1.8	-0.6
Reforms to Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services	-	35.4	37.1	23.0	23.5
Southeast Asia Engagement – additional funding(b)	0.8	0.3	-	-	-
Support to Individuals from Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories affected by the Hamas-Israel conflict	-	-	-	-	-
Supporting Safe and Responsible AI	-	-	-	-	-
The Leaving Violence Program – financial support for victim-survivors of intimate partner violence	-	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6
Tobacco – illicit tobacco compliance	-	-	-	-	-
Trade and Tourism Strategies – additional funding	-	8.0	6.9	1.0	1.0
Work and Holiday visa – visa pre-application process for certain Working Holiday Maker programs(b)	-	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>National Emergency Management Agency</i>					
Disaster Support	-	46.6	45.4	27.7	18.9

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
HOME AFFAIRS (continued)					
<i>Various Agencies</i>					
National Security Agencies – additional funding	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Portfolio total	4.6	420.9	139.9	84.7	74.0
INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES					
<i>Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation</i>					
Investing in the Future of Industry and Science	-	12.7	13.2	-	-
<i>Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation</i>					
Strengthening Medicare(b)	-	1.9	-	-	-
<i>Department of Industry, Science and Resources</i>					
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2024-25 projects funded under round two	-	-	-	-	-
Cyber Security of Regulators and Improving Registers(b)	-	1.5	-	-	-
Future Made in Australia – Investing in Innovation, Science and Digital Capabilities(b)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Future Made in Australia – Making Australia a Renewable Energy Superpower(b)	-24.5	26.5	17.8	7.3	3.2
Future Made in Australia – Workforce and Trade Partnerships for Renewable Energy Superpower Industries	0.3	14.3	7.0	3.8	7.3
Investing in the Future of Industry and Science	-	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.6
Regional cooperation initiative on carbon sequestration	-	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.6
Sport Integrity Australia – funding support(b)	-	9.5	9.7	-	-
Supporting Safe and Responsible AI	-2.8	6.4	3.1	-0.8	5.6
Supporting Safety and Responsible Decommissioning in the Offshore Resources Sector	-1.5	nfp	3.6	nfp	-
Update on Radioactive Waste Management	-36.4	-	-	-	35.4
<i>Geoscience Australia</i>					
Future Made in Australia – Investing in Innovation, Science and Digital Capabilities(b)	0.1	68.2	107.1	105.5	126.9
Future Made in Australia – Making Australia a Renewable Energy Superpower(b)	-	7.6	3.7	5.3	-
<i>National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority</i>					
Supporting Safety and Responsible Decommissioning in the Offshore Resources Sector	-	20.0	-	-	-

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES (continued)					
<i>National Reconstruction Fund Corporation</i>					
Future Made in Australia – Investing in Innovation, Science and Digital Capabilities(b)	-	-12.7	-0.9	-	-
Investing in the Future of Industry and Science	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-64.8	158.8	166.7	123.5	181.6
INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS					
<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>					
Fighting Scams(b)	-	4.9	2.5	2.5	2.5
Online Safety	-	0.6	0.8	-	-
Supporting Connectivity, Media and Communications(b)	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Australian Film, Television and Radio School</i>					
Revive – National Cultural Policy	-	3.8	4.0	4.9	10.6
<i>Australian Maritime Safety Authority</i>					
Delivering a Strategic Fleet	-	0.3	0.3	0.1	-
<i>Australian Transport Safety Bureau</i>					
Supporting Transport Priorities	-	3.9	-	-	-
<i>Civil Aviation Safety Authority</i>					
Supporting Transport Priorities	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	-
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</i>					
Australia-France Enhanced Relations	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Institute of Sport Site Redevelopment	-	9.0	1.0	-	-
Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment	-	24.0	21.3	18.2	78.6
Delivering a Strategic Fleet	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Enabling Western Sydney International Airport	-3.6	2.0	2.7	3.1	3.4
Energy Bill Relief Fund – extension and expansion	-	0.8	-	-	-
First Nations Digital Inclusion	-	3.0	3.0	3.0	-
Funding for the Territories	-	7.0	10.5	3.3	1.8
Future Made in Australia – Attracting Investment in Key Industries	-19.8	1.9	-	-	-
Future Made in Australia – Making Australia a Renewable Energy Superpower(b)	-	3.2	2.1	-	-
New Vehicle Efficiency Standard Implementation(b)	-	26.4	16.1	12.2	12.3
Online Safety	-	6.5	-	-	-
Qtopia Sydney	-	-	-	-	-

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(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 (continued)					
Revive – National Cultural Policy	-	11.3	19.0	44.8	50.0
Supporting Connectivity, Media and Communications(b)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Supporting Transport Priorities	-	36.3	47.0	54.5	7.9
Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing(b)	-	0.2	0.2	-	-
Urban Agenda and Community Programs	-36.8	..	3.4	3.0	2.6
<i>High Speed Rail Authority</i>					
Supporting Transport Priorities	23.8	51.4	3.6	-	-
<i>National Film and Sound Archive of Australia</i>					
Revive – National Cultural Policy	-	3.8	3.7	1.7	0.1
Portfolio total	-36.4	200.4	141.3	151.4	169.8
PARLIAMENT					
<i>Department of Parliamentary Services</i>					
Parliamentary Departments – additional resourcing	-	26.2	31.8	6.0	2.9
<i>Department of the House of Representatives</i>					
Parliamentary Departments – additional resourcing	-	1.5	1.2	0.5	0.6
<i>Department of the Senate</i>					
Parliamentary Departments – additional resourcing	-	1.1	1.2	0.3	0.3
Portfolio total	-	28.9	34.2	6.9	3.8
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET					
<i>Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies</i>					
Further Investment to Closing the Gap	-	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7
<i>Australian Public Service Commission</i>					
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2024-25 projects funded under round two	-	-	-	-	-
Prime Minister and Cabinet – additional resourcing	-	4.8	-	-	-
<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>					
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2024-25 projects funded under round two	-	-	-	-	-
Ending Gender-Based Violence – additional resourcing	0.4	1.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
Future Made in Australia – Attracting Investment in Key Industries	-	1.0	-	-	-
Initial funding for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Commission	-	1.5	-	-	-
National Australia Day Council – additional resourcing	-	11.5	1.5	1.6	1.6

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET (continued)					
Net Zero Economy	-	3.8	24.3	7.8	11.8
Prime Minister and Cabinet – additional resourcing	-0.9	39.7	5.6	5.3	4.9
<i>National Indigenous Australians Agency</i>					
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2024-25 projects funded under round two	-	-	-	-	-
First Nations Digital Inclusion	-	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0	-
Further Investment to Closing the Gap	-10.0	-12.5	-2.6	-2.6	-2.7
Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-
National Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People	-	-2.0	-0.9	-	-
National Legal Assistance Partnership	-	8.6	-	-	-
Northern Territory Homelands and Housing	-20.0	-114.3	-117.3	-120.3	-122.8
Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program	1.0	105.8	145.0	218.5	255.5
Youpla Support Program – continuation	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-29.5	49.3	56.2	110.9	152.0
SOCIAL SERVICES					
<i>Department of Social Services</i>					
A Higher Rate of JobSeeker Payment for Participants with a Partial Capacity to Work (0-14 hours)(b)	-	4.1	5.2	5.1	5.3
A Stronger and More Diverse and Independent Community Sector	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Funding to Expand Jindelara Cottage Ulladulla	-	-	-	-	-
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2024-25 projects funded under round two	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Orphanage Museum – additional funding	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Universities Accord – tertiary education system reforms(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Carer Payment – increased flexibility	-	0.6	1.8	1.9	2.0
Commonwealth Government-Funded Paid Parental Leave – enhancement(b)	-	-	-	435.0	583.1
Commonwealth Rent Assistance – increase the maximum rates	-	370.8	490.1	499.8	514.8
Disability Employment Services Reform	-	39.4	-23.4	21.9	53.9
Early Years Strategy – aligning investment	-	6.4	7.5	-	-
Employment Services Reform	-	..	..	..	..
Ending Gender-Based Violence – additional resourcing	-	4.3	-	-	-

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)					
Endorsement of the Social Security Agreement between Australia and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay(b)	-	-	1.2	3.2	3.6
Establishment of the Administrative Review Tribunal and Addressing Extremely High Migration Backlogs in the Courts(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Financial Wellbeing and Capability Activity – additional funding	7.8	26.3	32.3	33.1	33.8
Freeze Social Security Deeming Rates	-	-	-	-	-
National Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People	-	2.0	0.9	-	-
National Disability Insurance Scheme – getting the NDIS back on track	-0.5	7.9	13.7	12.9	13.3
National Redress Scheme – further support	-	3.5	8.6	8.8	5.2
Outcomes Fund	-	1.1	1.8	1.8	-
Permanent Migration Program – 2024-25 planning levels and multi-year planning(b)	-	-3.4	-8.3	-13.2	-15.1
Reform of Veterans' Compensation Legislation	-	-	-	-	-
Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program	2.6	11.8	-	-	-
The Leaving Violence Program – financial support for victim-survivors of intimate partner violence	-	198.6	185.2	251.4	257.5
<i>National Disability Insurance Agency</i>					
Establishment of the Administrative Review Tribunal and Addressing Extremely High Migration Backlogs in the Courts(b)	-	-	-	-	-
National Disability Insurance Scheme – getting the NDIS back on track(d)	-	-1,964.6	-3,808.7	-4,121.5	-4,451.3
Permanent Migration Program – 2024-25 planning levels and multi-year planning(b)	-	2.6	8.2	8.3	1.4
<i>NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission</i>					
National Disability Insurance Scheme – getting the NDIS back on track	-	37.2	53.4	47.6	24.6
<i>Services Australia</i>					
A Higher Rate of JobSeeker Payment for Participants with a Partial Capacity to Work (0-14 hours)(b)	0.9	11.3	5.2	2.4	1.7
ABS – delivering Census and modernising operations	-	6.4	1.6	1.0	-
Australian Universities Accord – tertiary education system reforms(b)	0.3	0.2	-	-	-
Carer Payment – increased flexibility	0.1	8.7	1.4	1.0	1.0
Child Care Subsidy Reform – further measures for strong and sustainable foundations	-	5.6	1.5	1.2	1.2

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)					
Commonwealth Government-Funded Paid Parental Leave – enhancement(b)	-	9.9	10.4	1.9	1.9
Commonwealth Rent Assistance – increase the maximum rates	6.2	11.4	0.4	0.3	-
Digital ID	-	35.4	22.0	-	-
Disability Employment Services Reform	0.5	16.7	35.4	24.7	9.1
Employment Services Reform	0.5	16.2	0.1	..	..
Endorsement of the Social Security Agreement between Australia and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay(b)	-	0.4	11.5	1.6	1.6
Establishment of the Administrative Review Tribunal and Addressing Extremely High Migration Backlogs in the Courts(b)	7.3	24.4	12.2	-	-
First Nations Prison to Employment Program	-	6.8	3.3	3.2	3.2
Funding for the Alfred Hospital	-	-	..	..	..
Health Workforce	1.8	10.5	2.7	-	-
Impact of the Douglas Decision on Social Security Means Testing	2.1	7.2	0.9	0.9	0.9
Improving Aged Care Support	0.2	85.5	49.6	12.3	12.1
Mental Health	-	0.7	0.9	0.1	-0.6
National Disability Insurance Scheme – getting the NDIS back on track	-	11.7	11.8	-	-
Permanent Migration Program – 2024-25 planning levels and multi-year planning(b)	-	..	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) – new and amended listings(b)	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Reforms to Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services	0.3	..	-	-	-
Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program	0.3	11.2	..	..	-
Securing Cheaper Medicines(b)	0.5	1.1	-	-	-
Services Australia – additional resourcing	105.0	1,199.5	1,146.4	152.5	153.5
Strengthening Medicare(b)	-	52.0	3.2	1.8	1.3
Strengthening Medicare – Medicare Urgent Care Clinics – additional funding	..	1.7	1.5	-	-
Strengthening Medicare – an effective and clinically appropriate Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS)	-	4.1	-1.5	-1.9	-2.3
Support to Individuals from Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories affected by the Hamas-Israel conflict	..	0.7	-	-	-
Supporting Ongoing Access to Vaccines	-	6.9	3.3	2.9	3.0
Women's Health	-	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.2
Youpla Support Program – continuation	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	136.5	297.0	-1,706.3	-2,597.6	-2,780.0

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY					
<i>Australian Bureau of Statistics</i>					
ABS – delivering Census and modernising operations	0.7	63.9	54.0	111.7	10.1
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2024-25 projects funded under round two	-	-	-	-	-
Child Care Subsidy Reform – further measures for strong and sustainable foundations	-	0.5	-	-	-
Competition Reform(b)	-	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.2
<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i>					
Competition Reform(b)	-	3.3	15.5	20.4	21.1
Fighting Scams(b)	-	9.6	3.8	3.7	4.0
Harnessing the Energy Transition to Benefit Consumers	-	9.0	4.5	2.8	2.9
Sustaining Water Functions	-	2.6	3.0	-	-
Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing(b)	2.6	5.3	-	-	-
<i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</i>					
Cyber Security of Regulators and Improving Registers(b)	-	29.4	21.8	11.6	10.4
Future Made in Australia – Promoting Sustainable Finance Markets(b)	-	0.5	-	-	-
Modernising Digital Assets and Payments Regulation(b)	-	1.4	1.9	6.4	6.0
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>					
Cyber Security of Regulators and Improving Registers(b)	-	81.8	16.2	16.5	10.4
Fighting Scams(b)	-	3.1	2.7	2.1	2.1
Future Made in Australia – Promoting Sustainable Finance Markets(b)	-	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.3
Modernising Digital Assets and Payments Regulation(b)	-	17.7	15.5	13.7	13.1
Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing(b)	-	4.3	15.9	12.7	9.6
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>					
Amendments to existing measures(b)	-5.0	132.2	-0.8	-0.2	-0.2
Australian Universities Accord – tertiary education system reforms(b)	-	0.5	..	-	-
Child Care Subsidy Reform – further measures for strong and sustainable foundations	-	2.3	1.9	0.3	0.2
Commonwealth Government-Funded Paid Parental Leave – enhancement(b)	-	2.5	16.4	3.2	4.8
Cyber Security of Regulators and Improving Registers(b)	-	4.2	-	-	-
Digital ID	-	82.6	75.0	-	-
Employment Services Reform	-	1.3	-	-	-

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY (continued)					
Fighting Scams(b)	-	7.6	6.2	5.4	4.1
Future Made in Australia – Making Australia a Renewable Energy Superpower(b)	-	-	0.4	-	500.0
Migration System Reforms(b)	-	1.5	-	-	-
National Disability Insurance Scheme – getting the NDIS back on track	-	-	-	-	-
Revive – National Cultural Policy	-	-	0.1	0.2	0.2
Strengthening Tax Compliance – extending the Personal Income Tax Compliance Program(b)	-	-	-	-	44.3
Strengthening Tax Compliance – Australian Taxation Office Counter Fraud Strategy(b)	-	68.9	72.7	25.2	20.2
Strengthening Tax Compliance – extending the Shadow Economy Compliance Program(b)	-	-	-	89.7	90.9
Strengthening Tax Compliance – extending the Tax Avoidance Taskforce(b)	-	-	-	579.3	586.7
Strengthening the foreign resident capital gains tax regime(b)	-	0.1	3.3	3.0	1.5
Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing(b)	-	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Workplace Relations(b)	-	1.1	6.7	15.5	21.2
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>					
Agriculture – other priorities(b)	-	1.2	0.6	-	-
Amendments to existing measures(b)	..	..	..	..	..
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2024-25 projects funded under round two	-	-	-	-	-
Attorney-General's – reprioritisation	-	-4.3	-4.3	-4.3	-4.3
Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	9.5	4.7	-	-
Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment	-15.8	298.9	624.1	886.3	925.0
Competition Reform(b)	0.5	6.2	1.4	0.2	0.2
Cyber Security of Regulators and Improving Registers(b)	-	1.0	0.5	-	-
Digital ID	-	3.9	4.0	-	-
Energy Bill Relief Fund – extension and expansion	0.1	2,616.7	872.2	-	-
Ensuring Service Delivery at Hummingbird House	-	0.9	-	-	-
Fighting Scams(b)	-	1.4	0.2	-	-
Funding for the Territories	-	0.6	-	-	-
Further Investment to Closing the Gap	-	-	-	-	-
Future Made in Australia – Attracting Investment in Key Industries	-	45.7	8.0	-	-
Future Made in Australia – Investing in Innovation, Science and Digital Capabilities(b)	-	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY (continued)					
Future Made in Australia – Making Australia a Renewable Energy Superpower(b)	-4.3	4.1	-3.8	1.2	-
Future Made in Australia – Promoting Sustainable Finance Markets(b)	-	2.3	1.7	1.1	1.2
Future Made in Australia – Strengthening Approvals Processes(b)	-	3.6	4.0	4.0	4.1
Future Made in Australia – Workforce and Trade Partnerships for Renewable Energy Superpower Industries	-	50.0	22.5	7.5	-
Harnessing the Energy Transition to Benefit Consumers	-10.0	-	-	-	-
Health Workforce	-	9.4	-	-	-
Housing Support(b)	1,000.0	133.5	152.0	111.2	85.5
Improving Aged Care Support	-	-	-	-	-
Improving Cancer Outcomes	-	9.2	9.5	9.9	10.2
International Assistance	-	-	-	-	-
Investing in the Future of Industry and Science	-	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Management of Torres Strait and Papua New Guinea Cross Border Health Issues	-	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.0
Migration – Mobility Arrangement for Talented Early-professionals Scheme (MATES) and extending the validity of the Business Visitor visa for Indian nationals(b)	-	..	15.0	25.0	25.0
Migration System Reforms(b)	-	*	*	*	*
Modernising Digital Assets and Payments Regulation(b)	-	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Murray-Darling Basin Plan – continuing delivery	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
National Firearms Register	-	18.3	66.1	17.3	-
National Legal Assistance Partnership	-	35.5	-	-	-
National Water Grid Fund – responsible investment in water infrastructure for the regions	-42.5	62.1	-112.1	-159.2	-248.3
Net Zero Economy	-	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1
Northern Territory Homelands and Housing	20.0	203.0	210.1	217.6	185.4
Permanent Migration Program – 2024-25 planning levels and multi-year planning(b)	-	..	-5.0	-5.0	-10.0
Phase Out of Live Sheep Exports by Sea – transition support	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio Administrative Matters	-8.4	8.4	-	-	-
Preventive Health	-	3.1	3.2	3.3	-
Prime Minister and Cabinet – additional resourcing	-	4.6	-	-	-
Qtopia Sydney	-	1.5	-	-	-

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2023–24 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY (continued)					
Response to HIV Taskforce Recommendations – eliminating HIV in Australia	-	-	12.9	13.1	-
Strengthening Medicare(b)	-	185.6	169.8	138.1	138.6
Strengthening Medicare – Medicare Urgent Care Clinics – additional funding	-	32.7	30.1	-	-
Strengthening Tax Compliance – Australian Taxation Office Counter Fraud Strategy(b)	-	-	*	*	*
Strengthening Tax Compliance – extending the Shadow Economy Compliance Program(b)	-	-	-	158.0	271.6
Supporting Ongoing Access to Vaccines	-	-	28.2	27.3	27.1
Supporting Safe and Responsible AI	-	1.5	-	-	-
Supporting Safety and Responsible Decommissioning in the Offshore Resources Sector	-2.5	-2.5	-	-	-
Supporting Small Businesses	-3.3	8.5	15.9	5.5	6.3
Supporting Transport Priorities	-22.1	-58.7	-	-	-
Sustaining Water Functions	-	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing(b)	23.1	27.7	12.2	10.1	9.9
Workplace Relations(b)	-	2.0	-	-	-
<i>Housing Australia</i>					
Housing Support(b)	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	-
<i>Inspector-General of Taxation</i>					
Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing(b)	-	0.5	-	-	-
Portfolio total	933.1	4,288.4	2,503.6	2,413.9	2,813.0
Decisions taken but not yet announced and not for publication	-958.8	1,124.5	3,222.7	2,252.3	72.0
Total impact of payment measures(c)	298.2	11,724.4	9,304.1	5,242.6	5,933.9

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

.. Not zero, but rounded to zero.

- Nil.

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

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

(c) Measures may not add due to rounding.

(d) This measure will offset an increase in NDIS payments of \$14.4 billion over four years from 2024–25 projected by the NDIS Actuary based on data up to December 2023, to moderate additional growth in NDIS expenditure to that projected at the 2023–24 MYEFO and ensure the NDIS remains on track to achieve the NDIS Sustainability Framework agreed by National Cabinet from 1 July 2026.

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Agriculture – other priorities

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	1.2	0.6	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-6.2	2.2	5.0	3.4	3.9
Total – Payments	-6.2	3.4	5.6	3.4	3.9
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>	<i>-1.7</i>	<i>-1.1</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.2</i>

The Government will provide \$20.7 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$3.4 million per year ongoing) to support priorities in the agriculture, fisheries and forestry portfolio. Funding includes:

- \$13.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$3.4 million per year ongoing) to maintain drought policy capability in the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to support Australia’s readiness to respond to drought events
- \$3.4 million over four years from 2024–25 to develop a national Timber Fibre Strategy and review the National Forestry Policy Statement in collaboration with the states and territories
- \$1.5 million over two years from 2023–24 to improve existing arrangements for the accurate and clear labelling of plant-based alternative protein products
- \$1.0 million over two years from 2024–25 for a skilled agricultural work liaison pilot to attract graduates to work in agriculture
- \$0.5 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue the AgCAREERSTART pilot program for two cohort years to encourage young people to consider a career in agriculture
- \$0.4 million over three years from 2024–25 for Farmsafe Australia to extend the National Farm Safety Week campaign.

The Government will also terminate the Plantation Development Concessional Loans program and redirect the available loan provision (\$37.5 million) to other loan products managed by the Regional Investment Corporation to maintain support for the farm business sector.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from a reprioritisation of existing funding in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Portfolio.

Agriculture and Land Sectors – low emissions future

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	9.9	13.4	6.8	6.9
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	8.6	4.3	3.8	2.3
Total – Payments	-	18.4	17.8	10.6	9.2

The Government will provide \$63.8 million over ten years from 2024–25 (and \$0.9 million per year ongoing) to support initial emission reduction efforts in the agriculture and land sectors as part of Australia’s transition to net zero by 2050.

Future Drought Fund – better support for farmers and communities to manage drought and adapt to climate change

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	11.1	10.7	9.3	11.1

The Government will allocate \$519.1 million over eight years from 2024–25 from the Future Drought Fund for initiatives that provide improved support to farmers and communities to manage drought and adapt to climate change. Funding includes:

- \$132.0 million over eight years from 2024–25 to continue the *Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hubs* model to support activities to address the challenges of drought and climate variability in local areas
- \$83.2 million over five years from 2024–25 to continue the *Farm Business Resilience Program* to provide farmers, farm workers and advisers with access to learning and development opportunities and continue the scholarships program
- \$67.0 million over four years from 2025–26 for the next phase of the *Regional Drought Resilience Planning* program, with a greater focus on implementation of activities in plans
- \$60.3 million over six years from 2024–25 to continue and expand the *Long Term Trials* program to test drought and climate resilience farming practices and support the adoption of drought resilience innovations

- \$40.0 million over six years from 2024–25 for the Resilient Landscapes program to support trials and demonstrate how natural resources management practices contribute to drought and climate resilience
- \$37.0 million over three years from 2025–26 for the new Scaling Success program to support previously funded Future Drought Fund projects that demonstrated successful drought and climate resilience outcomes
- \$36.0 million over four years from 2024–25 for the Future Drought Fund Communities Program to support social resilience and the mental wellbeing of farmers and communities
- \$20.0 million over three years from 2025–26 for the Innovation Challenges Pilot program to accelerate research and innovation in response to drought and climate challenges
- \$17.2 million over four years from 2024–25 to continue the *Climate Services for Agriculture* program and the My Climate View online tool to provide accessible and tailored climate information for farmers and regional communities
- \$15.0 million over four years from 2024–25 to partner with First Nations people and communities to support connection to Country through the management of drought and climate risks
- \$11.4 million over four years from 2024–25 to support enabling and evaluation activities to deliver drought and climate resilience outcomes.

The Government will also provide \$42.2 million over four years from 2024–25 for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to support the delivery of the Future Drought Fund initiatives.

Phase Out of Live Sheep Exports by Sea – transition support

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	15.9	25.5	24.1	21.5
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	-	3.0	3.0	3.1	-
Total – Payments	-	18.9	28.5	27.1	21.5

The Government will provide \$107.0 million over five years from 2024–25 for a suite of actions for sheep producers and the supply chain, market development, sheep welfare, implementation and engagement to support an orderly phase out of live sheep exports by sea, so that individuals, supply chain businesses and communities are well positioned and ready when the trade ends. Funding includes:

- \$64.6 million to assist sheep producers and the supply chain, particularly in Western Australia, to capitalise on existing and emerging opportunities so that they are well positioned when the trade ends, including for businesses to plan and implement transition actions, expansion of domestic sheep processing capacity, support for community wellbeing activities and additional rural financial counsellors
- \$27.0 million to enhance demand within Australia and internationally for sheep products and to maintain and develop market opportunities with a range of delivery partners, including Austrade. This funding will support activities such as market analyses, consumer studies, product promotions and building business relationships, and enable Agricultural Counsellors and Austrade to support diverse trade to the Middle East and North Africa region
- \$11.0 million for the implementation of the phase out, including a stocktake of transition progress in 2026–27 and continued engagement with industry, communities, trading partners and other stakeholders
- \$2.6 million to continue to improve sheep welfare standards so that they are practical and meet community expectations and for Australia to enhance its engagement in the World Organisation for Animal Health
- \$1.7 million to appoint a Transition Advocate to facilitate two-way communication between industry and government, information to industry about the transition plan and associated support, and advice to government on how the transition is progressing.

Partial funding for this measure will be held in the Contingency Reserve until final design and delivery options are settled.

The measure includes \$9.4 million already provided for by the Government and builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Phase Out of Live Sheep Exports by Sea – independent panel*.

Attorney-General's

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Reform

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	-	47.6	113.2	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	1.7	-	-	-
Department of Finance	-	0.1	0.1	-	-
Total – Payments	-	49.4	113.3	-	-

The Government will provide \$168.0 million over four years from 2024–25 to implement reforms to strengthen Australia's *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006*, to enhance Australia's ability to detect and disrupt illicit financing. Funding includes:

- \$160.8 million over two years from 2024–25 for the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre to expand its regulatory, intelligence and data capabilities and provide guidance to newly regulated entities
- \$7.0 million over four years from 2024–25 for the Attorney-General's Department to support the implementation of the legislative reforms through the provision of policy and legal advice and stakeholder consultation, and to deliver a program of anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing capacity building in the Pacific.

Funding from 2025–26 for this measure will be held in the Contingency Reserve until the legislative reforms have passed the Parliament.

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

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Strengthening Australia's Anti-Money Laundering Framework*.

Attorney-General's – reprioritisation

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	-4.3	-4.3	-4.3	-4.3
Attorney-General's Department	-6.9	-14.3	-16.2	-17.0	-20.1
Total – Payments	-6.9	-18.6	-20.5	-21.4	-24.4

The Government will reprioritise \$91.8 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$24.4 million per year ongoing) across the Attorney-General's portfolio to fund portfolio policy priorities, including through the reversal of unlegislated 2020–21 measures.

The savings from this measure will be reprioritised to partially fund the 2024–25 Budget measures titled *Enhancing First Nations Justice Policy Outcomes* and *Attorney-General's portfolio – additional resourcing* in the Attorney-General's portfolio, and *National Security Agencies – additional funding* in the Home Affairs portfolio.

Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission	-	70.3	28.4	-	-
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	-	16.3	18.7	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	9.5	4.7	-	-
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Attorney-General's Department	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	96.2	51.8	-	-

The Government will provide funding to support the delivery of Government priorities in the Attorney-General's portfolio, including:

- additional funding for the Attorney-General's Department (AGD), Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to support Australia's participation in international legal actions
- \$109.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) to support enhanced collaboration and information sharing through the continued integration of state and territory law enforcement agencies into the National Criminal Intelligence System

- \$48.7 million in 2024–25 to the ACIC to sustain operational activities and enhance its core capabilities to disrupt transnational, serious and organised crime
- \$35.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to strengthen its capacity to undertake criminal prosecutions on behalf of the Commonwealth
- \$14.2 million over two years from 2024–25 to improve community safety in Alice Springs and surrounds
- \$5.6 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.7 million per year ongoing) to AGD to administer the Community Safety Order (CSO) scheme, including extending the Expensive Commonwealth Criminal Cases Fund to cover legal assistance in CSO proceedings, as part of the Government’s continuing response to the High Court’s decision in *NZYQ v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs & Anor*
- \$2.5 million over two years from 2024–25 to AGD to undertake an audit of Government supply chains and procurement procedures to tackle modern slavery risks.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from the Confiscated Assets Account under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* and the National Policing Information Systems and Services Special Account, and savings identified in the 2024–25 Budget measure *Attorney-General’s – reprioritisation*.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Better, Safer Future for Central Australia Plan* and the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Community Safety Measures in Response to the High Court’s Decision in NZYQ v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs & Anor*.

Some of the financial implications of this measure are not for publication (nfp) as publication could impair the Commonwealth’s position in legal actions.

Parts of this measure support the implementation of the *National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022–32*.

Enhancing First Nations Justice Policy Outcomes

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Attorney-General's Department	-	8.6	8.4	2.6	2.8
Federal Court of Australia	-	5.7	5.6	4.8	4.1
Australian Law Reform Commission	-	0.2	0.3	-	-
Total – Payments	-	14.5	14.3	7.4	6.9

The Government will provide \$43.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$3.6 million per year ongoing) to improve justice outcomes for First Nations individuals and families. Funding includes:

- \$20.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$3.6 million per year ongoing) to the Federal Court of Australia and the National Native Title Tribunal to preserve culturally and historically significant native title records and address the backlog of native title claims and post-determination disputes
- \$11.7 million over two years from 2024–25 to extend the First Nations Family Dispute Resolution pilot to support culturally safe family dispute resolution services
- \$10.7 million over four years from 2024–25 to continue funding for the Justice Policy Partnership to work in partnership with all government and non-government First Nations members to reduce adult and youth incarceration rates for First Nations peoples (Targets 10 and 11 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap)
- \$0.5 million over two years from 2024–25 to the Australian Law Reform Commission to review the future acts regime within the Native Title Act.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Attorney-General's – reprioritisation*.

Parts of this measure support the implementation of the *National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022–32*.

Establishment of the Administrative Review Tribunal and Addressing Extremely High Migration Backlogs in the Courts

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Services Australia	7.3	24.4	12.2	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	0.2	20.2	6.7	3.5	3.5
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	-	47.3	-173.8	-163.6	-162.4
Administrative Review Tribunal	-	-	220.2	212.6	208.8
Federal Court of Australia	-	36.8	24.7	24.5	25.2
Attorney-General's Department	-	0.4	-	-	-
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
National Disability Insurance Agency	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	7.5	129.2	90.0	77.0	75.1
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Federal Court of Australia</i>	-	0.9	1.5	6.3	6.5

The Government will provide \$1.0 billion over five years from 2023–24 (with \$210.8 million per year ongoing from 2028–29 and an additional \$194.2 million from 2028–29 to 2035–36) to establish and support the sustainable operation of the new Administrative Review Tribunal (ART), replacing the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT), and to address court backlogs associated with high numbers of applications for judicial review of migration decisions. Funding for the commencement of the ART includes:

- \$854.3 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$208.8 million per year ongoing) for a capped, flexible demand-driven funding model for the ART, enabling it to finalise 100 per cent of case lodgements each year, and including improved regional accessibility and piloting First Nations Liaison Officer and user experience and accessibility programs
- \$75.1 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$2.0 million per year ongoing) to support agencies with the transition from the AAT to the ART
- \$2.4 million in 2024–25 to the AAT for the Immigration Assessment Authority to continue merits review of unsuccessful protection visa applications eligible for fast-track review under the *Migration Act 1958*, pending commencement of the ART.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

The Government will also provide \$115.6 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$194.2 million from 2028–29 to 2035–36) to address extremely high migration backlogs in the federal courts, including through the establishment of two migration hubs dedicated to hearing migration and protection matters.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the AAT, (with the AAT’s total annual appropriation transferring to the ART on the ART’s commencement), the Department of Social Services, Department of Veterans’ Affairs and the National Disability Insurance Agency. The cost of this measure will also be partially offset from federal court application fees.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measures titled *Institutional Reform to Australia’s System of Federal Administrative Review* and *Continuation of Immigration Assessment Authority* and the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Migration System Integrity*.

National Firearms Register

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	18.3	66.1	17.3	-
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission	-	7.2	8.0	5.7	8.4
Attorney-General’s Department	-	2.9	3.1	0.8	1.1
Department of Home Affairs	-	1.8	5.6	8.9	4.5
Australian Federal Police	-	1.0	-	-	-
Department of Finance	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total – Payments	-	31.3	82.9	32.9	14.2

The Government will provide \$161.3 million over four years from 2024–25 to develop and implement a National Firearms Register to keep the community and frontline police officers safe, to be delivered as a joint initiative between the Commonwealth, states and territories. Once established, police will know where firearms are, who owns them, and what other risks to the community and police may exist. Funding includes:

- \$101.7 million over three years from 2024–25 to contribute to the cost of state and territory registry reforms and system updates
- \$30.2 million over four years from 2024–25 for the Attorney-General’s Department, the Australian Federal Police and the Department of Home Affairs to deliver reforms and support upgrades to existing Commonwealth systems
- \$29.4 million over four years from 2024–25 for the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission to build and operate the Register, with costs to be met from the National Policing Information Systems and Services Special Account.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

National Legal Assistance Partnership

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	35.5	-	-	-
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	8.6	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	44.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$44.1 million in 2024–25 to support the National Legal Assistance Partnership and Family Violence Prevention Legal Services, including one-year indexation supplementation to the funding for Legal Aid Commissions, Community Legal Centres and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services, and additional funding to reduce community legal sector pay disparity.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

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

Policing Engagement and Training

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

The Government will provide additional funding for police engagement and training, including modification of the Centre for National Resilience Brisbane at Pinkenba, to support the development, coordination and delivery of training.

The cost of this measure will be partially met by redirecting existing resourcing from the Department of Defence for maintenance of the Centre for National Resilience Brisbane, provided under the measure *Purpose-Built Quarantine Facilities – maintenance* in the 2022–23 October Budget.

The financial implications are not for publication (nfp) as disclosure of funding would impair the Commonwealth's position in negotiating contracts with industry.

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Australia's International Climate Change Engagement

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	4.6	-	-	-
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-0.7	37.6	-25.2	3.0	-2.5
Total – Payments	-0.7	42.2	-25.2	3.0	-2.5

The Government will provide an additional \$76.2 million over five years from 2023–24 (and an additional \$0.3 million from 2028–29 to 2029–30) to support Australia's continued engagement in international climate change and energy transition issues, including through the International Energy Agency, G20 and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, to bolster trade opportunities and enhance security relationships with key partners, and bid to co-host the 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) in partnership with the Pacific and undertake initial planning in the event of a successful bid.

This measure will be offset by redirecting funding from savings identified in the Strategic International Partnerships Investment Stream.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Australia's International Climate Step-Up*.

Australian Antarctic Program – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Finance	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	17.8	57.4	70.1	61.1
Total – Payments	-	17.9	57.5	70.2	61.2

The Government will provide \$290.5 million over five years from 2023–24 (and an additional \$207.8 million from 2028–29 to 2032–33) to continue delivery of the Australian Antarctic Program and expand Australia's international scientific activities. Funding includes:

- \$163.3 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$207.8 million from 2028–29 to 2032–33) to continue critical safety works and rebuild the Macquarie Island research station to enable delivery of year-round monitoring and scientific programs

- \$109.6 million over three years from 2023–24 to support operations of the *RSV Nuyina*, including management of short-term shipping risks
- \$17.6 million over two years from 2024–25 to increase *RSV Nuyina*'s operational days at sea to support additional delivery of marine science and environmental activities.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from a reprioritisation of the *Macquarie Island Research Station Modernisation Project*.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

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

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – cost recovery arrangements

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	8.2	-	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</i>	-	-1.6	-1.8	-1.9	1.3

The Government will provide \$8.2 million in 2024–25 and increase revenue by \$10.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$2.6 million per year ongoing revenue from 2028–29), by updating and improving cost recovery arrangements. Funding includes:

- \$7.9 million in 2024–25 to continue administering the Waste Exports Licencing scheme under the *Recycling and Waste Reduction Act 2020*. This funding will be offset by introducing partial cost recovery for the scheme from 2024–25
- \$0.2 million in 2024–25 to continue the Commonwealth's contribution to the Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards scheme.

The Government will not proceed with cost recovery for the Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management Standard under the *Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Act 2021*. This will result in reduced revenue of \$14.2 million over four years from 2024–25 and \$1.3 million per year ongoing from 2028–29.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Waste Export Ban – delayed cost recovery*.

Commonwealth Leadership for a Safe Circular Economy – continuing delivery

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	23.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$23.0 million in 2024–25 to continue delivery of the Government’s circular economy policy, program and legislative functions.

The Government will consider further funding for circular economy following the development of a new national circular economy framework.

Harnessing the Energy Transition to Benefit Consumers

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	9.0	4.5	2.8	2.9
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-1.3	13.2	12.0	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-10.0	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-11.3	22.2	16.4	2.8	2.9

The Government will provide \$47.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.7 per year ongoing) to maximise consumer and community benefits of the energy transition.

Funding includes:

- \$27.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.7 million per year ongoing) to implement priority consumer energy resources reforms that help consumers save on bills by boosting the supply of renewable electricity to the grid from rooftop solar, home batteries and other consumer energy resources
- \$16.6 million over four years from 2024–25 (including \$1.7 million in capital funding in 2024–25) for the Australian Energy Regulator to help households get onto a better plan by sustaining regulatory activities, upgrading data and digital systems to reduce regulatory burden and cost, and delivering better outcomes for consumers through the Energy Made Easy website
- \$1.8 million over four years from 2024–25 to implement a range of consumer-focused energy retail reform measures to support consumers switching to a better deal with just ‘one click’, prevent contracts automatically rolling over to higher-cost deals, ensure people receive the concessions and rebates they are entitled to and reduce excess fees and charges

- \$1.6 million over two years from 2024–25 to undertake a statutory review of the *Prohibited Energy Market Misconduct Act 2019* provisions in electricity retail, contract and wholesale markets.

The cost of this measure will be partially met by reprioritising funding within the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

Improving the Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	6.9	8.1	8.1	7.3
Clean Energy Regulator	-8.5	-8.1	-8.1	-8.1	-7.3
Total – Payments	-8.5	-1.2	-	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Clean Energy Regulator</i>	<i>-8.5</i>	<i>-1.2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide an additional \$48.0 million over four years from 2024–25 to implement further reforms to the Australian Carbon Credit Unit scheme as part of the Government’s response to the Independent Review of Australian Carbon Credit Units.

These reforms will establish the Carbon Abatement Integrity Committee to oversee the new proponent led method development process and strengthen integrity, provide enhanced transparency measures, and support First Nations participation including in supporting consent processes for projects on Native Title land.

The Government will also forgo \$9.7 million over two years from 2023–24 in receipts to trial on a pilot basis a partial delivery requirement as part of the fourth exit window for fixed delivery Carbon Abatement Contract exit arrangements to increase the supply of Australian Carbon Credit Units to the Safeguard Mechanism Cost Containment Measure. The trial will inform an enduring exit arrangement for fixed delivery Carbon Abatement Contracts.

The cost of this measure will be met from a reprioritisation of funding from the *Powering the Regions Fund*.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Independent Review of Australian Carbon Credit Units – initial response*.

Inspector-General of Water Compliance Legislative Functions

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	7.3	6.7	7.2	7.4

The Government will provide \$28.6 million over four years from 2024–25 to the Inspector-General of Water Compliance to undertake inquiry, oversight and public engagement functions under the *Water Act 2007* and to maintain its independence.

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

Jabiru Remediation – continuing delivery

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	5.8	4.1	0.8	0.2
Director of National Parks	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total – Payments	-	5.9	4.2	0.9	0.3

The Government will provide \$11.4 million over four years from 2024–25 to continue delivery of priority remediation projects in the Jabiru township located within the Kakadu National Park. Funding will support upgrades of roads and pavements, remediation of Koongarra, remediation of houses and development of contamination management plans.

Murray-Darling Basin Plan – continuing delivery

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

The Government will provide funding over five years from 2023–24 to continue implementation of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan (Basin Plan). Funding includes:

- \$27.0 million in 2024–25 to expand the existing *Resilient Rivers Water Infrastructure Program* to enable the Commonwealth to work with private proponents on water recovery activities

- \$17.0 million over three years from 2023–24 to enhance shorebird and wetland habitat in the Coorong region
- \$4.0 million in 2024–25 for the hydrological modelling platform underpinning implementation of the Basin Plan and a business case for further development
- an additional \$0.6 million in 2024–25 to deliver the Murray Reconnected Floodplains project
- funding for additional voluntary water purchases to contribute towards environmental outcomes under the Basin Plan
- funding for Basin states to minimise the socio-economic impacts of water purchases and continue implementing the Basin Plan reform activities.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure and the remainder of the cost will be met from funding within the *Water for the Environment Special Account* and *Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Program*.

Elements of this measure are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities and ongoing state and territory negotiations.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Murray-Darling Basin Plan – delivering commitments*.

National Water Grid Fund – responsible investment in water infrastructure for the regions

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-42.5	62.1	-112.1	-159.2	-248.3

The Government will provide \$174.6 million over six years from 2024–25 to deliver new water infrastructure projects, including:

- \$119.6 million over six years from 2024–25 for five construction projects
- \$26.1 million over three years from 2024–25 for 11 First Nations water infrastructure projects, including ten construction projects and one business case
- \$18.1 million over four years from 2024–25 for nine business cases relating to potential new projects
- \$10.7 million over three years from 2024–25 for 12 science projects.

\$592.3 million over five years from 2023–24 for the *Paradise Dam Improvement* project, the *Big Rocks Weir* project and the *Hughenden Irrigation Scheme* has been deferred, with an investment decision to be made upon completion of the business cases and planning works.

The Government will also achieve savings of \$200.0 million over four years from 2024–25 by redirecting uncommitted funding to support other Government priorities.

The cost of new water infrastructure projects in this measure will be met by reallocating existing funding within the National Water Grid Fund and the \$150.0 million allocated to improve water security for remote First Nations communities under the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Closing the Gap – further investment*.

The Treasury manages the Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *National Water Grid Fund – delivering commitments*.

Nature Positive Plan – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Clean Energy Regulator	-	6.5	7.5	-	-
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-3.7	13.3	11.8	-	-
Total – Payments	-3.7	19.8	19.3	-	-

The Government will provide a further \$40.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue implementing the *Nature Positive Plan: better for the environment, better for business* (Nature Positive Plan). Building on the investment made in the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Nature Positive Plan – better for the environment, better for business*, which provided \$121.0 million over four years from 2023–24 to establish Environment Protection Australia and \$51.5 million over four years from 2023–24 (\$4.5 million per year ongoing) to set up Environment Information Australia, the additional funding in this measure includes:

- \$17.6 million over two years from 2024–25 for the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to establish and commence operation of the Nature Repair Market
- \$14.0 million over two years from 2024–25 for the Clean Energy Regulator to administer the Nature Repair Market once open for participation
- \$5.3 million in 2024–25 additional funding to progress legislative reforms
- \$4.1 million over two years from 2024–25 to drive voluntary uptake of the Nature Repair Market and nature related-reporting by businesses.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from a reprioritisation of funding from the 2019–20 Budget measure titled *Agriculture Stewardship Package* and 2021–22 Budget measure titled *Agriculture 2030*.

The Government will consider further funding for the Nature Repair Market when further information is available on the scale, complexity and demand for the Nature Repair Market.

Reducing the Impact of Litter and Supporting On-ground Biodiversity Actions

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-0.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1

The Government will provide \$1.9 million over four years from 2024–25 to improve environmental and biodiversity outcomes. Funding includes:

- \$1.3 million over four years from 2024–25 to Clean Up Australia and Keep Australia Beautiful to deliver conservation, and litter prevention and reduction activities to protect Australia’s natural environment, ecosystems and biodiversity
- \$0.6 million over four years from 2024–25 to support actions that address threats and pressures on biodiversity in the Alinytjara Wilurara natural resource management region.

The cost of this measure will be met from a partial reversal of the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Restoring Funding to the Environmental Defenders Office and Environmental Justice Australia*. The Government will save an additional \$0.3 million per year ongoing from 2028–29 from this partial reversal.

Regional cooperation initiative on carbon sequestration

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	5.2	5.3	4.8	4.4
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.6
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
Total – Payments	-	8.3	8.5	8.0	7.8

The Government will provide \$32.6 million over four years from 2024–25 to establish regulatory frameworks and bilateral instruments to better support heavy industry to

reduce emissions to meet Paris Agreement commitments, both in Australia and overseas. This will provide industry with the option of moving carbon dioxide to suitable and secure geological storage sites, where proven, to support energy security, meet obligations under Australian law and provide carbon management solutions for regional partners, consistent with our obligations under international law.

Sustaining Water Functions

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	55.5	58.9	59.0	43.9
Department of the Treasury	-	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	2.6	3.0	-	-
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	-	3.7	0.9	0.7	0.7
Total – Payments	-	69.8	70.8	67.7	52.6

The Government will provide \$262.2 million over five years from 2023–24 to support the Australian Government’s water policy functions, including;

- \$217.3 million over four years from 2024–25 for the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to extend terminating funding for core water policy functions and to provide resourcing to enable the delivery of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan
- \$32.0 million over four years from 2024–25 to extend the terminating *Improving Great Artesian Basin Drought Resilience* program to deliver water saving projects and improve water security in the region
- \$7.2 million over five years from 2023–24 for the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to deliver new statutory responsibilities under the *Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Act 2023* (the Act)
- \$5.7 million over two years from 2024–25 for the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to implement water market integrity functions set out in the Act, including new compliance, enforcement and information-gathering powers.

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

Tourism Reef Protection Initiative – continuing delivery

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	-	5.0	-	-	-
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-5.0	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.0 million in 2024–25 for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority to engage tourism operators to conduct reef monitoring, protection and other stewardship activities to protect the Great Barrier Reef.

The cost of this measure will be met from a reprioritisation of funding from the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Strengthening the Great Barrier Reef through Stewardship and Leadership*.

Cross Portfolio

Australian Universities Accord – tertiary education system reforms

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Services Australia	0.3	0.2	-	-	-
Department of Education	-	34.4	146.5	172.7	199.8
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	14.0	15.0	20.9	22.9
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	9.6	5.2	1.5	2.1
Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	-	8.8	10.6	nfp	nfp
Australian Skills Quality Authority	-	1.3	-	-	-
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency	-	0.5	-	-	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	0.5	..	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	0.3	69.7	177.6	195.2	224.9
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	..	..	..
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>	-2.9	-13.8	-9.6	-10.4	-10.5
<i>Department of Education</i>	-18.9	-90.7	-17.0	-29.4	-35.3
Total – Receipts	-21.8	-104.5	-26.6	-39.8	-45.8

The Government will provide \$1.1 billion over five years from 2023–24 (and an additional \$2.7 billion from 2028–29 to 2034–35) for the first stage of reforms to Australia’s tertiary education system in response to the Australian Universities Accord Final Report. These reforms will boost equity and access to higher education, progress tertiary harmonisation and will support a target of 80 per cent of the working age population holding a tertiary qualification by 2050. Funding includes:

- \$427.4 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$1.2 billion from 2028–29 to 2034–35) to establish a new Commonwealth Prac Payment of \$319.5 per week (benchmarked to the single Austudy rate) from 1 July 2025 for tertiary students undertaking supervised mandatory placements as part of their nursing (including midwifery), teaching or social work studies

- \$350.3 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$1.1 billion from 2028–29 to 2034–35) to expand access to university enabling and preparation programs through a new FEE-FREE Uni Ready Courses program from 1 January 2025
- \$239.7 million over five years from 2023–24 (and an additional \$250.5 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35) to limit the indexation of the Higher Education Loan Program (and other student loans) debt to the lower of either the Consumer Price Index or the Wage Price Index, effective from 1 June 2023, subject to the passage of legislation. This applies retrospectively and is estimated to reduce outstanding loans by around \$3.0 billion
- \$27.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$32.8 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35) to develop initiatives that break down artificial barriers and harmonise regulatory, governance and qualification arrangements between the higher education and vocational education and training sectors
- \$24.6 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$72.7 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35) for Charles Darwin University to establish a new medical school for the Northern Territory with 40 new commencing medical students per year from 1 January 2026, with funding placed in the Contingency Reserve subject to the completion of exploratory work
- \$19.4 million over two years from 2024–25 to establish a National Student Ombudsman from 1 February 2025. The Ombudsman will provide a single, national mechanism for higher education students to escalate complaints regarding the administrative actions of their education provider and will be established as an ongoing function of the Commonwealth Ombudsman, with Government to explore arrangements for cost recovery from 2026–27. Partial funding for this measure has been provisioned in the Contingency Reserve
- \$18.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$28.8 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35) to introduce a National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence from 1 January 2025
- \$3.0 million in 2024–25 for the Department of Education to develop a business case for an appropriate information technology system to support the reforms to higher education funding and governance
- \$2.6 million in 2024–25 to implement changes to the Department of Education’s Provider Registration and International Student Management System to improve integrity in the international education sector
- \$2.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$3.7 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35) for the Department of Education to develop and implement regulation to require universities to establish new supply of purpose-built student accommodation to support any increase in international student enrolments over an initial international student allocation, to be set in consultation with the sector. The accommodation would be available to both domestic and international students.

The Government will also undertake a strategic examination of Australia’s research and development system to strengthen its alignment with Australia’s priorities and improve innovation and research and development outcomes.

Higher education providers will also be required to direct a minimum of 40 per cent of their Student Services and Amenities Fee revenue to student-led organisations from 1 January 2025.

Details of the following reforms to boost equity and access to higher education and to progress tertiary harmonisation will be announced once final consultations with relevant stakeholders have completed:

- The Australian Tertiary Education Commission which is intended to be established by 1 July 2025, will be responsible for tertiary education system stewardship, delivery of funding arrangements for higher education, ongoing tertiary harmonisation and data collection and reporting
- Managed growth funding for universities is intended to commence from 1 January 2026. This approach will more accurately reflect student demand, support efficient growth in places, and help Australia to reach its tertiary attainment target
- A needs-based funding system is intended to be implemented from 1 January 2026 to better support First Nations students, students from low socio-economic status backgrounds, students with disability and students studying in regional and remote Australia.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the Education Portfolio, including:

- \$57.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$167.5 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35) by ceasing funding for new scholarships for domestic and international students under the *Destination Australia* program
- \$8.0 million over four years from 2024–25 by reducing funding for the *Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching* program.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measures titled *Australian Universities Accord Interim Report – initial response* and *Migration System Reforms*; and builds on the Employment White Paper.

Parts of this measure support the implementation of the *National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022–32*.

Future Made in Australia – Attracting Investment in Key Industries

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	45.7	8.0	-	-
Department of Finance	-	1.3	1.8	1.8	1.9
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	1.0	-	-	-
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-19.8	1.9	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-19.8	51.1	11.0	3.0	3.0

The Government will provide \$68.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$3.1 million per year ongoing) to attract investment in key industries to support a Future Made in Australia. Funding includes:

- \$54.7 million over two years from 2024–25 to administer, coordinate and promote the Government’s Future Made in Australia agenda, including the development of legislation that establishes a National Interest Framework and consultation with industry, investors and major stakeholders on the development of a ‘single front door’ that improves the attraction and facilitation of major investment proposals
- \$11.4 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$3.1 million per year ongoing from 2028–29) to establish and manage a domestic National Interest Account with Export Finance Australia, supporting domestic projects in the national interest, consistent with the Future Made in Australia National Interest Framework
- \$1.9 million in 2024–25 to undertake an independent statutory review of the *Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Act 2016*.

The Government also intends to enhance Indigenous Business Australia’s ability to leverage their capital to invest in First Nations communities and businesses.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

Future Made in Australia – Investing in Innovation, Science and Digital Capabilities

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (National Interest component)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of Finance	0.9	-	-	-	-
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Geoscience Australia	0.1	68.2	107.1	105.5	126.9
Department of the Treasury	-	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
National Reconstruction Fund Corporation	-	-12.7	-0.9	-	-
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	1.1	56.5	107.2	106.5	127.9
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (National Interest component)</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>

The Government will provide \$1.7 billion funding over ten years from 2024–25 for investments in innovation, science and digital capabilities to support a Future Made in Australia. Funding includes:

- \$566.1 million over ten years from 2024–25 (and an average of \$111.8 million per year from 2034–35 to 2058–59) for Geoscience Australia to map Australia’s national groundwater systems and resource endowments to increase industry investment and identify potential discoveries of all current critical minerals and strategic materials. This extends the terminating *Exploring for the Future* program, reshaping it as the Resourcing Australia’s Prosperity program
- \$466.4 million for a financing package of equity and loans provided by Export Finance Australia on the National Interest Account to PsiQuantum Pty Ltd to support the construction and operation of quantum computing capabilities and associated investment in industry and research development in Brisbane, as part of a joint investment with the Queensland Government. Additional funding of \$27.7 million over 11 years from 2023–24 will also be provided for the Department of Finance, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of Industry, Science and Resources and the Department of the Treasury to manage and provide oversight of this investment. The financial implications of the financing package are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities
- \$448.7 million over 11 years from 2023–24 (and an average of \$43.2 million per year ongoing from 2034–35) establish Australia’s partnership with the United States on the next generation of the Landsat satellite earth observation program (Landsat Next)

- \$145.4 million over two years from 2024–25 to maintain the National Measurement Institute’s core scientific measurement and ICT capabilities and to support current site operations and future planning.

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

The proposal builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure *Strengthening Australia’s Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Capabilities*.

Future Made in Australia – Making Australia a Renewable Energy Superpower

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	11.6	13.9	12.2	6.4
Geoscience Australia	-	7.6	3.7	5.3	-
Australian Renewable Energy Agency	-	138.1	310.9	326.0	497.6
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	3.2	2.1	-	-
Clean Energy Regulator	-	1.9	4.3	6.1	3.4
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	0.4	-	500.0
Department of the Treasury	-4.3	4.1	-3.8	1.2	-
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-24.5	26.5	17.8	7.3	3.2
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (National Interest component)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-28.8	192.9	349.2	358.1	1,010.5
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Clean Energy Regulator</i>	-	-	-	-	0.1
<i>Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (National Interest component)</i>	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Receipts	-	-	-	-	0.1

The Government will provide an estimated \$19.7 billion over ten years from 2024–25 to accelerate investment in Future Made in Australia priority industries, including renewable hydrogen, green metals, low carbon liquid fuels, refining and processing of critical minerals and manufacturing of clean energy technologies including in solar and battery supply chains. Funding will catalyse clean energy supply chains and support Australia to become a renewable energy superpower. Funding includes:

- An estimated \$7.1 billion over 11 years from 2023–24 (and an average of \$1.5 billion per year from 2034–35 to 2040–41) to support refining and processing of critical minerals, including:
 - A Critical Minerals Production Tax Incentive from 2027–28 to 2040–41 to support downstream refining and processing of Australia’s 31 critical minerals to improve supply chain resilience, at an estimated cost to the budget of \$7.0 billion over 11 years from 2023–24 (and an average of \$1.5 billion per year from 2034–35 to 2040–41)
 - \$10.2 million in 2024–25 for pre-feasibility studies for critical mineral common-user processing facilities in partnership with state and territory governments to enhance Australia’s capacity to process critical minerals, sovereign capability and economic resilience.
- An estimated \$8.0 billion over ten years from 2024–25 (and an average of \$1.2 billion per year from 2034–35 to 2040–41) to support the production of renewable hydrogen, including:
 - A Hydrogen Production Tax Incentive from 2027–28 to 2040–41 to producers of renewable hydrogen to support the growth of a competitive hydrogen industry and Australia’s decarbonisation, at an estimated cost to the budget of \$6.7 billion over ten years from 2024–25 (and an average of \$1.1 billion per year from 2034–35 to 2040–41)
 - \$1.3 billion over ten years from 2024–25 (and an average of \$151.6 million per year from 2034–35 to 2038–39) for an additional round of the Hydrogen Headstart program to bridge the green premium for early-mover renewable hydrogen projects
 - \$17.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$2.5 million in 2028–29) to deliver the 2024 National Hydrogen Strategy, including hydrogen infrastructure planning, social license and industry safety training and regulation.
- \$1.5 billion over seven years from 2027–28 (and an average of \$125.0 million per year from 2034–35 to 2036–37) to the Australian Renewable Energy Agency to supercharge ARENA’s core investments in renewable energy and related technologies, including for the development, demonstration, commercialisation, manufacture and deployment of renewable energy technologies that will help make Australia a renewable energy superpower.
- \$1.7 billion over ten years from 2024–25 for the Future Made in Australia Innovation Fund, to be administered by the Australian Renewable Energy Agency, to support innovation, commercialisation, pilot and demonstration projects and early stage development in priority sectors, including renewable hydrogen, green metals, low carbon liquid fuels and clean energy technology manufacturing such as batteries.
- \$1.4 billion over 11 years from 2023–24 (and \$66.8 million per year from 2034–35 to 2036–37) to support manufacturing of clean energy technologies, including:

- \$835.6 million over ten years from 2024–25 (and \$66.8 million per year from 2034–35 to 2036–37) to establish the Solar Sunshot program administered by the Australian Renewable Energy Agency to promote the development of solar manufacturing capabilities, and improve the industry’s supply chain resilience through production incentives and other forms of support
- \$549.0 million over eight years from 2023–24 to support battery manufacturing, including:
 - : \$523.2 million over seven years from 2024–25 to establish the Battery Breakthrough Initiative, administered by the Australian Renewable Energy Agency, to promote the development of battery manufacturing capabilities through production incentives targeted at the highest value opportunities in the supply chain
 - : \$20.3 million over five years from 2023–24 for the Powering Australia Industry Growth Centre and the Future Battery Industries Cooperative Research Centre to enhance industry and research collaboration, including workforce training for battery research, manufacturing, transport and recycling
 - : \$5.6 million in 2024–25 to support delivery of the Australian Made Battery Manufacturing Precinct to drive battery manufacturing in Australia.
- \$2.0 million over two years from 2024–25 for a techno-economic feasibility study to explore solar value chain opportunities that could be generated from developing a green polysilicon industry in Australia, including through export and cooperative international opportunities.
- \$20.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.2 million per year ongoing) to undertake further consultation on incentives to support the production of, and demand for, low carbon liquid fuels, as well as the development of a low carbon liquid fuels certification scheme through the Guarantee of Origin Scheme.
- \$18.1 million over six years from 2024–25 for foundational initiatives to expedite the emergence of Australia’s green metals industry, including through enhanced industry and research collaboration, exploration of opportunities to improve the use of Australian scrap metal and undertaking of further consultation on incentives to support the production of green iron, steel, alumina and aluminium.
- \$11.4 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.1 million per year ongoing) to fast track the initial phase of the Guarantee of Origin Scheme for green hydrogen and bring forward work on green metals, including iron, steel and aluminium.

The Government will also make up to \$1.2 billion in strategic investments in priority critical minerals projects including up to \$655.0 million under the Critical Minerals Facility and up to \$400.0 million through the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility. This includes financing to support the Alpha HPA alumina project in Queensland and Arafura Rare Earth’s Nolans Rare Earth project in the Northern Territory. The Government has also

revised the terms of its support to Renascor Resources Limited. The financial implications of this support is not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

Funding for the Battery Breakthrough Initiative, the Solar Sunshot program, the Innovation Fund and the expansion of the Australian Renewable Energy Agency will be held in the Contingency Reserve pending consultation and design.

The cost of this measure will be partially met through funding from the Strategic International Partnerships Investment Stream and from savings identified in the Department of Industry, Science and Resources.

The measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Enabling a Low Emissions Future and Supporting Green Markets*, the 2023–24 Budget measures titled *Hydrogen Headstart* and *Guarantee of Origin* and the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Working with the Australian Critical Minerals Industry to Unlock Investment in Enabling Infrastructure*.

Future Made in Australia – Promoting Sustainable Finance Markets

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.3
Department of the Treasury	-	2.3	1.7	1.1	1.2
Australian Prudential Regulation Authority	-	0.5	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	5.8	4.5	3.6	3.5
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</i>	-	0.5	-	-	-
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>	-	-	3.0	2.8	2.4
Total – Receipts	-	0.5	3.0	2.8	2.4

The Government will provide \$17.3 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$3.1 million per year ongoing) to promote the development of sustainable finance markets in Australia. Funding includes:

- \$10.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.9 million per year ongoing) for additional resourcing for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) to investigate and take enforcement action against market participants engaging in greenwashing and other sustainability-related financial misconduct

- \$5.3 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.2 million per year ongoing) for the Treasury, ASIC and the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) to deliver the sustainable finance framework, including issuing green bonds, improving data and engaging in the development of international regulatory regimes related to sustainable finance
- \$1.6 million over two years from 2024–25 for ASIC and the Treasury to consult on the design of a labelling regime to regulate the use of sustainability labels on retail investment products
- \$0.5 million in 2024–25 to continue the development of Australia’s sustainable finance taxonomy, including expanding the taxonomy to cover the agricultural sector.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from cost-recovery through ASIC and APRA industry levies.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Comprehensive Sustainable Finance Agenda*.

Future Made in Australia – Strengthening Approvals Processes

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	3.6	4.0	4.0	4.1
Clean Energy Regulator	-	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.4
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	21.3	13.5	11.7	7.0
Total – Payments	-	26.1	18.0	16.1	11.4
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	*	*	*	*
<i>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Receipts	-	*	*	*	*

The Government will provide \$182.7 million over eight years from 2023–24 (and \$4.5 million ongoing from 2031–32) to strengthen approval processes to support the delivery of the Government’s Future Made in Australia agenda, including Australia’s transition to a net zero economy. Funding includes:

- \$96.6 million over four years from 2023–24 for the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to strengthen environmental approvals for renewable energy, transmission, and critical minerals projects, deliver additional regional plans, and undertake targeted scientific studies to improve the environmental data used in decision-making

- \$20.7 million over seven years from 2024–25 (and \$0.4 million per year ongoing from 2031–32) to improve community engagement and social licence outcomes through permanent establishment of the Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner, development of voluntary national developer standards with the support of the Clean Energy Regulator, and the development of a regulatory reform package to realise community benefits in regional communities affected by the energy transition
- \$19.9 million over four years from 2024–25 for the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to develop, agree and maintain a national priority list of renewable energy related projects and process assessments for priority projects
- \$17.7 million over three years from 2024–25 to reduce the backlog and support administration of complex cultural heritage applications under the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984* and progress the reform of Australia’s cultural heritage laws
- \$15.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$4.1 million per year ongoing from 2028–29) for Treasury to strengthen and streamline Australia’s foreign investment framework, through more effective monitoring, enforcement of conditions and timely review of foreign investment applications. This includes refunding 75 per cent of fees for foreign investment applications that do not proceed because the applicant was unsuccessful in a competitive bid process.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

Future Made in Australia – Workforce and Trade Partnerships for Renewable Energy Superpower Industries

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	0.3	14.3	7.0	3.8	7.3
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	..	14.6	20.8	20.6	10.7
Department of the Treasury	-	50.0	22.5	7.5	-
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	3.6	3.1	2.9	1.3
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	0.4	82.5	53.3	34.7	19.4

The Government will provide \$218.4 million over eight years from 2023–24 (and \$1.3 million per year ongoing) to support a Future Made in Australia through the development of a skilled and diverse workforce and trade partnerships. Funding includes:

- \$91.0 million over five years from 2023–24 (and an additional \$0.6 million over three years from 2028–29) to support the development of the clean energy workforce, including through addressing vocational education and training sector trainer workforce shortages, and funding new and existing training facility upgrades across a range of clean energy occupations
- \$55.6 million over four years from 2024–25 to establish the Building Women’s Careers program to drive structural and systemic change in work and training environments. The program will fund partnerships between training providers, community organisations, employers, and unions to improve women’s access to flexible, safe and inclusive work and training opportunities in traditionally male-dominated industries of national priority, including clean energy sectors
- \$38.2 million over eight years from 2023–24 (and \$1.3 million per year ongoing) to provide funding for a range of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs to increase diversity in STEM education and industries
- \$14.3 million over four years from 2024–25 to improve the competitiveness of the Australian economy by working with trade partners to support global rules on unfair trade practices and to negotiate benchmarks for trade in high quality critical minerals
- \$10.0 million in 2025–26 to establish a National Hydrogen Technology Skills Training Centre, in partnership with the Victorian Government, to promote hydrogen workforce development to support the skilled workforce needs of the growing domestic hydrogen industry
- \$8.7 million in 2024–25 to continue to provide analysis, oversight and implementation support to deliver on Australia’s renewable energy superpower opportunities, and review Australia’s critical minerals trade policy settings.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure. The cost of this measure will be partially met through funding from the Strategic International Partnerships Investment Stream and savings identified in the Department of Industry, Science and Resources.

Partial funding for this measure will be held in the Contingency Reserve pending the finalisation of a selection process for a delivery partner for the National Hydrogen Technology Skills Training Centre.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Strengthening Australia’s Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Capabilities*, and on the Employment White Paper.

Housing Support

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	1,000.0	133.5	152.0	111.2	85.5
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.2	9.0	2.8	0.5	-
Housing Australia	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	-
Department of Finance	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	1,000.2	142.9	155.3	112.2	85.5
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Department of the Treasury	-	8.0	12.9	146.2	96.2
Australian Taxation Office	..	..	..	..	..
Total – Receipts	-	8.0	12.9	146.2	96.2

The Government will provide additional funding to build more homes for Australians sooner, invest in more housing enabling infrastructure, train more construction workers and support social and affordable housing and homelessness services. Funding includes:

- subject to states and territories signing the new *National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness*:
 - \$423.1 million over five years from 2024–25 in additional funding to support the provision of social housing and homelessness services by states and territories under a new *National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness*. The additional funding will increase annual funding under the new agreement to \$1.8 billion per year from 2024–25, with over \$9.28 billion provided to states and territories over the life of the agreement
 - \$1.0 billion in 2023–24 for states and territories to support enabling infrastructure for new housing through a new Housing Support Program – Priority Works Stream
- supporting more community housing providers to access finance through the Affordable Housing Bond Aggregator by increasing the cap on the Government’s guarantee of Housing Australia’s liabilities by \$2.5 billion to \$10.0 billion, with an associated increase in the line of credit that supports the Affordable Housing Bond Aggregator of \$3.0 billion to \$4.0 billion
- \$88.8 million over three years from 2024–25 to support 20,000 new fee-free training places, including increased access to pre-apprenticeship programs, in courses relevant to the construction sector and delivered through TAFEs and industry registered training organisations
- \$19.7 million over six years from 2024–25 to support housing research, fast-track feasibility studies on the release of Commonwealth land to support social and affordable housing and maintain Treasury’s capability to develop, advise on and implement housing policy and programs

- \$7.0 million over three years from 2023–24 to provide targeted assistance to residential builders seeking to obtain accreditation under the *Work Health and Safety Accreditation Scheme*
- \$6.2 million over two years from 2024–25 to support building industry peak employer associations to assist residential builders in obtaining accreditation under the *Work Health and Safety Accreditation Scheme*
- \$2.0 million over three years from 2024–25 to build the financial capability of community housing providers and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled housing organisations
- \$1.8 million over two years from 2024–25 for the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations to deliver streamlined skills assessments for migrants from comparable countries who wish to work in Australia’s housing construction industry
- support to increase available rental housing by allowing foreign investors to purchase established Build to Rent properties with a lower foreign investment fee, conditional on the property continuing to be operated as a build to rent development.

In addition, the Government will:

- target the \$1.0 billion for social housing under the National Housing Infrastructure Facility in the 2023–24 MYEFO towards crisis and transitional accommodation for women and children fleeing domestic violence, and youth, including redistributing the mix of concessional loans and grants to increase the proportion of grants to \$700.0 million
- provide \$1.9 billion in concessional finance to support community housing providers to deliver social and affordable housing under the Housing Australia Future Fund and the National Housing Accord.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the Employment and Workplace Relations 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 measures titled *National Housing and Homelessness Agreement Transitional Funding* and *Increasing the Supply of Social and Affordable Housing and Making it Easier to Buy a Home*.

Savings from External Labour – extension

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Various Agencies	-	-93.8	-93.8	-93.8	-718.8

The Government will achieve savings of \$1.0 billion over four years from 2024–25 by further reducing spending on consultants, contractors and labour hire, bringing the total savings from reducing reliance on external labour to \$4.0 billion since 2022–23.

The Government will also commission a second Audit of Employment to measure how the public service is delivering on the Government’s commitment to reduce spending on external labour.

This measure extends the 2022–23 October Budget measure, *Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses*.

Defence

Australian War Memorial – financial sustainability

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian War Memorial	-	8.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$8.0 million in 2024–25 to support the financial sustainability of the Australian War Memorial.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission – additional funding

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

The Government will provide \$1.2 million over three years from 2024–25 to maintain Australia's membership to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Continuing Veterans' Access to Health and Support Programs

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	28.5	27.7	2.4	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3	-
Department of Defence	-	-3.2	-3.6	-2.1	-
Total – Payments	-	24.8	23.6	-	-

The Government will provide \$59.6 million over three years from 2024–25 to continue access to health and support services for veterans and their families. Funding includes:

- \$48.4 million over two years from 2024–25 to provide viability payments to providers to maintain the short-term viability of *Veterans' Home Care* and *Community Nursing* programs
- \$10.2 million over three years from 2024–25 to extend access to the *Provisional Access to Medical Treatment* program, which provides access to funded medical treatment for ill and injured veterans who are awaiting a liability determination on the claim they have submitted
- \$1.0 million in 2024–25 to extend the *Veterans' Chaplaincy Pilot Program* for one year, which will provide additional time to complete the evaluation of the program.

This measure also includes an extension to the *Military and Veteran Psychiatry Training Program* for one year to support placement and development opportunities for trainee psychiatrists in veteran and trauma-focused care. The cost of this extension will be met from within the existing resourcing of the current funding agreement.

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

Defence Assistance – regional and global support

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Defence	12.2	-	-	-	-

The Government has provided \$232.2 million over three years from 2023–24 to provide regional and global assistance and support peacekeeping activities. Funding includes:

- \$144.3 million over two years from 2023–24 to provide additional military support in response to requests from the Government of Ukraine, including:
 - \$100.0 million in 2023–24 to support the procurement of priority military equipment through the *International Fund for Ukraine* and to provide uncrewed aerial systems, generators, inflatable boats and other military equipment, with the support of Australian industry
 - \$43.5 million over two years from 2023–24 to provide Ukraine with short range air defence systems
 - \$0.8 million in 2023–24 to provide Ukraine with three medically-rated oxygen generators.
- \$60.8 million in 2023–24 to expand *Operation LILIA* to provide Australian Defence Force logistics, security and enabling support for the 2023 Pacific Games and the 2024 Solomon Islands Joint Elections, at the invitation of the Solomon Islands
- \$14.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to establish a new grant program to support peacebuilding and peacekeeping activities by the United Nations and related institutions
- \$13.2 million in 2023–24 to support the Government's response to the Hamas-Israel conflict, including:
 - \$12.2 million in 2023–24 for *Operation BEECH* to deploy Australian Defence Force personnel to support Australian citizens and foreign nationals in the region, including through airlifting personnel

- \$1.0 million in 2023–24 for 140 aerial delivery parachutes to Jordan and the United Arab Emirates to assist with the delivery of humanitarian aid to civilians in Gaza.

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

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Additional Support for Ukraine*.

Defence Export – Boxer Heavy Weapons Carrier for Germany

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Defence	3.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Defence</i>	3.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

The Government will provide \$15.3 million over seven years from 2023–24 to support the manufacture and export of more than 100 Boxer Heavy Weapon Carrier vehicles to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Manufacturing for the vehicles by Rheinmetall Defence Australia will occur in Redbank, Queensland under a contract valued at €1.9 billion.

The cost of this measure will be fully met by the Federal Republic of Germany.

Defence Industry Development Strategy

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

The Government will provide \$166.2 million over five years from 2023–24 to support the implementation of the Defence Industry Development Strategy. Funding includes:

- \$165.7 million over five years from 2023–24 to establish the Defence Industry Development Grant program for Australian defence industry, supporting Australian businesses to increase their scale and competitiveness and respond to Defence’s capability requirements
- \$0.6 million over three years from 2023–24 to extend the School Pathways Program, promoting career pathways and opportunities within defence industry.

The Defence Industry Development Strategy identifies Sovereign Defence Industrial Priorities to support the development of the sovereign defence industrial base required to deliver and sustain Defence capabilities.

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

Defence Oversight – Parliamentary Joint Committee on Defence

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

The Government will provide \$17.5 million over ten years from 2024–25 (and \$1.8 million per year ongoing) to establish a new Parliamentary Joint Committee on Defence.

The new Parliamentary Committee will support increased oversight, transparency and accountability of the Defence portfolio and streamline existing parliamentary oversight arrangements. The Committee will also implement the Government’s response to the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade’s *Inquiry into international armed conflict decision making*.

Funding for this measure will be held in the Contingency Reserve until the passage of legislation to establish the new committee.

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

Defence Service Homes Insurance Scheme Review

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

The Government will provide \$0.7 million in 2024–25 to undertake a review on options for the future of the *Defence Service Homes Insurance Scheme*.

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

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	-	94.0	59.9	20.1	20.3

The Government will provide \$194.4 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$20.6 million per year ongoing) to provide additional resourcing to meet increased service delivery pressures including claims processing, and modernise the digital capability of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Funding includes:

- \$186.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$20.6 million per year ongoing) to reduce the time taken to process claims, and respond to increased demand for downstream services, particularly the Veteran Access Network, Veteran Support Officers, complex case management, account processing, information access and mental health support
- \$8.4 million over two years from 2024–25 to pilot an ICT solution to improve case management and workflow management capabilities in the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Department of Veterans' Affairs Claims Processing – additional funding* and the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Department of Veterans' Affairs – additional resourcing*.

Implementation of the Defence Trade Controls Amendment Act 2024

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

The Government will provide \$28.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.2 million per year ongoing) to support the implementation of the *Defence Trade Controls Amendment Act 2024*, including through upgrades to Defence's export permit ICT system and education and engagement activities for Australian industry and academia to support compliance with new requirements.

The *Defence Trade Controls Amendment Act 2024* strengthens the Defence export control regime to protect Australia's military technologies, streamline defence trade and collaboration with AUKUS partners, and accelerate the delivery of Defence capabilities.

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

2024 National Defence Strategy and Integrated Investment Program

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Defence	-	400.0	770.0	730.0	3,800.0

The Government will provide an additional \$50.3 billion over ten years from 2024–25 (and \$7.7 billion per year ongoing) to deliver the *2024 National Defence Strategy and Integrated Investment Program* and support a shift in Defence’s force posture, structure and capability priorities. Funding includes:

- \$1.0 billion over three years from 2024–25 to accelerate priority investments in the targeting enterprise, long-range fires, theatre logistics, fuel resilience and robotic and autonomous systems
- \$11.1 billion over ten years from 2024–25 to deliver the Government’s response to the *Independent Analysis of Navy’s Surface Combatant Fleet*
- \$38.2 billion over seven years from 2027–28 (and \$7.7 billion per year ongoing) to support the next generation capabilities within the *Integrated Investment Program*.

The *2024 National Defence Strategy* is a coordinated, whole-of-government and whole-of-nation approach to Australia’s defence. This approach is founded on the concept of *National Defence* and sees a Strategy of Denial become the cornerstone of Defence planning, spanning all domains – maritime, land, air, space and cyber. The strategy focuses on positioning Defence to defend Australia and our immediate region, deter an adversary’s attempt to project power against Australia protect our economic connection to the world and contribute to the collective security of the Indo-Pacific and the global rules-based system.

The *2024 National Defence Strategy* is supported by a reprioritised *Integrated Investment Program* to develop a focused, integrated force and next generation capabilities.

Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – workforce and supply chain investments

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

The Government will provide \$101.8 million over seven years from 2024–25 to continue to build the Australian industrial workforce required to support the delivery of Australia’s conventionally-armed, nuclear-powered submarines. Funding includes:

- \$68.4 million over seven years from 2024–25 for initiatives delivered through the new Skills and Training Academy:
 - \$34.7 million over six years from 2024–25 for the Shipbuilding Employment Pathways initiative to deliver a pilot apprenticeship program in trades required to support the nuclear-powered submarine enterprise
 - \$24.4 million over seven years from 2024–25 to deliver a training program on material testing
 - \$4.7 million over four years from 2024–25 for customised bridging and aptitude testing programs for welders, to support the transition of new and existing workers into the nuclear-powered submarine enterprise
 - \$3.9 million over four years from 2024–25 to train TAFE teachers to deliver courses relevant to key professions within the nuclear-powered submarine enterprise
 - \$0.7 million over four years from 2024–25 to co-design training programs with industry relevant to the nuclear-powered submarine enterprise.
- \$33.5 million over six years from 2024–25 for initiatives to enhance domestic industry and workforce capacity:
 - \$17.2 million in 2024–25 to expand Australian industry participation in the nuclear-powered submarine supply chain
 - \$16.3 million over six years from 2024–25 for 3,000 scholarships for students studying undergraduate STEM courses relevant to the nuclear-powered submarine enterprise.

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

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – initial implementation* and the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – further implementation*.

Reform of Veterans' Compensation Legislation

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

The Government will provide \$222.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$83.4 million per year ongoing) to reform the legislation framework for veterans' compensation and rehabilitation by moving to a single ongoing Act from 1 July 2026.

The Government will simplify and harmonise veterans' compensation and rehabilitation legislation with all new compensation claims assessed under an improved *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*. Under the single ongoing Act, eligible veterans and their families will receive more generous benefits, such as increased death compensation, travel for treatment, Gold Card eligibility and additional payments for eligible young persons.

Other reforms in this measure include:

- standardising the review pathway for veterans seeking review of decisions related to compensation claims
- introducing presumptive liability where the Repatriation Commission would be able to specify injuries and diseases that can be determined on a presumptive basis where they are known to have a common causal connection with Australian Defence Force service
- merging the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission into the Repatriation Commission to deliver administrative and decision-making efficiencies
- establishing the Ministerial Advisory Council for advice on matters impacting the veteran community
- introducing the Additional Disablement Amount (for veterans with high levels of impairment due to service-related conditions when specified conditions are met)
- simplifying the requirements for determining the date of effect for permanent impairment claims
- amending the cessation date of the Disability Compensation Payment to the recipient's date of death.

The Government has already provided funding for this measure.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and from savings identified in the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Department of Health and Aged Care and the Department of Social Services.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Reform of Veterans' Compensation Legislation – implementation*.

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

Supporting Veteran Owned Business Grant Program

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

The Government will provide \$0.4 million over three years from 2024–25 to extend the *Supporting Veteran Owned Business* grant program through The King's Trust Australia (formerly Prince's Trust Australia) Enterprise Program. The program provides self-employment support to veterans and their families.

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

Education

Child Care Subsidy Reform – further measures for strong and sustainable foundations

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Services Australia	-	5.6	1.5	1.2	1.2
Australian Taxation Office	-	2.3	1.9	0.3	0.2
Australian Bureau of Statistics	-	0.5	-	-	-
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Department of Education	-	-6.5	-141.3	-143.3	-135.6
Total – Payments	-	2.2	-137.6	-141.4	-133.9

The Government will achieve net savings of \$410.7 million over four years from 2024–25 through additional activities to strengthen the payment and accuracy of the *Child Care Subsidy* program.

The Government will invest \$30.0 million over two years from 2024–25 in IT and payment services to deliver on its commitment to provide funding towards a wage increase for the Early Childhood Education and Care sector. This will support a response to Fair Work Commission processes as they relate to this sector.

Funding provided to strengthen fraud and non-compliance activities includes:

- \$84.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$18.4 million per year ongoing) to the Department of Education to increase audits of providers in the child care sector and manage the centralised collection of child care gap fees in the Family Day Care and In Home Care sectors
- \$8.3 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.2 million per year ongoing) to Services Australia to upgrade the *Child Care Subsidy* system to support new compliance measures
- \$4.8 million over four years from 2024–25 to the Australian Taxation Office to ensure satisfactory engagement with the Australian tax system regarding fitness and propriety requirements of existing and new child care providers
- \$1.3 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.3 million per year ongoing) to the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre to assist the Department of Education in identifying individuals of high, unexplained wealth with connections to the child care sector.

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

Closing the Gap – Education

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Education	-	40.4	42.2	13.1	11.8

The Government will provide \$110.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$11.0 million per year ongoing) to accelerate action against the National Agreement on Closing the Gap Priority Reforms in the Education portfolio and extend programs supporting education outcomes. Funding includes:

- \$32.8 million over two years from 2024–25 for the Clontarf Foundation to extend its existing program for the 2025 school year to support school engagement for at-risk First Nations young men
- \$29.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$8.7 million per year ongoing) to support national First Nations peak organisations National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Corporation and SNAICC – National Voice for our Children to partner with Government on matters affecting First Nations children
- \$27.5 million over three years from 2024–25 to extend the existing programs, Australian Indigenous Education Foundation Scholarship Program, Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership’s Indigenous Cultural Responsiveness Initiative and English Language Learning for Indigenous Children which aim to improve educational outcomes of First Nations students
- \$18.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$2.2 million per year ongoing) to develop a new First Nations education policy and engage with First Nations stakeholders
- \$2.4 million over three years from 2024–25 to finalise and implement the First Nations Teacher Strategy to improve the attraction and retention of First Nations teachers.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

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

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measures titled *Teacher Workforce Action Plan* and *First Nations – Supporting education outcomes*.

Inclusion Support Program – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Education	-	98.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$98.4 million in 2024–25 to help child care services increase their capacity to support inclusion of children with additional needs, through tailored support and funding to services.

The cost of this measure will be met from a reprioritisation of funding from the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Child Care Subsidy Reform – further measures for strong and sustainable foundations*.

This measure extends the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Child Care – additional support*.

School Education Support

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Education	-	9.1	12.7	11.1	6.4

The Government will provide \$70.3 million over five years from 2023–24 to continue support for initiatives to improve education outcomes for students. Funding includes:

- \$34.6 million over four years from 2024–25 to support the *Digital Technologies Hub, Mathematics Hub, Literacy Hub, Civics and Citizenship Hub, Student Wellbeing Hub, Massive Open Online Courses and Number Check*, and *Early Learning Languages Australia* initiative to make evidence-based curriculum support and professional development materials available to all teachers and school leaders
- \$12.7 million over three years from 2024–25 to support the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority to manage the collection, quality assurance and reporting of school information
- \$7.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to support the *Online National Assessment Platform* to continue national testing of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, Civics and Citizenship, Information and Communication Technology Literacy and Science Literacy
- \$5.3 million over two years from 2024–25 to support the *Good to Great Schools Australia* English, Maths and Science pilot program to deliver targeted supports to students
- \$4.2 million over four years from 2024–25 to support the Australian Schools Anti-Bullying Collective to deliver national bullying prevention initiatives

- \$4.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to support Together for Humanity to deliver initiatives aimed at strengthening intercultural and interfaith understanding and building culturally safe schools
- \$1.7 million over four years from 2023–24 to deliver initiatives announced in the Government’s youth engagement strategy, *Engage! A strategy to include young people in the decisions we make.*

The Government will partially offset these costs by redirecting \$29.4 million over four years from 2024–25 from the 2018–19 MYEFO measure titled *National School Reform Agreement – Commonwealth contribution to national policy incentives.*

The remaining costs of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Education and savings identified in the Education Portfolio.

Employment and Workplace Relations

Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System – further support

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	65.2	180.1	18.0	1.9
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>	-	-

The Government will provide \$265.1 million over four years from 2024–25 to adjust previously scheduled Phase Two Incentive System payments to provide further support for apprentices, trainees and their employers in priority occupations, while the Government undertakes the Strategic Review of the Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System.

Under 2022–23 March Budget arrangements for the Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System, financial support to apprentices, trainees and their employers was scheduled to reduce from 1 July 2024, including for those in priority occupations, through the implementation of Phase Two settings. The measure will increase Phase Two Incentive System payments for apprentices in priority occupations from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and hiring incentives for priority occupation employers from \$4,000 to \$5,000 for 12 months from 1 July 2024.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Review of Australian Apprenticeships and Incentives* and on the Employment White Paper.

Employment and Workplace Relations – reprioritisation

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-11.0	-14.9	-13.2	-13.2	-13.3
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>	..	..	..	..	..

The Government will achieve savings of \$65.5 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$13.2 million per year ongoing) from the Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio. Savings include:

- \$47.3 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$11.1 million per year ongoing) by ceasing the *Harvest Trail Services* and *Harvest Trail Information Service* programs from 30 June 2024

- \$6.1 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$1.2 million per year ongoing) by ceasing the *International Skills Training Courses* program from 1 April 2024
- \$4.7 million in 2023–24 by reducing the number of grants issued in the second stage of the *Automatic Mutual Recognition of Occupational Registrations* scheme under the *Business Research and Innovation Initiative*
- \$3.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.0 million per year ongoing) by ceasing the *Integrated Information Services* program from 1 July 2024
- \$3.5 million over two years from 2023–24 by redirecting funding from the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Prohibition on the Use of Engineered Stone – communications strategy*.

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

Employment Services Reform

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Services Australia	0.5	16.2	0.1	..	..
Australian Taxation Office	-	1.3	-	-	-
Department of Social Services	-	..	..	..	..
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-2.9	37.9	3.5	-14.4	-29.2
Total – Payments	-2.4	55.5	3.6	-14.3	-29.1

The Government will provide \$13.2 million over five years from 2023–24 (and savings of \$36.9 million per year ongoing) for improvements to the employment services system and to support future reform. Funding includes:

- \$68.6 million over five years from 2023–24 to increase resourcing for the Digital Services Contact Centre to support people using Workforce Australia Online services
- \$32.1 million over four years from 2024–25 for the Real Jobs, Real Wages pilot providing tapered payments to employers to support wages for people at risk of long-term unemployment
- \$21.9 million over five years from 2023–24 to provide paid employment placements through social enterprise and employer partnerships for people with high barriers to work
- \$13.0 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$0.9 million per year ongoing) to strengthen the complaints mechanism for clients of Workforce Australia and introduce further safeguards in relation to payment suspensions or penalties

- \$10.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.8 million per year ongoing) for critical improvements to the Workforce Australia IT system
- \$6.4 million over five years from 2023–24 (and net savings of \$0.3 million per year ongoing) to better recognise individuals’ circumstances through more appropriate and consistent application of mutual obligation rules for certain recipients of income support payments.

These reforms progress the Government’s principles for employment services reform outlined in the Employment White Paper.

The cost of this measure will be partially met by reprioritising funding from within the existing *Employment Services* program, including:

- \$58.8 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$14.0 million per year ongoing) from ceasing the Workforce Specialists initiative
- \$53.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$17.7 million per year ongoing) from reducing credits to the Workforce Australia – Employment Fund by \$100 for each new participant to Workforce Australia Provider Services
- \$27.0 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$6.6 million per year ongoing) from reducing credits to the Workforce Australia – Employment Fund by \$50 for each new participant to Workforce Australia Online.

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

Engineered Stone Import Prohibition

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Home Affairs	-	20.0	12.1	-	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	20.0	12.1	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>	-

The Government will provide \$32.1 million over two years from 2024–25 to the Australian Border Force to enforce a legislated import prohibition on engineered stone products entering Australia, to support the state and territory ban on the use, supply, and manufacture of engineered stone which will take effect in most jurisdictions from 1 July 2024, with limited exemptions for certain legacy contracts.

This measure is estimated to have a negligible impact on receipts from 2024–25.

Extending Broome Employment Services

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	1.2	1.7	0.7

The Government will provide \$3.7 million over three years from 2025–26 to extend the Broome Employment Services trial for two years to 30 June 2027 to support continuity of employment services and to analyse findings of the trial to ensure future service delivery arrangements in the Broome employment region are responsive to the needs of the local community.

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

This measure extends the Broome Employment Services component of the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Boosting Employment Support*.

First Nations Prison to Employment Program

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	..	8.7	19.6	15.9	15.5
Services Australia	-	6.8	3.3	3.2	3.2
Total – Payments	..	15.5	22.8	19.1	18.7

The Government will provide \$76.2 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$18.7 million per year ongoing) to implement a new voluntary prison to employment transition program for First Nations people aged 15 years and over who are incarcerated with a known release date or are on remand. The program will be progressively rolled out from 1 July 2025. The new program will support the economic security of First Nations people by providing pre-release and post-release support services to assist them to reintegrate into their communities and prepare to enter or re-enter the labour market, and will:

- introduce and support a greater diversity of service providers, including First Nations organisations that have strong local connections and capability to deliver trauma-informed and culturally safe mentoring and assistance to First Nations people
- provide funding to support the National Indigenous Employment and Training Alliance to operate as a First Nations employment services peak body and help build the capacity of the Aboriginal community-controlled sector as they prepare for the new program
- establish a grant process to support small-scale prison-to-work projects that support job creation opportunities for First Nations participants.

This program will replace the *Time to Work Employment Service* program.

The cost of this measure will be met from savings identified in the Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio. This measure builds on the Employment White Paper.

Further Support for the Vocational Education and Training System

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	25.0	0.8	0.4	..

The Government will provide \$26.1 million over four years from 2024–25 for the Skills and Training portfolio to contribute to a strong and effective Vocational Education and Training system, continue structural reforms, and maximise returns on previous skills and training investments and commitments. Funding includes:

- \$10.6 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.0 million per year ongoing) for the implementation of a reporting solution for the Australian Skills Guarantee
- \$9.5 million in 2024–25 in additional funding for Jobs and Skills Australia’s continued provision of advice on Australia’s labour market, skills and training needs
- \$6.1 million in 2024–25 in additional funding for the National Careers Institute to continue its role in supporting Australians to access targeted careers information
- \$2.9 million in 2024–25 in reprofiled funding for continued implementation work with the states and territories on the 5-year National Skills Agreement that commenced on 1 January 2024.

The Government will also progress a business case to develop a modern ICT solution for the assessment of trade skills for skilled migrants by Trades Recognition Australia. A modern ICT solution will make skilled workers more rapidly available to employers and support delivery of the Government’s migration and skilled workforce objectives.

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

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Jobs and Skills Australia – establishment*; and the 2023–24 Budget measures titled *Australian Skills Guarantee – implementation* and *National Careers Institute – continuation*, and on the Employment White Paper.

See also the related payment measure titled *Promoting TAFE and VET Pathways*.

Promoting TAFE and VET Pathways

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	4.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.4 million in 2024–25 to drive demand for Vocational Education and Training (VET) in support of delivering the workforce required to meet Australia’s future skills needs. This will include delivering strategic communications to increase the appeal of VET for students, parents and teachers, and extending community awareness of Fee-Free TAFE courses in areas of high skills needs which has ensured strong uptake of Fee-Free TAFE places to date.

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

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

See also the related payment measure titled *Further Support for the Vocational Education and Training System*.

Workplace Relations

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	13.2	27.4	29.1	29.2
Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman	-	8.6	6.3	8.1	8.3
Department of the Treasury	-	2.0	-	-	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	1.1	6.7	15.5	21.2
Total – Payments	-	24.9	40.3	52.6	58.7
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>	-	2.4	5.0	9.4	13.3
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	2.3	12.3	22.3	26.2
<i>Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman</i>	-	-2.4	-5.4	-3.9	-3.9
Total – Receipts	-	2.3	12.0	27.9	35.6

The Government will provide \$111.8 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$12.4 million per year ongoing) to support the progression of the Government’s workplace relations agenda. Funding includes:

- \$60.0 million over four years from 2024–25 to increase the Productivity, Education and Training Fund to support practical activities by employer and worker representatives to boost workplace productivity and engage in tripartite cooperation. This will also support workplaces to implement policy changes such as the introduction of payday superannuation
- \$27.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$7.0 million per year ongoing) to enable the Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman to continue targeting non-compliance with the *Fair Work Act 2009* by large corporate employers
- \$20.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$5.1 million per year ongoing) to boost funding for the Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman to support small business employers to comply with recent changes to workplace laws
- \$2.0 million in 2024–25 for the Victorian Government to establish a project office and progress a national labour hire regulation model through harmonisation of state and territory laws. Costs will be partially offset by \$1.2 million by not proceeding with the Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman 2019–20 Budget measure titled *Protecting Vulnerable Workers – National Labour Hire Registration Scheme and other measures*
- \$1.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.4 million per year ongoing) to establish a Family and Injured Workers Advisory Committee
- \$1.5 million over two years from 2024–25 to expand the scope of the review of the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* by engaging an independent expert panel.

The Government will also recalibrate the *Fair Entitlements Guarantee Recovery Program* to pursue unpaid superannuation entitlements owed by employers in liquidation or bankruptcy from 1 July 2024. This will achieve efficiencies of \$13.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$29.9 million over the medium term) through an expected increase in tax receipts of \$63.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$114.4 million over the medium term), with \$44.4 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$96.9 million over the medium term) expected to be paid to superannuation funds.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

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

Finance

Digital ID

Payments (\$m)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	82.6	75.0	-	-
Services Australia	-	35.4	22.0	-	-
Department of Finance	-	18.4	26.7	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	6.1	3.9	0.5	0.4
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	-	5.6	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	3.9	4.0	-	-
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	-	1.9	1.6	-	-
Total – Payments	-	153.9	133.2	0.5	0.4

The Government will provide \$288.1 million over four years from 2024–25 to support the initial delivery of the Digital ID system and support more Australians to realise Digital ID's economic and privacy benefits. Funding includes:

- \$155.6 million over two years from 2024–25 to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to continue operating and improving the Government's Digital ID, myGovID, and the system which supports authorised access to a range of government business services
- \$46.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to Services Australia to continue operating and improving the identity exchange which enables transactions across the Australian Government Digital ID System and perform the function of Digital ID System Administrator
- \$35.2 million over two years from 2024–25 to the Department of Finance to continue policy leadership and governance of the Digital ID program
- \$23.4 million over two years from 2024–25 for the ATO, Department of Finance and Services Australia to pilot the use of government digital wallets and verifiable credentials
- \$11.0 million over four years from 2024–25 to the Attorney-General's Department to further enhance the existing Credential Protection Register to support individuals to manage their digital credentials and protect against identity crime
- \$7.8 million over two years from 2024–25 to the Treasury to deliver the data standards functions required under the Digital ID legislation

- \$5.6 million in 2024–25 to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner to provide privacy oversight under the Digital ID legislation
- \$3.5 million over two years from 2024–25 to the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation to provide security assessments of entities seeking accreditation or participation in the Australian Government Digital ID System.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Digital ID*. The Government will consider future requirements for the program informed by the passage of the legislation, the ongoing implementation of the system, the progression of the phasing of the Australian Government Digital ID System, and consideration of the infrastructure and regulatory roles in the system.

Equity Injection for Australian Naval Infrastructure

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

The Government will provide Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd (ANI) with an equity injection over four years from 2024–25 to progress priority construction and design works in support of the nuclear-powered submarine construction yard in South Australia.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget Measure *Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – initial implementation*.

The financial implications of this measure are commercially sensitive and not for publication (nfp) as disclosure would impair ANI's position in negotiating contracts for these services.

Finance Portfolio – additional resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Electoral Commission	-	6.5	6.4	-	-
Department of Finance	-	5.9	1.1	1.1	1.1
Digital Transformation Agency	-	3.3	3.4	-	-
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority	-	1.5	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	17.3	10.8	1.1	1.1

The Government will provide \$32.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.4 million per year ongoing) to support the delivery of Government priorities in the Finance portfolio. Funding includes:

- \$12.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to the Australian Electoral Commission to extend its activities to promote Indigenous enrolment and electoral participation
- \$9.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.1 million per year ongoing) to the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation and the Department of Finance to implement the 2023–24 Budget measure *Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions* for members of the Commonwealth defined benefit superannuation schemes
- \$6.7 million over two years from 2024–25 to the Digital Transformation Agency to provide assurance, monitoring and remediation advice for the Government’s major digital and ICT investments
- \$2.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.2 million per year ongoing) to the Department of Finance to support accurate calculation and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions data from government operations as part of the *Net Zero in Government Operations Strategy*
- \$1.5 million in 2024–25 to the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority to continue to provide client services to federal parliamentarians and their staff and to support its public reporting functions.

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

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measures *Climate Action in Government Operations* and *Strengthening Digital Assurance*.

Initial funding for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Commission

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Parliamentary Workplace Support Service	-	3.8	-	-	-
Department of Finance	-	1.5	1.6	0.8	0.8
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	1.5	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	6.8	1.6	0.8	0.8

The Government will provide \$10.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.8 million per year ongoing) to establish the Independent Parliamentary Standards Commission (IPSC) and make Commonwealth parliamentary workplaces safer and more respectful. Funding includes:

- \$3.8 million in 2024–25 to the Parliamentary Workplace Support Service for initial funding to establish the IPSC from 1 October 2024, subject to the passage of legislation
- \$2.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.8 million per year ongoing) to align insurance arrangements for all employees under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* with current arrangements for other Commonwealth employees and Ministerial staff
- \$1.8 million over two years from 2024–25 to the Department of Finance to support reviews of the implementation of the Set the Standard report and of the *Parliamentary Workplace Support Service Act 2023*
- \$1.5 million in 2024–25 to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to finalise implementation of the Set the Standard report, including to support the establishment of the IPSC.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Improving the Culture of Parliamentary Workplaces*. The Government will consider future funding for the IPSC after the legislation to establish the IPSC has been settled.

Parliamentary Expenses Management System – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Finance	-	4.9	4.9	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$9.8 million over two years from 2024–25 for systems development to further support clients of the Parliamentary Expenses Management System.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Finance Portfolio – additional resourcing*.

Snowy Hydro Limited

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Finance	-	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.4
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total – Payments	-	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.8
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Finance</i>	-	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>

The Government will provide \$7.1 billion over four years from 2024–25 to Snowy Hydro Limited to support continued construction of Snowy 2.0. Funding includes:

- a \$4.5 billion construction period loan over four years from 2024–25, provided on commercial terms and expected to be refinanced by Snowy Hydro Limited from 2029–30 onwards once Snowy 2.0 is operational
- \$2.6 billion in equity over two years from 2024–25.

The Government will also provide:

- \$2.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$2.4 million from 2028–29 to 2033–34) to the Department of Finance to administer the loan
- \$1.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.4 million per year ongoing) to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to administer the equity investment.

Interest receipts for this measure are commercially sensitive and not for publication (nfp) as disclosure would impair Snowy Hydro’s negotiating position with third parties.

Foreign Affairs and Trade

Australia-France Enhanced Relations

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$20.7 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$3.9 million per year ongoing) to deliver the Australia-France Roadmap. The roadmap establishes a new agenda for bilateral cooperation across defence and security, resilience and climate action, and education and culture. This measure will support:

- an Australia-France Centre of Excellence for the Indo-Pacific, including the Indo-Pacific Studies Program, to support academic and professional engagement on security and defence trends to shape policymaking to respond to Indo-Pacific needs, and establishment of the France-Australia Centre for Energy Transition to support regional climate goals
- expansion of the Australia Awards program in the French Pacific territories
- an annual Hawke-Rocard Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Protecting the Antarctic Environment
- enhanced Australian cultural promotion in France
- sharing of expertise on hosting major sporting events, with a focus on inclusivity and sustainability.

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

Enhancing Pacific Infrastructure and Engagement

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Federal Police	-	5.5	-	-	-
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (National Interest component)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	5.5	-	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (National Interest component)</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>

The Government will provide \$206.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$6.9 million per year ongoing) to enhance Australia’s presence in Pacific Island countries and ability to support the Pacific family. Funding includes:

- \$160.4 million over four years from 2024–25 (\$237.3 million from 2028–29 to 2033–34) for enhancement and expansion of property at Pacific posts to support a larger presence in the Pacific
- \$40.6 million over four years from 2024–25 and \$1.2 million per year ongoing from 2028–29 to relocate and expand the leased Australian Consulate General Chancery in Honolulu
- \$5.5 million in 2024–25 to extend the Australian Federal Police deployment to the *Solomons International Assistance Force*.

The Government will also provide a financing package through the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific to support the development of telecommunications infrastructure in the Solomon Islands. The financial implications of this project are not for publication (nfp) as this would disclose individual financing arrangements with third parties.

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

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

This measure builds on 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*.

Fast-Track Passport – establishment

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will establish new fast-track processing of passports to commence on 1 July 2024. Fast-track passport applications will be processed in five business days for an additional fee of \$100.

The measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$27.4 million over five years from 2023–24 and will be directed to support priorities in the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

The Government has already provided funding and recognised revenue for this measure.

International Climate Finance

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	15.0	-	25.0	25.0

The Government will provide \$150.0 million over four years from 2024–25 in contributions to international climate financing funds. Funding includes:

- \$100.0 million over three years from 2024–25 as an investment in the Pacific Resilience Facility, an initiative endorsed by the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders, to fund small scale climate and disaster resilience projects in the Pacific
- \$50.0 million over two years from 2026–27 to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Green Climate Fund to assist developing countries in adaptation and mitigation practices to counter climate change.

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

Maintaining Support for an Effective Foreign Service

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	77.2	74.9	50.1	48.4
Department of Home Affairs	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	-	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	-	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Department of Finance	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total – Payments	-	78.0	75.7	51.0	49.4

The Government will provide \$254.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$17.7 million per year ongoing) to improve the capability of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to deliver foreign policy outcomes. Funding includes:

- \$187.8 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$11.1 million per year ongoing) to upgrade ICT and security at DFAT premises
- \$40.0 million over two years from 2024–25 for capital works to sustain the Australian Government’s overseas property network
- \$26.4 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$6.6 million per year ongoing) to strengthen monitoring and enforcement of Australia’s sanctions regime.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Maintaining Support for an Effective Foreign Service*.

Middle East Crisis Response

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

The Government has provided \$4.5 million in 2023–24 for repatriation and related support for Australian citizens, residents, and their families from significantly affected areas of Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories as a result of the recent and ongoing conflict.

The Government has already provided funding for this measure.

Southeast Asia Engagement – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Home Affairs	0.8	0.3	-	-	-
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	0.5	1.4	1.4	1.5	-
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	0.3	11.8	14.4	12.1	9.3
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	1.6	13.5	15.9	13.5	9.3
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>5.0</i>

The Government will provide \$505.9 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$118.3 million per year ongoing) to deepen Australia’s engagement with Southeast Asia, including measures to implement the next phase of the Government’s response to ‘Invested: Australia’s Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040’. Funding includes:

- \$229.6 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$50.2 million per year ongoing) to continue the Mekong-Australia Partnership, supporting development and resilience in the Mekong subregion
- \$152.8 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$42.8 million per year ongoing) to continue the Partnerships for Infrastructure program, providing advice and support to Southeast Asian governments on infrastructure development
- \$68.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$17.1 million per year ongoing) to continue the Marine Resources Initiative and enhance Southeast Asia maritime cooperation
- \$33.1 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$8.2 million per year ongoing) to establish an ASEAN-Australia Centre in Canberra, deepening engagement with Southeast Asia
- \$12.9 million over three years from 2024–25 to support new scholarships and fellowships under the existing Aus4ASEAN program
- \$4.8 million over four years from 2023–24 to establish two additional ‘Landing Pads’ in Jakarta and Ho Chi Minh City through the Austrade Landing Pads program to support Australian technology exports and startups to expand in the region
- \$1.1 million over two years from 2023–24 to improve visa access and provide long validity business and frequent traveller visas for ASEAN member countries and Timor-Leste.

The improved visa access and increased visa validity is estimated to increase receipts by \$25.0 million over four years from 2024–25.

The Government will also establish a \$2.0 billion Southeast Asia Investment Financing Facility on the National Interest Account to increase Australia’s trade and investment in Southeast Asia. The Facility will be administered by Export Finance Australia and has no impact on the underlying cash balance until drawn on. The funding for this measure includes \$3.3 million over five years from 2023–24 (and an additional \$6.2 million from 2028–29 to 2033–34) to establish and manage the Facility.

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

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040*.

Trade and Tourism Strategies – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	-	17.4	15.6	6.0	5.8
Department of Home Affairs	-	8.0	6.9	1.0	1.0
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	2.3	2.1	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	1.8	1.8	-	-
Total – Payments	-	29.5	26.5	7.0	6.8

The Government will provide \$69.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$3.6 million per year ongoing) to support Australian businesses and to boost Australia’s trade, tourism, and investment opportunities. Funding includes:

- \$29.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.0 million per year ongoing) to establish a simplified trade system unit to continue trade simplification coordination and deliver a Digital Trade Accelerator program to improve cross-border trade by enhancing border and biosecurity risk assessments and government to business trade data sharing
- \$14.4 million over four years from 2024–25 to expand the Australia-India Business Exchange to promote Australia’s trade and investment with India and across South Asia
- \$10.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to enhance the Go Global Toolkit online platform to support Australian businesses to export goods and services

- \$8.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$2.5 million per year ongoing) to administer the Approved Destination Status scheme to support Chinese tourists travelling to Australia in guided groups
- \$4.4 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue funding for the Trade 2040 taskforce and support trade diversification
- \$2.0 million in 2024–25 to support affected Australian agricultural exporters to re-establish commercial connections in China and continue to diversify into other markets.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Simplified Trade System* and the 2022–23 October Budget measure *Supporting Australia's Trade and Tourism Sectors*.

Health and Aged Care

2024 Channel Nine Brisbane Telethon

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

The Government has provided \$2.0 million in 2023–24 to the Mater Foundation to support premature babies through medical research, specialist medical care and new equipment, through a Commonwealth contribution to the 2024 Channel Nine Brisbane Telethon.

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

Australian Institute of Sport Site Redevelopment

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Sports Commission	-	30.1	164.1	55.5	-
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	9.0	1.0	-	-
Total – Payments	-	39.1	165.1	55.5	-

The Government will provide a total of \$259.7 million over three years from 2024–25 to revitalise the Australian Institute of Sport located in Bruce, Canberra, including:

- \$249.7 million over three years from 2024–25 for the Australian Sports Commission to revitalise the Australian Institute of Sport
- \$10.0 million over two years from 2024–25 for the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to work with the Australian Capital Territory Government to develop a Bruce Precinct Masterplan and identify optimal land uses within the precinct.

Partial funding for this measure will be held in the Contingency Reserve until the Government agrees to the Detailed Business Plan for the Australian Institute of Sport site redevelopment.

Ensuring Service Delivery at Hummingbird House

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	0.9	-	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	0.9	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.9 million in 2024–25 to the Queensland Government to ensure continuing service delivery at Hummingbird House. Hummingbird House is a children’s hospice providing care for babies, children and young people with a life-limiting condition and support for their families.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

This measure extends the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Achieving Better Health Outcomes*.

Funding for the Alfred Hospital

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	12.0	2.4	2.6	2.6
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.1
Services Australia	-	-
Total – Payments	-	12.0	2.5	2.6	2.7

The Government will provide \$19.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$2.7 million per year ongoing) to support the molecular imaging capacity of the Paula Fox Melanoma and Cancer Centre in Victoria.

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

Health Workforce

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	5.1	77.0	2.8	1.0	1.1
Services Australia	1.8	10.5	2.7	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	9.4	-	-	-
Total – Payments	6.9	97.0	5.5	1.0	1.1

The Government will provide \$116.2 million over five years from 2023–24 to strengthen and support the health workforce. Funding includes:

- \$90.0 million over three years from 2023–24 to fund the implementation of the health related recommendations of the *Independent review of Australia's regulatory settings relating to overseas health practitioners* (the Kruk Review) to grow and support the health workforce. This funding is a component of the \$1.2 billion package of Strengthening Medicare measures agreed at National Cabinet in December 2023 and has been developed in consultation with the states and territories
- \$17.4 million in 2024–25 to extend the General Practice Incentive Fund until 30 June 2025 to improve access to primary care in thin markets
- \$4.7 million over five years from 2023–24 for the *Northern Territory Medical Program* to increase the number of First Nations medical practitioners and to address recruitment and retention challenges in the Northern Territory
- \$4.0 million over four years from 2024–25 to the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association to continue to support First Nations doctors to become medical specialists.

The Government will also extend existing single employer model trials until 31 December 2028 to help attract and retain general practitioners (GPs) in areas of workforce need.

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

Improving Aged Care Support

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Services Australia	0.2	85.5	49.6	12.3	12.1
Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	-	97.5	3.5	-	-
Australian Digital Health Agency	-	7.5	6.0	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-16.0	1,277.3	596.8	37.6	7.3
Total – Payments	-15.8	1,467.9	655.9	49.9	19.4

The Government will provide \$2.2 billion over five years from 2023–24 to deliver key aged care reforms and to continue to implement recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety. Funding includes:

- \$1.2 billion over five years from 2023–24 for sustainment of, and essential enhancements to, critical aged care digital systems so they remain legislatively compliant and contemporary and can support the introduction of the new Aged Care Act from 1 July 2025
- \$531.4 million in 2024–25 to release 24,100 additional home care packages in 2024–25
- \$174.5 million over two years from 2024–25 to fund the ICT infrastructure needed to implement the new *Support at Home Program* and Single Assessment System from 1 July 2025
- \$110.9 million over four years from 2024–25 to increase the regulatory capability of the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission as part of the Government’s response to the *Final Report of the Capability Review of the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission*, and to implement a new aged care regulatory framework from 1 July 2025
- \$65.6 million over four years from 2024–25 to attract and retain aged care workers, collect more reliable data, and improve the outcomes for people receiving aged care services through existing aged care workforce programs
- \$37.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to reduce wait times for the My Aged Care Contact Centre due to increased demand and service complexity
- \$30.4 million over three years from 2024–25 to states and territories to continue to deliver the *Specialist Dementia Care Program*
- \$21.6 million over three years from 2024–25 to extend the *Home Care Workforce Support Program* for an additional three years to facilitate the growth of the care and support workforce in thin markets

- \$11.8 million over three years from 2023–24 to implement the new Aged Care Act, including governance activities, program management and extension of the *Aged Care Approvals Round*
- \$10.8 million over two years from 2024–25 to extend the *Palliative Aged Care Outcomes Program* and the *Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach* program to continue to upskill the aged care and primary care workforce to further embed palliative care capacity in the aged care workforce
- \$7.8 million over two years from 2024–25 to extend funding to aged care service providers in thin markets as they transition their business operations to accommodate the new Australian National Aged Care Classification (AN-ACC) funding model
- \$4.1 million over three years from 2023–24 to undertake ICT preparation work to configure the new Basic Care Tariffs in the AN-ACC funding model
- \$1.7 million in 2024–25 for the Australian Dementia Network to continue preparing the health system for developments in biomarkers and disease-modifying therapies.

The Government will also reprioritise unspent funds from the *Commonwealth Home Support Programme* over five years from 2023–24 to other sub-programs within aged care services.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

The Government has also agreed to defer the commencement date of the new Aged Care Act to 1 July 2025.

Improving Cancer Outcomes

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	11.6	12.7	4.5	3.4
Department of the Treasury	-	9.2	9.5	9.9	10.2
Total – Payments	-	20.8	22.3	14.3	13.6

The Government will provide \$71.0 million over four years from 2024–25 to continue support services, programs and research to improve cancer outcomes for Australians, in line with the *Australian Cancer Plan*. Funding includes:

- \$38.8 million over four years from 2024–25 to the states and territories to continue the Federation Funding Agreement for the Participant Follow-up Function of the *National Bowel Cancer Screening Program*
- \$15.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue the national skin cancer prevention campaign

- \$10.3 million over four years from 2024–25 to Melanoma Institute Australia to undertake targeted research into skin cancer screening and develop a roadmap for a national, targeted skin cancer screening program, in close consultation with Cancer Australia and the broader skin cancer sector
- \$6.9 million over four years from 2024–25 to Canteen to continue delivery of the Youth Cancer Services program which provides in-hospital multidisciplinary cancer care tailored for adolescents and young adults, aged 15-25.

The Government has also lowered the eligibility for free bowel cancer screening from age 50 to 45, so that Australians between the age of 45 and 49 can request a screening kit.

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 measures titled *Improving Cancer Outcomes – cancer care nursing and navigation* and *Improving Cancer Outcomes – eliminating cervical cancer in Australia*.

Management of Torres Strait and Papua New Guinea Cross Border Health Issues

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.0
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.0

The Government will provide \$31.4 million over four years from 2024–25 to continue programs to prevent, protect and control communicable diseases in the Torres Strait Islands and Far North Queensland. Funding includes:

- \$23.1 million over four years from 2024–25 to continue funding health facilities in the Torres Strait and the broader Queensland health system to provide health services to Papua New Guinea nationals who travel through the Torres Strait Protected Zone
- \$4.5 million over four years from 2024–25 to continue funding for primary healthcare staff and healthcare workers to reduce the risks and prevalence of communicable diseases, blood borne viruses and sexually transmissible infections in the Torres Strait region
- \$3.8 million over four years from 2024–25 to continue funding for exotic mosquito control and prevention activities in the Torres Strait Protected Zone and awareness of associated mosquito-borne diseases.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

Medical Research

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	18.0	0.8	-	-

The Government has committed an additional \$1.4 billion over 13 years from 2024–25 through the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) to continue to invest in life-saving medical research in Australia, for a total commitment through the MRFF of \$6.4 billion over 13 years in research funding across the following themes:

- an additional \$377.5 million (for a total contribution of \$2.0 billion over 10 years from 2024–25) to translate research outcomes into medical practice
- an additional \$411.6 million (for a total contribution of \$1.6 billion over 13 years from 2024–25) to continue existing research missions and introduce two new 10-year research mission from 2027–28 for low-survival cancers and reducing health inequities. Funding includes:
 - \$306.0 million to continue existing research missions and fund the two new missions to 2033–34
 - \$105.6 million over three years from 2034–35 to continue support for the two new missions
- an additional \$329.6 million (for a total contribution of \$1.4 billion over 10 years from 2024–25) for patient centred research including emerging priorities in areas such as women’s health, and supporting innovative treatments, clinical trials, and more advanced healthcare
- an additional \$269.6 million (for a total contribution of \$1.3 billion over 10 years from 2024–25) for medical researchers to make breakthrough discoveries, develop their skills and progress their careers in Australia.

Provisions for disbursement from the MRFF have already been provided for by the Government.

The Government will also provide \$18.8 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue the development of the National One Stop Shop for Clinical Trials and Human Research (National One Stop Shop) and support current systems. The National One Stop Shop will streamline work to manage clinical trials and human research, including management of cross-jurisdictional ethics approvals. Funding includes:

- \$17.2 million in 2024–25 to continue the development of the National One Stop Shop for Clinical Trials and Human Research
- \$1.6 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue support for the Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry until this data function can be included in the National One Stop Shop.

The Government will also negotiate an intergovernmental agreement to support the cooperative governance and development of the National One Stop Shop and relevant policies.

Mental Health

Payments (\$m)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	30.3	43.9	10.2	15.2
Services Australia	-	0.7	0.9	0.1	-0.6
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	30.9	44.8	10.3	14.6

The Government will provide \$888.1 million over 8 years from 2024–25 (and \$139.8 million per year ongoing) to respond to the *Better Access* evaluation and to strengthen Australia’s mental health and suicide prevention system. Funding includes:

- \$588.5 million over eight years from 2024–25 (and \$113.4 million per year ongoing) to establish a national low intensity digital mental health service that is free of charge and free of need for referral
- \$71.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$24.4 million per year ongoing) to provide wrap around care for people with severe and/or complex needs in primary care settings, through design and delivery of mental health multidisciplinary services
- \$35.9 million over four years from 2024–25 to extend terminating mental health measures, to enhance the delivery of mental health and suicide prevention services and to provide greater funding certainty for service providers
- \$29.9 million over four years from 2024–25 to uplift Head to Health services to expand access to free community based mental health services for adults with moderate to severe mental health needs
- \$29.7 million over three years from 2024–25 to improve child and youth mental health services through uplifting workforce capability and co-designing new models of care

- \$12.8 million over four years from 2024–25 to extend the *Indigenous Youth Connection to Culture* program which supports First Nations youth in 12 communities through place-based activities to reduce suicide rates and improve mental health outcomes
- \$10.0 million in 2024–25 to maintain funding to deliver targeted and culturally appropriate mental health supports for First Nations Australians
- \$7.1 million over four years from 2024–25 to build and support the lived experience peer mental health workforce, through the establishment of a national professional association for peer workers, delivery of a workforce census and the exploration of further training pathways.

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 and the National Indigenous Australians Agency, and from reprioritising funding from Program 1.2 – *Mental Health*, Program 1.5 – *Preventative Health and Chronic Disease Support program*, and Program 2.1 – *Medical Benefits*.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Mental Health*.

National Joint Replacement Registry – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	1.2	1.6	-	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

The Government will provide additional funding of \$2.8 million over two years from 2023–24 to temporarily increase core operating funding for the National Joint Replacement Registry.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from the anticipated recovery of \$1.2 million over four years from 2024–25, through changes to the National Joint Replacement Registry Levy.

National Strategies for Bloodborne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections – continuation and expansion

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	66.2	60.3	-	-

The Government will provide \$126.5 million over two years from 2024–25 to extend and expand activities to support the prevention, testing and treatment of bloodborne viruses and sexually transmissible infections, including support for First Nations communicable disease services. Funding includes:

- \$32.3 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue support and promote vaccination uptake in First Nations communities
- \$28.6 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue support and expand syphilis and sexually transmissible infections testing in First Nations communities
- \$17.5 million over two years from 2024–25 to support continued delivery of the national bloodborne viruses and sexually transmissible infections strategies, including to implement culturally safe sexual health services for First Nations peoples
- \$16.5 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue and expand communicable disease molecular point of care testing for First Nations, rural and remote communities
- \$9.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue and expand the national hepatitis C point of care testing program
- \$7.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue funding peak bodies to implement the national bloodborne viruses and sexually transmission infections strategies
- \$7.8 million over two years from 2024–25 to develop and pilot hepatitis B projects to reduce transmission of hepatitis B in Australia
- \$6.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue support for hepatitis C projects to reduce transmission of hepatitis C in Australia.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Enhancing National Strategies for Bloodborne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections*.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) – new and amended listings

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	324.1	1,023.1	872.2	534.3	556.5
Department of Veterans' Affairs	6.1	19.2	16.4	10.1	9.9
Services Australia	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total – Payments	330.7	1,042.5	888.8	544.7	566.6
<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 \$3.4 billion over five years from 2023–24 for new and amended listings on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. Examples of new and amended PBS listings since the 2023–24 MYEFO include:

- nirmatrelvir and ritonavir (Paxlovid®) and molnupiravir (Lagevrio®), for the treatment of adults with COVID-19
- acalabrutinib (Calquence®) from 1 January 2024, for the treatment of patients with previously untreated chronic lymphocytic leukaemia or small lymphocytic lymphoma
- lumacaftor with ivacaftor (Orkambi®) from 1 January 2024, for the treatment of cystic fibrosis in one-year-old infants, homozygous for the F508del mutation
- natalizumab (Tysabri®) from 1 February 2024, for the treatment of relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis
- tebentafusp (Kimmtrak®) from 1 February 2024, for the treatment of advanced melanoma of the middle layer of the eye (uvea)
- dapagliflozin (Forxiga®) from 1 March 2024, for the treatment of chronic heart failure in patients with a left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) greater than 40 per cent
- empagliflozin (Jardiance®) from 1 April 2024, for the treatment of chronic kidney disease
- niraparib (Zejula®) from 1 April 2024, for the treatment of patients with newly diagnosed ovarian cancer that is Homologous Recombination Deficiency positive
- abemaciclib (Verzenio®) from 1 May 2024, for the treatment of Hormone Receptor Positive, Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2 Negative Early Breast Cancer
- mavacamten (Camzyos®) from 1 May 2024, for the treatment of adults with symptomatic obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

- tafamidis (Vyndamax®) from 1 May 2024, for the treatment of transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy.

The financial implications for some elements of this measure are not for publication (nfp), as 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.

Portfolio Administrative Matters

Payments (\$m)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
National Health and Medical Research Council	9.0	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	7.0	24.2	22.7	10.6	8.8
National Blood Authority	-	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.8
National Mental Health Commission	-	-12.7	-17.2	-17.6	-17.8
Department of the Treasury	-8.4	8.4	-	-	-
Total – Payments	7.6	22.6	8.2	-4.2	-6.2

The Government will provide \$28.0 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$2.8 million per year ongoing) to maintain and improve transparent, efficient and effective administration of the Health and Aged Care Portfolio. Funding includes:

- \$11.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$2.8 million per year ongoing) to support operations of the National Blood Authority
- \$9.0 million in 2023–24 for increased operational costs for the National Health and Medical Research Council, including implementation of the Sapphire Grants Management system
- \$8.0 million over three years from 2024–25 to support the Australian Sports Foundation to complete technology upgrades, including enhancement of cyber security for the fundraising platform.

The Government will also provide \$18.0 million over three years from 2023–24 in additional departmental capital with the costs to be met from savings identified over two years from 2026–27 within the Department of Health and Aged Care’s future operating expenses.

The Government will transfer the functions and funding of the National Mental Health Commission to the Department of Health and Aged Care while considering the most appropriate longer term arrangements.

Preventive Health

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	205.2	203.2	12.3	12.4
Department of the Treasury	-	3.1	3.2	3.3	-
Total – Payments	-	208.3	206.4	15.6	12.4

The Government will provide \$514.8 million over four years from 2024–25 to support preventive and other health initiatives. Funding includes:

- \$303.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to ensure the National Medical Stockpile can continue to respond to health emergencies and improve pandemic preparedness
- \$55.3 million over three years from 2024–25 to maintain the National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre which is Australia’s centre of excellence for health disaster response
- \$41.6 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue support for the Good Sports Program, an alcohol management program for community sporting clubs, alcohol and other drugs treatment services in areas of identified need, and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder diagnostic and support services in remote and rural regions
- \$25.0 million over four years from 2024–25 to continue work to increase the number and consistency of conditions screened through the newborn bloodspot screening programs
- \$22.3 million over four years from 2024–25 to continue funding for the Antimicrobial Use and Resistance in Australia project which monitors antimicrobial use and resistance
- \$22.1 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue support for preventive health and chronic disease research including patient and clinician services for Australians with chronic conditions, in support of the *National Preventive Health Strategy 2021–2030*
- \$12.5 million over two years from 2024–25 to Dementia Australia to support at risk populations including those with Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE), as well as increase public awareness about CTE
- \$11.6 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue support for Men’s Sheds and existing national men’s health research and data collection initiatives, in line with the *National Men’s Health Strategy 2020–2030*
- \$6.2 million over three years from 2024–25 to continue funding for OzFoodNet, Australia’s national surveillance system for foodborne diseases, in collaboration with the states and territories

- \$3.7 million over four years from 2024–25 to subsidise additional devices under the *Insulin Pump Program* for financially disadvantaged Australians aged under 21 years with type 1 diabetes
- \$3.4 million over three years from 2024–25 to continue funding for the *Vaccine Preventable Diseases Surveillance Program*, which supports the surveillance reporting of fourteen nationally notifiable vaccine preventable diseases
- \$2.6 million in 2024–25 to support patient care improvement and general practitioner services, health professional education, condition awareness and digital resources for childhood dementia, juvenile arthritis, stroke, rare diseases and epilepsy
- \$2.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue funding for the National Heart Foundation of Australia for continued implementation of the updated Cardiovascular Disease Risk Guideline and Calculator
- \$0.8 million over two years from 2024–25 to the National Parkinson’s Alliance to develop a National Parkinson’s Action Plan
- \$0.8 million over two years from 2024–25 to Parkinson’s Australia to deliver a General Practitioner Education Program to better support the Australian Parkinson’s community
- \$0.5 million over three years from 2024–25 to continue to support the delivery of the ABC Heywire program
- \$0.5 million in 2024–25 to maintain the Consumer Health Forum’s continued viability and functions as a national peak body representing Australian healthcare consumers.

The Government will achieve savings of \$0.8 million in 2024–25 by ceasing COVID-19 epidemic situational assessment reports which are no longer required given COVID-19 is no longer declared as a Communicable Disease Incident of National Significance.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Preventive Health Reform*.

Response to HIV Taskforce Recommendations – eliminating HIV in Australia

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	9.8	8.0	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	12.9	13.1	-
Total – Payments	-	9.8	20.9	13.1	-

The Government will provide \$43.9 million over three years from 2024–25 to expand activities that address priorities identified in the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Taskforce Report recommendations. Funding includes:

- \$26.0 million over two years from 2025–26 for subsidised pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) HIV prevention medication for people living in Australia without access to Medicare
- \$3.8 million over two years from 2024–25 for the national implementation of the HIV testing vending machine initiative
- \$3.7 million over two years from 2024–25 of additional funding to peak HIV organisations to continue activities that support the national response to HIV
- \$3.0 million over two years from 2024–25 for the continuation of the Emen8 website
- \$2.5 million over two years from 2024–25 to expand the national HIV self-test mail out initiative
- \$2.1 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue funding for the HIV Online Learning Australia
- \$1.6 million in 2024–25 to develop a workforce education and training pilot on HIV prevention
- \$1.0 million in 2024–25 to establish a national HIV multicultural peer navigation program.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Enhancing National Strategies for Bloodborne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections* and 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Renewing Australia's Efforts to End the HIV Pandemic*.

Securing Cheaper Medicines

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Services Australia	0.5	1.1	-	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	..	nfp	103.3	143.6	177.8
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.4	1.1	1.9	2.4
Total – Payments	0.5	1.5	104.4	145.5	180.3
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>	-	1.2	2.8	3.9	4.8

The Government will provide \$480.2 million over five years from 2023–24 to reduce patient costs and improve access to medicines. Funding includes:

- \$318.0 million over five years from 2023–24 (and an additional \$166.4 million in 2028–29) as part of the Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement for:
 - PBS general co-payments to not be indexed between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025 (inclusive), with indexation resuming on 1 January 2026
 - PBS concessional co-payments to not be indexed between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2029 (inclusive), with indexation resuming on 1 January 2030

The \$1 optional discount available on patient co-payments for subsidised prescriptions will be reduced each year by the relevant notional indexation amount until the \$1 discount has been reduced from \$1 to zero.

- \$151.1 million over five years from 2023–24 (and an additional \$45.6 million in 2028–29), as part of the Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement to increase the Dose Administration Aids cap to 90 per week
- \$11.1 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$2.8 million per year ongoing) to improve access to Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme subsidised medicines for First Nations people
- continuation of funding in 2024–25 for legal action seeking compensation for losses incurred as a result of pharmaceutical companies delaying the listing of generic forms of medicines on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme through undue legal actions.

Under the Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement, the Government will provide up to an additional \$3 billion for community pharmacy and cheaper medicines. Parts of this measure are included in this additional funding.

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

Sport Integrity Australia – funding support

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Sport Integrity Australia	-	19.1	19.1	-	-
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	9.5	9.7	-	-
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	28.5	28.8	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Industry, Science and Resources</i>	-	1.0	1.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$93.8 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$8.6 million per year ongoing) to safeguard the integrity of Australian sport. Funding includes:

- \$38.2 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue Sport Integrity Australia’s existing activities and operations
- \$36.3 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$8.0 million per year ongoing) to increase Sport Integrity Australia’s capability to address contemporary challenges to make sport safe for all participants from the grassroots to elite levels
- \$17.3 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue the operations of the Australian Sports Drug Testing Laboratory
- \$1.2 million over three years from 2024–25 (and \$0.6 million per year ongoing from 2027–28) for the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions to support the investigation and prosecution of new national sport integrity offences for sport related corruption and bribery, arising from the ratification of the Macolin Convention
- \$0.3 million over two years from 2023–24 for Sport Integrity Australia to progress ratification of the Macolin Convention and establish national sport integrity offences.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

Strengthening Medicare

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	0.2	118.0	78.5	120.0	104.3
Department of the Treasury	-	185.6	169.8	138.1	138.6
Services Australia	-	52.0	3.2	1.8	1.3
Australian Digital Health Agency	-	9.0	-	-	-
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	-	1.9	-	-	-
Total – Payments	0.2	366.5	251.5	260.0	244.1
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>-0.7</i>	<i>-0.7</i>	<i>-0.7</i>

The Government will provide \$1.2 billion over five years from 2023–24 (\$14.8 million per year ongoing) to strengthen Medicare by supporting earlier discharge from hospital for older Australians, improving access to essential services, modernising Australia’s digital health infrastructure and ensuring the integrity and compliance of Medicare.

Funding to support older Australians through earlier discharge from hospital includes:

- \$610.4 million over four years from 2024–25 for states and territories to invest in initiatives that address long stay older patient challenges, unique to each jurisdiction
- \$190.0 million over three years from 2025–26 for the extension and redesign of the Commonwealth’s *Transition Care Programme* to provide short-term care of up to 12 weeks for older people after a hospital stay
- \$56.8 million over five years from 2023–24 for the expansion of the Commonwealth’s successful *Acute to Residential Care Transition Service* dementia program to transition long-stay patients with behavioural psychological symptoms of dementia out of hospital into a residential aged care home
- \$24.9 million over two years from 2024–25 for the continuation of the *Comprehensive Palliative Care in Aged Care* program to support states to deliver specialist palliative care services in residential aged care.

This funding to support older Australians is a component of the \$1.2 billion package of Strengthening Medicare measures agreed at National Cabinet in December 2023 and has been developed in consultation with the states and territories.

Funding to improve access to essential health services includes:

- \$73.8 million over three years from 2024–25 to support the Royal Flying Doctor Service to deliver essential services to people living in remote communities through access to primary care, aeromedical evacuations and dental health services
- \$47.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$14.1 million per year ongoing) to expand Healthdirect Australia to provide national and state-based virtual health services to assist consumers access the most appropriate care.

Funding to support the financial sustainability of general practices, modernise Australia’s digital health infrastructure, and improve the integrity and compliance of Medicare includes:

- \$57.4 million over two years from 2024–25 to extend Practice Incentive Program Quality Improvement incentive payments for an additional year to 30 June 2025
- \$57.4 million in 2024–25 to continue initiatives under the *Health Delivery Modernisation Program* and to update My Health Record
- \$18.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.5 million per year ongoing) to extend and expand the Government’s response to the *Independent Review of Medicare Integrity and Compliance* (the Philip Review)
- \$16.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.2 million per year ongoing) to implement system changes to MyMedicare, enabling the payment of incentives to general practitioners and general practices to support wrap around primary care for frequent hospital users.

The Government will also achieve efficiencies of \$33.7 million over five years from 2023–24, including:

- \$33.6 million over three years from 2025–26 by reducing the timeframe during which claims for Medicare bulk billed services can be lodged from two years to 12 months after the date of service, to enable quicker responses to fraud and non-compliance in Medicare
- \$0.2 million in 2023–24 by redirecting the Commonwealth’s contribution to the Royal Flying Doctor Service’s Guiding Rural Outback Wellbeing program for an aquaponics unit that has now been funded through an alternative source.

The Government will provide \$3.0 million over two years from 2024–25 and forgo revenue of \$2.5 million over three years from 2025–26 through repealing the *Health Insurance (Pathology) (Fees) Act 1991* and removing fees imposed on the pathology sector for certain accreditations.

The Government will retain General Use Items on the Prescribed List of Medical Devices and Human Tissue Products post 1 July 2024, to provide certainty for the private hospital sector and private patients regarding the benefits payable by private health insurers for their use.

The measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Strengthening Medicare*.

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

See also the related payment measure titled *Strengthening Medicare – Medicare Urgent Care Clinics – additional funding*.

Strengthening Medicare – Medicare Urgent Care Clinics – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Services Australia	..	1.7	1.5	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	84.1	73.8	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	32.7	30.1	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	1.6	1.5	-	-
Total – Payments	..	120.0	106.9	-	-

The Government will provide \$227.0 million over three years from 2023–24 to boost the capacity of Medicare Urgent Care Clinics. This will include a further 29 Medicare Urgent Care Clinics across Australia, which will take the total number of Medicare Urgent Care Clinics to 87. The Government is also providing additional support to clinics in regional and rural Australia.

Medicare Urgent Care Clinics reduce pressure on hospital emergency departments by supporting Australians to access care for urgent, but not life-threatening conditions. All Medicare Urgent Care Clinics are open during extended business hours with no appointments or referrals required, and with no out of pocket costs.

This measure is a component of the \$1.2 billion package of Strengthening Medicare measures agreed at National Cabinet in December 2023 and has been developed in consultation with the states and territories.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Urgent Care Clinics*, the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Medicare Urgent Care Clinics—additional funding* and the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Urgent Care Clinics and Services*.

See also the related payment measure titled *Strengthening Medicare* in the Health and Aged Care portfolio.

Strengthening Medicare – an effective and clinically appropriate Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS)

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	78.9	28.8	51.2	114.9
Services Australia	-	4.1	-1.5	-1.9	-2.3
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	1.1	1.1	1.4	2.2
Total – Payments	-	84.1	28.4	50.8	114.9

The Government will provide \$895.6 million over four years from 2024–25 to ensure the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) remains clinically appropriate and reflects modern medical practices. Funding includes:

- \$335.7 million over four years from 2024–25 to introduce two new permanent items on the MBS for Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) pathology testing for COVID-19 and other respiratory pathogens
- \$200.2 million over four years from 2024–25 to improve primary health care and clinical practice through amendments to items on the MBS, including:
 - \$56.5 million over four years from 2024–25 to promote high quality and tailored maternity care by implementing recommendations from the MBS Review Taskforce, for participating midwives
 - \$49.1 million over four years from 2024–25 for gynecology consultations of 45 minutes or longer with patients who have complex conditions such as endometriosis and pelvic pain
 - \$33.7 million over four years from 2024–25 to introduce a new MBS item to provide positron emission tomography/computed tomography (PET/CT) imaging for the assessment of treatment response and recurrence for patients with an eligible rare or uncommon cancer type.
- \$174.1 million over three years from 2025–26 to introduce indexation for labour-intensive pathology services, including pregnancy and infertility testing, immunology, and tissue pathology
- \$92.8 million over four years from 2024–25 to improve the viability of nuclear medicine imaging through a targeted schedule fee increase and reintroducing annual indexation, in line with other diagnostic imaging arrangements
- \$69.8 million over four years from 2024–25 to remove the barriers to accessing Medicare rebates for MRI machines in metropolitan areas to reduce waiting times and costs for patients

- \$23.1 million over two years from 2024–25 to extend the MBS Continuous Review program to ensure the MBS remains clinically appropriate.

The Government will also achieve efficiencies of \$617.4 million over four years from 2024–25, including:

- \$356.3 million over three years from 2025–26 through amending MBS pathology items, in line with recommendations by the MBS Review Taskforce – Diagnostic Medicine Clinical Committee to reduce unnecessary testing to achieve better patient outcomes
- \$188.8 million over four years from 2024–25 by amending the schedule fee for certain CT items to reflect recent technological advances in CT scanning that have reduced scan times for many examinations, enabling faster throughput
- \$72.3 million over four years from 2024–25 by aligning the MBS to contemporary practice.

Supporting Ongoing Access to Vaccines

Payments (\$m)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	111.2	205.9	103.1	107.8
Services Australia	-	6.9	3.3	2.9	3.0
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.8	1.2	1.3	1.3
Department of the Treasury	-	-	28.2	27.3	27.1
Total – Payments	-	118.8	238.5	134.5	139.2

The Government will provide \$631.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$112.1 million per year ongoing) to support ongoing access to life-saving vaccines. Funding includes:

- \$490.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$107.4 million per year ongoing) to continue the National COVID-19 Vaccine Program
- \$82.5 million over three years from 2025–26 to ensure ongoing joint responsibility with states and territories for vaccination programs
- \$57.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$4.8 million per year ongoing) to expand the eligibility of Shingrix® for the prevention of shingles and postherpetic neuralgia in individuals at moderate to high risk of severe infection
- \$0.9 million over two years from 2024–25 for the expansion of the National Immunisation Program Vaccinations in Pharmacy Program to allow pharmacists to administer vaccines in residential aged care homes and residential disability services.

The Government will also index payments under the *National Immunisation Program Vaccinations in Pharmacy Program* from 1 July 2024, in line with indexation of the Medicare Benefits Schedule.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from a reprioritisation of funding from the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Continued Support for the COVID-19 Response*.

This measure extends the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Continued Support for the COVID-19 Response*.

Supporting Sports Participation

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Sports Commission	-	38.6	59.9	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	17.2	19.4	2.7	0.8
Total – Payments	-	55.8	79.4	2.7	0.8

The Government will provide \$132.7 million over three years from 2024–25 to the Australian Sports Commission and the Department of Health and Aged Care to continue Commonwealth sport participation and high performance programs, as well as provide additional funding to support preparation for and delivery of key international events. Funding includes:

- \$62.9 million over two years from 2024–25 towards the *Sporting Schools Program* to help students to build the confidence and capability to be active for life
- \$34.2 million over three years from 2024–25 towards the *Water and Snow Safety Program* to reduce water and snow-related injuries and deaths through research, vocational education and training
- \$17.0 million over two years from 2024–25 towards the *Local Sporting Champions and Local Para Champions* programs to support junior competitors aged 12-24, coaches and officials to participate in state, national or international championships, including athletes with a disability
- \$10.5 million over two years from 2024–25 towards the Participation Grants program to implement priority activities under the *Play Well* strategy and to build sector capability to support sports participation
- \$6.8 million over two years from 2024–25 towards the *Play Well* priority and capability sector activities to ensure individuals of all ages, backgrounds, genders and abilities can access the benefits of sport

- \$1.3 million over two years from 2024–25 for the Sport Australia Hall of Fame to continue the Sport Australia Hall of Fame induction programs, awards, athletes scholarships and mentoring program.

The Government will also provide \$6.0 million over four years from 2024–25 to support the delivery of the Netball World Cup 2027 in Sydney.

Women's Health

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	21.3	18.1	8.8	5.1
Services Australia	-	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.2
Total – Payments	-	23.2	18.5	9.1	5.3

The Government will provide \$56.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.4 million per year ongoing) to improve access to sexual and reproductive healthcare for women in Australia across the life-course, including support for women’s health services on miscarriages, pre-term or early-term births, stillbirths, early pregnancy and menopause. Funding includes:

- \$12.5 million over four years from 2024–25 to provide free menstrual hygiene products to rural and remote First Nations communities to alleviate some cost of living pressures for vulnerable populations
- \$8.0 million over three years from 2024–25 to support the development of datasets on miscarriages and sexual and reproductive health, and evaluation activities for early pregnancy assessment services
- \$7.0 million over four years from 2024–25 to support the development of miscarriage education and awareness materials, and provide funding for bereavement care services for women and families experiencing stillbirth or miscarriage
- \$6.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to support Primary Health Networks on the Central Coast to provide local outreach trauma-informed healthcare support for women and their children experiencing domestic and family violence or homelessness
- \$5.8 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue strategies to prevent preterm and early-term birth and reduce the number of babies born too early in participating maternity services and First Nations communities
- \$5.2 million over three years from 2024–25 to support placement costs for health practitioners to undertake long-acting reversible contraception insertion and removal training

- \$5.0 million over two years from 2024–25 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
- \$3.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.4 million per year ongoing) to expand the Midwife Professional Indemnity Scheme to include indemnity insurance cover for privately practicing midwives providing low-risk homebirths and intrapartum care outside of a hospital, and for specified entities providing Birthing on Country models of care
- \$1.2 million over two years from 2024–25 to support training for health practitioners to better treat, care and manage women’s health during menopause
- \$1.1 million over four years from 2024–25 to support the development and hosting of a platform for a virtual contraception choice decision making tree
- \$0.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue to monitor and evaluate activities under the *National Stillbirth Action and Implementation Plan 2020–2030*.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Preventive Health Reform* and the 2023–24 MYEFO measures titled *Achieving Better Health Outcomes* and *An Effective and Clinically Appropriate Medicare*.

There is a related payment measure in the current economic update titled *Strengthening Medicare – an effective and clinically appropriate Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS)*.

Parts of this measure support the implementation of the *National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022–23*.

Home Affairs

Civil Maritime Critical Security Capabilities

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Home Affairs	3.6	116.3	-	-	-
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	0.4	1.6	-	-	-
Australian Fisheries Management Authority	-	1.7	-	-	-
Department of Finance	-	0.1	-	-	-
Total – Payments	4.0	119.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$123.8 million over two years from 2023–24 to maintain and enhance Australia’s civil maritime security capabilities. Funding includes:

- \$71.2 million over two years from 2023–24 to increase the Australian Border Force’s on-water response and aerial surveillance capabilities
- \$52.6 million over two years from 2023–24 to address the border and biosecurity threat from illegal fishing activities in Australia’s northern waters, including funding to increase the Australian Border Force and Australian Fisheries Management Authority presence in the region, and support prosecutions by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Civil Maritime Critical Capabilities – sustainment*.

Department of Home Affairs – supplementation

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Home Affairs	-	100.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$100.0 million in 2024–25 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.

Disaster Support

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
National Emergency Management Agency	-	46.6	45.4	27.7	18.9

The Government will provide \$138.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$18.9 million per year ongoing) to improve Australia’s preparedness to respond to all-hazard disasters and resilience to natural hazards. Funding includes:

- \$73.3 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$18.9 million per year ongoing) to further uplift the National Emergency Management Agency’s capacity to support Australians before, during and following a disaster
- \$35.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to support the National Aerial Firefighting Centre to bolster the national aerial firefighting fleet and to undertake a review to identify cost-effective options for long-term aerial capability
- \$26.8 million over three years from 2024–25 to maintain the national emergency management stockpile of disaster response resources
- \$3.6 million in 2024–25 to provide targeted mental health support to emergency service workers.

The support outlined in this measure is in addition to assistance provided under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements through which the Australian Government provides funding to states and territories to share the financial burden of responding to a natural disaster, and supports the provision of urgent financial assistance to disaster-affected communities.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Disaster Support*.

Infrastructure Upgrades at Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre

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

The Government will provide funding over three years from 2024–25 (including capital funding) to improve security at the Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre.

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

Migration System Reforms

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Home Affairs	-	8.5	8.3	..	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	1.5	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	*	*	*	*
Total – Payments	-	10.0	8.3	..	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*
Department of Home Affairs	-	-45.0	-40.0	-35.0	-35.0
Total – Receipts	-	-45.0	-40.0	-35.0	-35.0

The Government will provide \$18.3 million over four years from 2024–25 to further reform Australia’s migration system to drive greater economic prosperity and restore its integrity. Funding includes:

- \$15.0 million over three years from 2024–25 for information and education activities to provide migrant workers with accurate and appropriate information about workplace safeguards, protections and compliance measures related to migration laws
- \$1.9 million in 2024–25 to conduct a data-matching pilot between the Department of Home Affairs and the Australian Taxation Office of income and employment data to mitigate exploitation of migrant workers and abuse of Australia’s labour market and migration system.

The Government will implement a new National Innovation visa, replacing the current Global Talent visa (subclass 858) from late 2024, to target exceptionally talented migrants who will drive growth in sectors of national importance. The Business Innovation and Investment visa program (BIIP) will cease, with refunds of the visa application charge provided from September 2024 for those who wish to withdraw their BIIP application. The measure includes \$1.4 million in 2024–25 for necessary system changes for the implementation of a new visa and closure of the BIIP.

The Government will also reduce the work experience requirement for the Temporary Skill Shortage (subclass 482) visa from two years to one year for all applicants from 23 November 2024 onwards, with an unquantifiable increase in receipts and payments over four years from 2024–25.

The measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$155.0 million over four years from 2024–25, predominantly from the closure of BIIP.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measures titled *Migration System Reforms* and *Migration System Integrity*. See also the related receipt measure *Permanent Migration Program – 2024–25 planning levels and multi-year planning* in the Department of Home Affairs’ portfolio and payment measure the *Leaving Violence Program – financial support for victim-survivors of intimate partner violence* in the Department of Social Services’ portfolio.

National Security Agencies – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Various Agencies	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will provide additional funding to increase the capacity of national security agencies to meet the Government’s national security objectives.

The measure includes \$66.3 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$17.0 million per year ongoing) to strengthen Australia’s ability to disrupt foreign interference and espionage threats, comprising:

- \$30.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$7.8 million per year ongoing) to continue the Counter Foreign Interference Taskforce, which brings together the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO), the Australian Federal Police (AFP), Australian Signals Directorate, the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre, the Australian Geospatial-Intelligence Organisation, and the Office of National Intelligence to discover, disrupt, and investigate foreign interference activity
- \$30.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$7.4 million per year ongoing) to the Attorney-General’s Department and \$5.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.8 million per year ongoing) to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to support the work of the Taskforce, including through the prosecution of espionage and foreign interference cases, the protection of national security information in legal proceedings and foreign influence transparency policy development and reform.

The cost of this element of the measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence and savings identified in the 2024–25 Budget measure titled *Attorney-General’s – reprioritisation*.

The Government will also provide \$4.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.9 million per year ongoing) to establish a Technology Foreign Interference Taskforce, led by the Department of Home Affairs, to work with Australia’s technology sector to protect sensitive and proprietary information from espionage, sabotage, and foreign interference. The cost of this element will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Home Affairs.

The Government will also provide \$1.0 million over three years from 2024–25 to the Department of Industry, Science and Resources to establish a pilot program to strengthen the capabilities of Australia’s critical minerals sector to detect, prevent, and mitigate foreign interference. The cost of this element will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Industry, Science and Resources.

This measure also includes funding for ASIO and the AFP to support the intelligence and security requirements to safeguard the Nuclear-Powered Submarine Enterprise. The cost of this element will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

The funding for individual agencies is not for publication (nfp) due to national security sensitivities.

Reforms to Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Services Australia	0.3	..	-	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	35.4	37.1	23.0	23.5
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	0.4	0.6	0.7	..
Total – Payments	0.3	35.8	37.7	23.7	23.5

The Government will provide \$120.9 million over five years from 2023–24 to improve the sustainability of settlement services and promote better economic and social outcomes for refugees and migrants. Funding includes:

- \$86.6 million over five years from 2023–24 for the *Humanitarian Settlement Program* to support settlement service delivery for refugees and migrants
- \$27.0 million over three years from 2024–25 to extend targeted support, including:
 - *Youth Transition Support* services to assist refugee and migrant youth to access education, employment and government services
 - specialised support for refugee and migrant women experiencing domestic and family violence as part of the *Settlement Engagement and Transition Support (SETS) Program*
 - settlement support for Afghan humanitarian entrants
- \$3.8 million over four years from 2024–25 to continue conversational English classes in Community Hubs
- \$1.9 million over five years from 2023–24 to extend access to Medicare for Ukrainians and their immediate family members, who hold a Bridging visa E, until 30 June 2027
- \$1.0 million in 2025–26 to extend the *Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot* to 30 June 2026, to continue settlement services provided by community volunteers
- \$0.6 million over four years from 2024–25 to the Department of Home Affairs to enhance management of humanitarian settlement programs.

Parts of this measure support the implementation of the *National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022–32*.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services*.

Support to Individuals from Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories affected by the Hamas-Israel conflict

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Health and Aged Care	..	0.2	..	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Services Australia	..	0.7	-	-	-
Total – Payments	..	0.9	..	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.9 million over two years from 2023–24 to support individuals and their families from significantly affected areas of Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Funding includes:

- \$2.0 million over two years from 2023–24, for the Australian Red Cross to provide emergency financial assistance to recent arrivals and who have been assessed to be in financial hardship
- \$0.9 million over two years from 2023–24 to extend Medicare eligibility to 30 June 2025 for Bridging Visa E holders arriving from significantly affected areas of Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

The costs of emergency financial assistance will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Home Affairs.

Tobacco – illicit tobacco compliance

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

The Government will provide \$188.5 million over four years from 2023–24 to the Australian Border Force to deliver a coordinated multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional response to the illicit tobacco trade, in conjunction with Commonwealth, state, and territory partners.

The Government has already provided funding for this measure.

Industry, Science and Resources

Investing in the Future of Industry and Science

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	-	12.7	13.2	-	-
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.6
Department of the Treasury	-	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
National Reconstruction Fund Corporation	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	13.7	13.7	0.5	1.0

The Government will provide \$46.9 million over four years from 2024–25 to support the development of industries in Australia and maintain the affordability of nuclear medicines for Australians. Funding includes:

- \$25.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation to continue production of affordable nuclear medicines
- \$18.0 million in 2024–25 to continue to build the capability of the National Reconstruction Fund Corporation to undertake investments and deliver on its policy outcomes
- \$3.0 million over four years from 2024–25 to deliver on the Government’s commitment for mandatory country of origin labelling for seafood in hospitality settings in collaboration with the states and territories.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *National Reconstruction Fund Corporation – establishment*, and the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Supporting Australian Industry*.

Supporting Safe and Responsible AI

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	1.5	-	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	1.5	-	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	1.2	-	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Digital Transformation Agency	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-2.8	6.4	3.1	-0.8	5.6
Total – Payments	-2.8	10.6	3.1	-0.8	5.6

The Government will provide \$39.9 million over five years from 2023–24 for the development of policies and capability to support the adoption and use of artificial intelligence (AI) technology in a safe and responsible manner, including:

- \$21.6 million over four years from 2024–25 to establish a reshaped National AI Centre (NAIC) and an AI advisory body within the Department of Industry, Science and Resources
- \$15.7 million over two years from 2024–25 to support industry analytical capability and coordination of AI policy development, regulation and engagement activities across government, including to review and strengthen existing regulations in the areas of health care, consumer and copyright law
- \$2.6 million over three years from 2024–25 to respond to and mitigate against national security risks related to AI.

The Digital Transformation Agency will also develop and implement policies to position government as an exemplar in the use of AI, with costs to be met from within existing resources.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Home Affairs and the Department of Industry, Science, and Resources.

Supporting Safety and Responsible Decommissioning in the Offshore Resources Sector

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-
National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority	-	20.0	-	-	-
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-1.5	nfp	3.6	nfp	-
Department of the Treasury	-2.5	-2.5	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-4.0	17.5	3.6	-	-

The Government will provide \$29.7 million over three years from 2023–24 to improve environmental and safety outcomes in the offshore resources sector. Funding includes:

- \$20.0 million in 2024–25 for the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority to assist its regulatory functions as the Commonwealth’s regulator of the offshore oil and gas industry and the emerging offshore energy industry
- \$6.8 million over two years from 2024–25 to implement the Offshore Decommissioning Roadmap and grow Australia’s decommissioning industry by improving coordination and transparency and identifying opportunities for Australian businesses
- \$2.9 million over two years from 2023–24 to continue reforms to protect the work health and safety of workers in the offshore resources sector
- Supplementary funding for decommissioning the Northern Endeavour floating oil production storage and offtake facility. The financial implications are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities related to contract negotiations.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the Department of Industry Science and Resources, and funding already provided for by the Government.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure *Northern Endeavour Decommissioning – future funding* and the 2023–24 Budget measure *Working with the Australian Resources Industry on the Pathway to Net Zero*.

Update on Radioactive Waste Management

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-36.4	-	-	-	35.4

The Government will provide \$43.0 million over six years from 2024–25 to the Australian Radioactive Waste Agency to continue activities around identifying radioactive waste disposal pathways. Funding includes:

- \$38.8 million over two years from 2024–25 to assess options around alternative pathways for disposal of the Commonwealth’s radioactive waste
- \$4.2 million over six years from 2024–25 to undertake remediation, supervision, and disposition activities of the former National Radioactive Waste Management Facility site following the outcome of the litigation in the Federal Court about the siting of the facility in July 2023.

The Government will also reprofile funding previously provided in 2023–24 to allow for the development of future disposal pathways for the Commonwealth’s radioactive waste.

The cost of this measure will be met from a reprioritisation of funding from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Safely Managing Australia’s Radioactive Waste*.

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	24.0	21.3	18.2	78.6
Department of the Treasury	-15.8	298.9	624.1	886.3	925.0
Total – Payments	-15.8	322.9	645.4	904.4	1,003.5

The Government is committed to delivering the priority road and rail infrastructure projects Australia needs via the over \$120.0 billion infrastructure investment pipeline. Building on the Independent Strategic Review of the Infrastructure Investment Program, the Government is taking a more integrated, strategic and sustainable approach to infrastructure investment this Budget. Funding includes:

- \$4.1 billion over seven years from 2024–25 for 65 new priority infrastructure projects across Australia under the *Infrastructure Investment Program*, including:
 - \$1.9 billion for projects in Western Sydney, including \$500.0 million for the Mamre Road Stage 2 Upgrade and \$400.0 million for Elizabeth Drive – Priority Sections Upgrade
 - \$300.0 million for the METRONET High-Capacity Signalling Program – Automatic Train Control – Stage 1 in Western Australia
 - \$72.0 million for the Port Keats Road – Wadeye to Palumpa (Nganmariyanga) in the Northern Territory
 - \$134.5 million for the Mt Crosby Road Interchange Upgrade and \$42.5 million for Bremer River Bridge (Westbound) Strengthening on the Warrego Highway in Queensland
 - \$115.0 million for Zero Emission Buses Tranche 1 Infrastructure – Macquarie Park Depot in New South Wales
 - \$80.0 million for the Lyell Highway – Granton to New Norfolk in Tasmania
 - \$64.0 million for the Berrimah Road Duplication – Stuart Highway to Tiger Brennan Drive in the Northern Territory

- \$120.0 million for the Mount Barker and Verdun Interchange Upgrades in South Australia
- \$54.0 million for the Regional Road Safety Program – State Roads in Western Australia
- \$53.6 million for the Great Northern Highway – Brooking Channel Bridge Replacement in Western Australia
- \$50.0 million to plan for Stage 2B of the Canberra Light Rail in the Australian Capital Territory
- \$17.6 million for projects in Victoria, including \$12.0 million for the Bridgewater Road and Portland Ring Road intersection upgrade
- \$10.1 billion over 11 years from 2023–24 for existing projects in the *Infrastructure Investment Program*, including:
 - \$3.3 billion for North East Link in Victoria
 - \$1.2 billion for the Direct Sunshine Coast Rail Line in Queensland
 - \$1.4 billion for METRONET projects in Western Australia
 - \$578.6 million for projects in New South Wales, including \$112.0 million for the M1 Pacific Motorway Extension to Raymond Terrace
 - \$431.7 million for the Coomera Connector Stage 1 (Coomera to Nerang) in Queensland
 - \$133.6 million for projects in South Australia, including \$100.0 million for the South Eastern Freeway Upgrade
 - \$113.1 million for projects in Tasmania, including \$50.0 million for the Mornington Roundabout Upgrade
 - \$35.9 million for projects in the Northern Territory, including \$25.0 million for the Carpentaria Highway Upgrade
 - \$27.1 million for the William Hovell Drive Duplication in the Australian Capital Territory
- \$1.7 billion in 2033–34 to continue existing road maintenance and safety programs, including:
 - \$1.0 billion for the *Roads to Recovery Program*
 - \$200.0 million for the *Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program*
 - \$150.0 million for the *Black Spot Program*

- \$540.0 million for the Australian Rail Track Corporation to invest in the interstate rail network, including \$150.0 million for the Maroona to Portland Line Upgrade
- \$100.0 million over four years from 2025–26 for an Active Transport Fund to support the construction and upgrade of bicycle and walking paths across Australia.

The Government will also reprofile \$2.1 billion to beyond the forward estimates to better align with construction market conditions and project delivery timeframes.

The Government will also provide \$98.3 million over five years from 2024–25 (and \$14.2 million per year ongoing) for the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to support the delivery of the infrastructure investment pipeline.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment*.

Delivering a Strategic Fleet

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman	-	0.9	0.9	-	-
Australian Maritime Safety Authority	-	0.3	0.3	0.1	-
Department of Finance	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	1.4	1.4	0.2	0.1

The Government will provide funding as part of its election commitment to establish a Strategic Fleet, including:

- \$21.7 million over five years from 2024–25 for the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to support the establishment of a Strategic Fleet, including delivery of the Strategic Fleet Pilot Program
- \$4.7 million over three years from 2024–25 to undertake a review of the *Shipping Registration Act 1981* and *Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012*
- \$2.7 million over two years from 2024–25 for a two-year pilot program led by the Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman to monitor compliance with the payment of Seagoing Industry Award 2020 Schedule A wages to seafarers on foreign vessels engaged in coastal trading under a Temporary Licence

- funding for a Strategic Fleet Pilot Program with three privately-owned vessels which would be available to requisition in times of need, with funding to be held in the Contingency Reserve until commercial negotiations have been completed and is not for publication (nfp) as it would impair the Commonwealth’s position in negotiating contracts with industry.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Supporting Transport Priorities* and the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Strategic Fleet Taskforce – establishment*.

Enabling Western Sydney International Airport

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Home Affairs	-	60.3	19.4	19.8	20.5
Australian Federal Police	-	10.4	24.7	30.7	29.9
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	5.5	5.6	4.7	1.3
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-3.6	2.0	2.7	3.1	3.4
Total – Payments	-3.6	78.2	52.3	58.4	55.0

The Government will provide \$302.6 million over five years from 2024–25 (and \$53.5 million per year ongoing) to enable operations at Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport, including:

- \$237.4 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$52.1 million per year ongoing) for border agencies to progress design, fit out and commissioning of the passenger terminal and shared Commonwealth facilities, provide federal policing and detector dogs at the airport to support critical border security and biosecurity functions
- \$13.0 million over five years from 2024–25 (and \$1.4 million per year ongoing) to support regulatory oversight functions and Commonwealth preparatory activities.

The Government will also provide equity to WSA Co Limited to support completion of Stage One of Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport, with the financial implications not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

The Government will also achieve savings of \$8.4 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$1.2 million per year ongoing) by terminating the Regional and Remote Airports Security grant program, and returning uncommitted funding for business case development for Commonwealth facilities to the Budget.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Enabling Border Services at Western Sydney International Airport* and the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment*.

First Nations Digital Inclusion

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	3.0	3.0	3.0	-
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$68.0 million over four years from 2023–24 to support First Nations digital inclusion. Funding includes:

- \$40.0 million over four years from 2023–24 to roll out community Wi-Fi in remote communities
- \$22.0 million over three years from 2024–25 to establish a First Nations Digital Support Hub and a network of digital mentors to increase access to online services and improve digital literacy and online safety among First Nations people
- \$6.0 million over three years from 2024–25 to expand the Australian Digital Inclusion Index to improve national data collection on First Nations digital inclusion.

The cost of this measure will be offset by redirecting funding from the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Better Connectivity Plan for Regional and Rural Australia* and from the National Indigenous Australians Agency’s Indigenous Advancement Strategy.

Funding for the Territories

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	7.0	10.5	3.3	1.8
Department of the Treasury	-	0.6	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	7.6	10.5	3.3	1.8

The Government will provide \$22.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (including \$18.5 million in capital funding) for the replacement and maintenance of essential infrastructure in the non-self-governing Territories. Funding includes:

- \$21.2 million over four years from 2024–25 to support the replacement of port infrastructure and to improve water security in the Indian Ocean Territories

- \$1.4 million in 2025–26 to develop business cases to replace or maintain other essential infrastructure on Norfolk Island, the Jervis Bay Territory, and the Indian Ocean Territories.

The Government will also provide \$0.6 million in 2024–25 to the Northern Territory to support the construction of a Cyclone Tracy monument and memorial in Darwin.

New Vehicle Efficiency Standard Implementation

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	12.0	21.0	21.0	6.0
Clean Energy Regulator	-	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.1
Australian Renewable Energy Agency	-	-12.0	-21.0	-21.0	-6.0
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	26.4	16.1	12.2	12.3
Total – Payments	-	27.1	17.2	13.3	13.4
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	..	-30.0	-120.0	-320.0

The Government will provide \$154.5 million over six years from 2023–24 (and \$12.6 million per year ongoing) to implement a New Vehicle Efficiency Standard to support greater choice of fuel-efficient vehicles that will reduce motoring costs and transport emissions. Funding includes:

- \$84.5 million over five years from 2024–25 (and \$12.6 million per year ongoing) to establish a regulator to administer the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard, including to capture emissions data, establish a credit trading platform and undertake monitoring and compliance activities, and to undertake further work to bring Australian vehicle standards into line with those of our peers
- \$60.0 million over four years from 2024–25 to support the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure at automotive businesses to support the transition to selling and servicing electric vehicles
- \$10.0 million in 2023–24 for a national communications campaign to raise awareness of the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard, with funding already provided for by the Government.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from the reprioritisation of funding in the Infrastructure, Transport, and Regional Development portfolio and by redirecting funding

from the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Powering Australia – Driving the Nation Fund – establishment*.

The introduction of a New Vehicle Efficiency Standard is also estimated to decrease fuel excise receipts by \$470.0 million over four years from 2024–25, owing to lower motoring costs resulting from greater availability of more fuel efficient vehicles.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Reducing Transport Emissions*.

Online Safety

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	6.5	-	-	-
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	0.6	0.8	-	-
Total – Payments	-	7.1	0.8	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to support online safety including:

- \$6.5 million in 2024–25 to develop a pilot of age assurance technologies to protect children from harmful online content
- \$1.4 million over two years from 2024–25 for the Office of the eSafety Commissioner to support legal and compliance functions under the *Online Safety Act 2021*.

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

Qtopia Sydney

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	1.5	-	-	-
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	1.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.5 million in 2024–25 to the New South Wales Government to support upgrades to Qtopia Sydney.

Revive – National Cultural Policy

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	11.3	19.0	44.8	50.0
National Film and Sound Archive of Australia	-	3.8	3.7	1.7	0.1
Australian Film, Television and Radio School	-	3.8	4.0	4.9	10.6
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	0.1	0.2	0.2
Total – Payments	-	18.9	26.8	51.6	60.9

The Government will provide \$216.6 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$59.9 million per year ongoing) to further support Australia’s arts, entertainment and cultural sector under the *National Cultural Policy – Revive*. Funding includes:

- \$117.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$36.9 million per year ongoing) to support the operations and long-term financial sustainability of the national performing arts training organisations and Australian Film Television and Radio School
- \$53.8 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$17.8 million per year ongoing) to establish two new First Nations language centres, increase funding for existing language centres and for community language learning to increase the number of First Nations language speakers
- \$14.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$3.8 million per year ongoing) for the Australian Children’s Television Foundation to increase investment in the production and development of Australian children’s content
- \$9.3 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.1 million per year ongoing) for the National Film and Sound Archive of Australia to expand its capacity to safely store and protect nitrate-based cultural heritage material, with capital funding to be held in the Contingency Reserve until final project details are settled
- \$8.6 million in 2024–25 for Revive Live to support Australian live music venues and festivals showcasing Australian bands and artists, including to improve accessibility and inclusion at live music performances
- \$7.9 million over four years from 2024–25 for initiatives to support people with disability to access and participate in the creative arts, including \$5.0 million already provided for by the Government in the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Revive – National Cultural Policy and Location Incentive*
- \$5.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.3 million per year ongoing) to support the financial sustainability of the Canberra and Darwin symphony orchestras.

The Government will also remove both the minimum length requirements for content and the above-the-line cap of 20 per cent of total qualifying production expenditure for the Producer Tax Offset. This change is estimated to increase payments by \$0.4 million over three years from 2025–26 (and \$0.2 million per year ongoing).

The cost of this measure will be partially met by redirecting funding from the *Location Incentive Program*.

Supporting Connectivity, Media and Communications

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</i>	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will continue to support media sustainability and deliver communications priorities with \$78.9 million over five years from 2024–25 (and \$7.4 million per year ongoing). Funding includes:

- \$43.2 million over five years from 2024–25 (and \$5.9 million per year ongoing) to support the delivery of communications priorities, including responding to emerging and evolving online harms, boosting regional connectivity, digital inclusion and communications resilience
- \$22.6 million over five years from 2024–25 (and \$1.5 million per year ongoing) to support the modernisation of media regulation in Australia, including the implementation of a prominence framework for internet-connected television devices and an expanded anti-siphoning scheme
- \$12.0 million in 2024–25 to support the financial sustainability of the Australian Associated Press
- \$1.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to fund education and awareness of new mandatory minimum classifications for gambling-like content in computer games.

The Government will also provide funding on a cost recovered basis for the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network to carry out consumer engagement activities to support NBN Co's regulated Special Access Undertaking, with the financial implications not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities and the funding to be held in the Contingency Reserve until final contract details are settled.

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* and from within the existing resourcing of the Australian Communications and Media Authority.

Supporting Transport Priorities

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
High Speed Rail Authority	23.8	51.4	3.6	-	-
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	36.3	47.0	54.5	7.9
Australian Transport Safety Bureau	-	3.9	-	-	-
Civil Aviation Safety Authority	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	-
Department of the Treasury	-22.1	-58.7	-	-	-
Total – Payments	1.7	32.9	50.7	54.6	7.9

The Government will provide \$237.7 million over seven years from 2023–24 (and \$2.3 million per year ongoing) to support aviation, road, rail and maritime transport priorities, including:

- \$101.9 million over five years from 2024–25 (and \$0.8 million per year ongoing) to extend the *Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program* and the *Regional Airports Program* for two additional rounds, and continue the *Remote Aerodrome Inspection Programme* to improve aviation safety and access at remote airstrips and regional airports
- \$78.8 million over three years from 2023–24 for the High Speed Rail Authority to undertake the development of a business case for the Sydney to Newcastle high speed rail corridor
- \$32.0 million over six years from 2024–25 to improve the National Road Safety Data Hub and support a National Road Safety Education and Awareness Campaign
- \$10.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.5 million per year ongoing) to implement reforms to the Sydney Airport Demand Management Compliance Framework to strengthen the compliance regime and enhance aviation competition, and support regulatory functions for the protection of airspace above and around federal leased airports

- \$5.2 million in 2024–25 to support ongoing safety investigative services provided by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau and continued work on sustainable funding arrangements for the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority
- \$3.6 million over three years from 2024–25 to extend the *Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B) Rebate Program*, supporting general and recreational aviation operators to install ADS-B devices in their aircraft, bringing about improved airspace management and safety
- \$2.4 million in 2024–25 to continue development of the Maritime Single Window project.

The Government will also provide \$5.0 million in 2024–25 to develop a business case and progress technical and environmental planning for an intermodal terminal in Parkes, New South Wales, to support the Inland Rail program, with funding to be redirected from existing National Intermodal Corporation equity.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from existing funding for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development portfolio programs.

Urban Agenda and Community Programs

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-36.8	..	3.4	3.0	2.6

The Government will provide \$12.6 million over four years from 2024–25 to support the delivery of the Government’s Urban Agenda, supporting a national approach to sustainable urban development, oversight of urban renewal projects and the continued delivery of city and regional deal projects.

The Government will also achieve savings of \$40.3 million over two years from 2023–24 by reducing uncommitted funding for the *Investing in Our Communities Program* and *Priority Community Infrastructure Program*.

Parliament

Parliamentary Departments – additional resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Parliamentary Services	-	26.2	31.8	6.0	2.9
Department of the House of Representatives	-	1.5	1.2	0.5	0.6
Department of the Senate	-	1.1	1.2	0.3	0.3
Total – Payments	-	28.9	34.2	6.9	3.8

The Government will provide \$73.8 million over four years from 2024–25, including \$48.4 million in capital funding (and \$3.6 million per year ongoing), to support the operations of the parliamentary departments. Funding includes:

- \$22.4 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.5 million per year ongoing) to the Department of Parliamentary Services, Department of the Senate and Department of the House of Representatives to modernise parliamentary business technology systems
- \$20.7 million over two years from 2024–25 to the Department of Parliamentary Services for initial capital works for fire safety and compliance upgrades and to replace end-of-life building equipment at the Australian Parliament House
- \$14.5 million over four years from 2024–25 to the Department of Parliamentary Services to replace end-of-life broadcasting systems to support continuity of the broadcast of parliamentary proceedings
- \$12.8 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$2.3 million per year ongoing) to the Department of Parliamentary Services to enhance information technology to support business productivity and cyber security
- \$3.4 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.8 million per year ongoing) to the Department of the House of Representatives and the Department of the Senate to maintain service levels to Members and Senators.

Prime Minister and Cabinet

APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2024–25 projects funded under round two

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	-	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Public Service Commission	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Finance	-	-	-	-	-
Comcare	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Bureau of Statistics	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-
Digital Transformation Agency	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Education	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will allocate \$6.5 million in 2024–25 remaining from the \$25 million APS Capability Reinvestment Fund (the Fund). Funding includes:

- \$3.4 million in 2024–25 for projects to improve cultural competency and enhance integrity for APS staff
- \$2.2 million in 2024–25 for projects to uplift capability across the APS including AI integration and enhancing the quality of data to inform policy analysis
- \$0.9 million in 2024–25 for projects to develop aligned Greening Government microcredentials and whole-of-government responses to future challenges in the Indo-Pacific.

The cost of this measure will be met from funding previously included in the Contingency Reserve.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2023–24 projects funded under round one* in the Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio.

Ending Gender-Based Violence – additional resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	0.4	1.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
Department of Social Services	-	4.3	-	-	-
Total – Payments	0.4	6.3	1.0	1.0	1.0

The Government will provide \$9.6 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$1.0 million per year ongoing) in additional resourcing to further support informed policy advice to Government to end gender-based violence. Funding includes:

- \$4.3 million in 2024–25 to commission Australia’s National Research Organisation for Women’s Safety to further build the evidence base on pathways into and out of perpetration of family, domestic and sexual violence
- \$3.9 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.0 million per year ongoing) in additional resourcing for the Office for Women, in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, to support whole of government coordination and work with the Department of Social Services to identify further opportunities to respond to gender-based violence and continue to embed a focus on women’s safety across Government
- \$1.3 million over two years from 2023–24 for a rapid review of targeted prevention approaches to violence against women, with a panel of experts to provide advice to Government on preventing gender-based violence, including a focus on homicides.

The resourcing for the Office for Women is in addition to its existing base funding and supports the Government’s election commitment to strengthen the Office for Women.

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

Further Investment to Closing the Gap

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies	-	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	-	-	-
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-10.0	-12.5	-2.6	-2.6	-2.7
Total – Payments	-10.0	-10.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$151.4 million over four years from 2024–25 (including \$3.0 million in capital funding in 2024–25) to accelerate progress under the *National Agreement on Closing the Gap* and deliver better outcomes for First Nations peoples, including:

- \$111.1 million in 2024–25 to maintain delivery of critical services provided under the *National Partnership on Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment*, including health, safety, wellbeing, schooling and justice services
- \$18.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to establish the new Central Australian Boarding Response Fund. The Central Australian Boarding Response Fund will build new, and improve existing, boarding facilities in Central Australia for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from remote Northern Territory communities, enabling facilities to take on more students
- \$10.3 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$2.7 million per year ongoing) to the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) to extend the *Return of Cultural Heritage* program to continue the facilitation of the return of First Nations cultural heritage material held in overseas collections to traditional owners and custodians
- \$7.3 million in 2024–25 (including \$3.0 million in capital funding) to the AIATSIS to enhance its ability to support and facilitate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural resurgence, including ensuring its collection is appropriately maintained within the facilities of AIATSIS
- \$4.6 million in 2024–25 to extend Commonwealth funding for Custody Notification Services (CNS) in the Northern Territory, Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. CNS provides culturally appropriate health and wellbeing checks when an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person is taken into police custody.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure, with the remaining cost of this measure to be met from within existing resources of the National Indigenous Australians Agency.

The Government will redirect \$20.0 million over two years from 2023–24 towards other priorities within the Indigenous Australians portfolio by not proceeding with Local and Regional Voice arrangements, consistent with the outcome of the 2023 Referendum on an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure *Closing the Gap – further investment*.

National Australia Day Council – additional resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	11.5	1.5	1.6	1.6

The Government will provide an additional \$16.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.6 million per year ongoing) to support the operations of the National Australia Day Council, including support for the Australian of the Year recipients, and also including \$10.0 million in 2024–25 to deliver community grants for Australia Day events.

This measure extends the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Additional Resourcing for the National Australia Day Council*.

Net Zero Economy

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	9.6	27.6	31.5	28.8
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	3.8	24.3	7.8	11.8
Department of the Treasury	-	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1
Fair Work Commission	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Total – Payments	-	14.4	53.0	40.0	41.2

The Government will provide \$399.1 million over five years from 2023–24 (and an additional \$616.8 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35 and \$93.4 million per year ongoing) in additional resourcing for the Net Zero Economy Authority (the Authority), the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, and the Fair Work Commission to promote orderly and positive economic transformation associated with decarbonisation to ensure

Australia, its regions and workers realise the benefits of the net zero economy. Funding includes:

- \$209.3 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$53.3 million per year ongoing) to expand the Authority to coordinate policy and deliver across government, broker investments that create jobs in regions, and support workers affected by the net zero transition
- \$134.2 million over four years from 2024–25 and \$377.8 million over the medium term (and \$40.1 million per year ongoing from 2035–36) to provide workforce transition support for impacted workers and the broader communities affected by the net zero transition
- \$44.4 million over four years from 2024–25 to deliver the Energy Industry Jobs Plan, to assist employees impacted by the closure of relevant coal-and gas-fired power stations to access new employment by supporting job and skills matching and providing onboarding and early retirement incentives to employers
- \$10.0 million over two years from 2023–24 to deliver public information on the net zero transition and ensure affected workers and communities are aware of the support available
- \$1.3 million over four years from 2024–25 for Treasury to develop and publish high-quality guidance on best practices for Australian businesses when developing net zero transition plans.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure. This measure will also be partially offset by a reduction in the Labour Market Support Scheme of \$31.3 million over four years from 2024–25 and savings of \$7.3 million per year ongoing from 2028–29.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *National Net Zero Authority* and on the Employment White Paper.

Northern Territory Homelands and Housing

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	20.0	203.0	210.1	217.6	185.4
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-20.0	-114.3	-117.3	-120.3	-122.8
Total – Payments	-	88.7	92.8	97.3	62.5

The Government will provide \$839.4 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$2.1 billion over ten years from 2024–25) to accelerate housing delivery in remote Northern Territory communities and increase investment in homelands. This will reduce overcrowding and

improve housing quality, making significant progress under the *National Agreement on Closing the Gap*. Funding includes:

- \$698.4 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$2.0 billion over ten years from 2024–25) to enter into a 10-year remote housing agreement with the Northern Territory Government to reduce overcrowding in remote Northern Territory communities. The Northern Territory Government has committed to match the Commonwealth’s remote housing investment, bringing the total investment to \$4.0 billion
- \$120.0 million over three years from 2024–25 to continue the delivery of urgent repairs and maintenance of existing housing and essential infrastructure through an extension of the *Northern Territory Homelands Federation Funding Agreement*
- \$20.0 million in 2023–24 to deliver an additional 49 houses under the existing *Remote Housing Northern Territory Federation Funding Agreement*, in partnership with and jointly funded by the Northern Territory Government, delivering a total of 206 houses under the one-year agreement
- \$1.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to develop a sustainable Community-Controlled Housing Model to improve housing delivery and management in remote Northern Territory communities.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the National Indigenous Australians Agency.

The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Restoring Funding for Homelands*, and the 2023–24 Budget measure title *Closing the Gap – further investment*.

Prime Minister and Cabinet – additional resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Public Service Commission	-	4.8	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	4.6	-	-	-
Department of Finance	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-0.9	39.7	5.6	5.3	4.9
Total – Payments	-0.9	49.2	5.6	5.3	4.9

The Government will provide \$64.9 million over four years (\$0.9 million ongoing), including:

- \$60.1 million in additional resourcing to enable the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to support the Prime Minister and Cabinet to deliver on Government priorities, including national security and resilience, the care and support economy and to implement *Working for Women: A Strategy for Gender Equality*, including working with the Department of Finance to establish a new voluntary Commonwealth supplier registration process within AusTender to identify women-owned and led businesses
- \$4.8 million in 2024–25 to update and enhance the Australian Public Service Employment Database to provide improved insights into the APS workforce.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and the Department of Finance.

Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Social Services	2.6	11.8	-	-	-
National Indigenous Australians Agency	1.0	105.8	145.0	218.5	255.5
Services Australia	0.3	11.2	..	..	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.1
Total – Payments	3.9	129.4	145.5	218.6	255.5

The Government will provide \$777.4 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$255.5 million per year ongoing) to establish the *Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program*, which will create 3,000 jobs in remote Australia and support income support recipients move into paid employment. Funding includes:

- \$536.1 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$194.3 million per year ongoing) to fund the creation of 3,000 jobs in remote Australia, through a phased roll out over three years from September 2024
- \$188.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$61.2 million per year ongoing) for a Community Jobs and Business Fund, to support community development and the creation of employment opportunities through funding capital, equipment and capacity building services
- \$45.5 million over three years from 2024–25 to extend the current *Community Development Program* (CDP) provider arrangements from 31 October 2024 to 30 June 2025 – when a new remote employment services program will replace the current CDP provider arrangements – and provide supplementary funding to support the increased caseload following impacts of COVID-19, to provide continuity of support to participants who are not job-ready or able to commence employment under the *Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program*

- \$7.1 million over two years from 2023–24 to increase the number of jobs funded under the *New Jobs Program* trial to 300, to support the current demand until the *Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program* commences from September 2024.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from a reprioritisation of funding from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Closing the Gap – further investment* and within the existing resources of the National Indigenous Australians Agency.

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

Youpla Support Program – continuation

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

The Government has provided \$96.9 million over four years from 2023–24 to ensure an enduring resolution for people impacted by the collapse of the insurance provider Youpla Group. The *Youpla Support Program* will begin on 1 July 2024, with people who held an active Youpla policy on or after 1 August 2015 eligible to apply until 30 June 2026.

Under the program, eligible recipients will be offered the choice of a resolution payment, assessed at 60 per cent of the premiums paid up to the value of the insurance, to be provided through a low-risk prudentially-regulated funeral bond, or a payment. Financial counselling will be offered to all eligible recipients to assist in the understanding of options available under the *Youpla Support Program*.

The Government has already provided funding for this measure.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Youpla Group Funeral Benefits Program – establishment*. This interim program will continue to accept applications until 30 June 2024, to ensure a smoother transition for former Youpla Group policy holders.

Social Services

A Higher Rate of JobSeeker Payment for Participants with a Partial Capacity to Work (0-14 hours)

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Services Australia	0.9	11.3	5.2	2.4	1.7
Department of Social Services	-	4.1	5.2	5.1	5.3
Total – Payments	0.9	15.5	10.3	7.5	7.0
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	..	..	..	..

The Government will provide \$41.2 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$7.0 million per year ongoing from 2028–29) to extend eligibility for the existing higher rate of *JobSeeker* payment to single recipients with a partial capacity to work of zero to 14 hours per week from 20 September 2024.

The higher *JobSeeker* payment rate is currently provided to single recipients with dependent children and those aged 55 and over who have been on payment for nine continuous months or more.

There is expected to be a minor increase in personal income tax receipts each year as a result of this measure.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Increase to Working Age Payments*.

A Stronger and More Diverse and Independent Community Sector

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

The Government will provide \$2.4 million over two years from 2024–25 for the Department of Social Services to develop a community sector partnership framework, in consultation with the Community Services Advisory Group. The framework will drive administrative and cultural change across government agencies, to deliver grants that are designed to better serve the sustainability of community sector organisations and ensure better outcomes are achieved in delivering government policy.

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

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Support for Community Sector Organisations* and the change in the 2023–24 Budget to update the methodology for determining wage cost indexation to provide greater ongoing financial support to grant recipients, including community sector organisations.

Additional Funding to Expand Jindelara Cottage Ulladulla

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

The Government has provided \$0.2 million in 2023–24 to the Lions Ulladulla District Community Foundation for the refurbishment and construction of permanent residential accommodation for people with disability at Jindelara Cottage in Ulladulla, New South Wales.

The cost of this measure will be met from a reprioritisation of funding from within the Social Services portfolio.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Plan for the National Disability Insurance Scheme*.

Australian Orphanage Museum – additional funding

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

The Government will provide additional funding of \$1.0 million over three years from 2023–24 to the Australian Orphanage Museum, including:

- \$0.8 million in 2023–24 for capital works
- \$0.3 million over two years from 2024–25 to cover operational costs.

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

Carer Payment – increased flexibility

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Services Australia	0.1	8.7	1.4	1.0	1.0
Department of Social Services	-	0.6	1.8	1.9	2.0
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	..	..	..
Total – Payments	0.1	9.2	3.3	3.0	3.1

The Government will provide \$18.6 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$3.1 million per year ongoing) to support *Carer Payment* recipients through increased flexibility to undertake work, study and volunteering activities.

From 20 March 2025, the existing 25 hour per week participation limit for *Carer Payment* recipients will be amended to 100 hours over four weeks. The participation limit will no longer capture study, volunteering activities and travel time and will only apply to employment.

Carer Payment recipients exceeding the participation limit or their allowable temporary cessation of care days will have their payments suspended for up to six months, rather than cancelled. Recipients will also be able to use single temporary cessation of care days where they exceed the participation limit, rather than the current seven day minimum.

Commonwealth Government-Funded Paid Parental Leave – enhancement

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Taxation Office	-	2.5	16.4	3.2	4.8
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	435.0	583.1
Services Australia	-	9.9	10.4	1.9	1.9
Total – Payments	-	12.4	26.8	440.0	589.9
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	-	65.0	90.0

The Government will provide \$1.1 billion over five years from 2023–24 (and \$0.6 billion per year ongoing) to strengthen Australia’s government-funded Paid Parental Leave (PPL) scheme and improve women’s retirement outcomes. Funding includes:

- \$1.1 billion over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.6 billion per year ongoing) to pay superannuation on Commonwealth government-funded PPL for births and adoptions on or after 1 July 2025. Eligible parents will receive an additional payment based on the Superannuation Guarantee (12 per cent of their PPL payments), as a contribution to their superannuation fund

- \$10.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to provide additional support for small business employers in administering PPL
- \$1.4 million over two years from 2023–24 to update communication products and documents for potential PPL recipients.

This measure is expected to increase tax receipts by \$155.0 million over two years from 2026–27.

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 October 2022–23 Budget measure titled *Boosting Parental Leave to Enhance Economic Security, Support and Flexibility for Australia's Families* and 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Paid Parental Leave Scheme – expansion* and is consistent with the Government's proposed objective of superannuation to deliver income for a dignified retirement, alongside government support, in an equitable and sustainable way. This measure will help normalise parental leave as a workplace entitlement, like annual and sick leave, and reduce the impact of parental leave on retirement incomes.

Commonwealth Rent Assistance – increase the maximum rates

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Services Australia	6.2	11.4	0.4	0.3	-
Department of Social Services	-	370.8	490.1	499.8	514.8
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	1.8	2.3	2.2	2.2
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.7
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Total – Payments	6.2	384.3	493.5	503.2	518.0

The Government will provide \$1.9 billion over five years from 2023–24 (and \$0.5 billion per year ongoing from 2028–29) to increase all *Commonwealth Rent Assistance* maximum rates by 10 per cent from 20 September 2024 to help address rental affordability challenges for recipients.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Increased Support for Commonwealth Rent Assistance Recipients*.

Disability Employment Services Reform

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Services Australia	0.5	16.7	35.4	24.7	9.1
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.2	35.0	28.5	10.7	1.1
Department of Social Services	-	39.4	-23.4	21.9	53.9
Total – Payments	0.6	91.1	40.4	57.3	64.1

The Government will provide \$253.6 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$19.0 million per year ongoing) to reform employment services and supports for people with disability. Funding includes:

- \$227.6 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$11.4 million per year ongoing) to implement a new specialist disability employment program to replace the existing Disability Employment Services program by 1 July 2025
- \$23.3 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$7.6 million per year ongoing) to establish a Disability Employment Centre of Excellence
- \$2.6 million over three years from 2024–25 to extend the National Disability Abuse and Neglect Hotline and the Complaints Resolution and Referral Service.

These reforms progress the Government’s principles for employment services reforms outlined in the Employment White Paper.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure *Future Arrangements for the Disability Employment Services Program*, and the 2023–24 Budget measure *Supported Employment*.

Early Years Strategy – aligning investment

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Social Services	-	6.4	7.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$14.3 million over five years from 2024–25 to extend and expand existing community support for parents and caregivers to improve child outcomes in line with the Early Years Strategy. Funding includes:

- \$4.8 million over two years from 2024–25 for The Fathering Project
- \$4.6 million over two years from 2024–25 for the Raising Children Network

- \$4.3 million over two years from 2024–25 for the Supporting Expecting and Parenting Teens Program administered by the Brave Foundation
- \$0.4 million over five years from 2024–25 to establish a Parents and Carers Reference Group.

The activities will provide information and support for parents and caregivers of young children.

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

Endorsement of the Social Security Agreement between Australia and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Services Australia	-	0.4	11.5	1.6	1.6
Department of Social Services	-	-	1.2	3.2	3.6
Total – Payments	-	0.4	12.7	4.8	5.2
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	-

The Government will provide \$23.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$5.6 million per year ongoing) to enter into a bilateral social security agreement with the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

Social security agreements enable Australia and the agreement countries to share the costs of providing retirement income support to those who have split their working life between countries. This agreement will be similar to Australia’s other 32 social security agreements currently in operation.

Financial Wellbeing and Capability Activity – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Social Services	7.8	26.3	32.3	33.1	33.8

The Government will provide \$138.0 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$35.4 million per year ongoing) to boost support for Australians in financial distress or experiencing financial hardship and to build financial resilience, through additional funding to the Financial Wellbeing and Capability Activity. The activity will also be restructured to operate under two streams of support: Financial Capability and Resilience and Financial Crisis Response and Recovery. Funding includes:

- \$114.8 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$27.7 million per year ongoing) to support individuals and families experiencing financial distress in times of crisis and natural disasters
- \$11.2 million over three years from 2025–26 (and \$3.9 million per year ongoing) for the expansion of the *Saver Plus* program to enable participants to build financial skills, capabilities and resilience
- \$6.3 million over three years from 2025–26 (and \$2.2 million per year ongoing) for the *No Interest Loan Scheme for Vehicles* for vulnerable people needing to purchase vehicles for essential use
- \$4.7 million over three years from 2025–26 (and \$1.6 million per year ongoing) to enable better accessibility to financial counselling services through the National Debt Helpline, including an appointment booking system and live webchat function to support individuals with personal financial difficulty.

In addition, the Government will reprioritise existing resourcing to:

- expand the *Money Support Hub* program to focus on early intervention supports
- continue the *STEPS Students Financial Counselling* program
- support Financial Counselling Australia to increase capacity and capability supports for the financial counselling sector
- expand types of material aid supported under the *Financial Crisis and Material Aid* program
- data and evaluation activities to support the implementation of new initiatives and ensure services continue to support vulnerable cohorts.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Financial Wellbeing and Capability Activity, and from savings identified in the Department of Social Services.

Freeze Social Security Deeming Rates

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

The Government will freeze social security deeming rates at their current levels for a further 12 months until 30 June 2025, to support Age Pensioners and other income support recipients who rely on income from deemed financial investments, as well as their payment, to manage cost of living pressures.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Lifting the Income Threshold for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card*.

Impact of the Douglas Decision on Social Security Means Testing

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Services Australia	2.1	7.2	0.9	0.9	0.9

The Government will provide \$11.9 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$0.9 million per year ongoing) to implement a social security means test treatment for the military invalidity payments affected by the Federal Court’s decision in *Commissioner of Taxation v Douglas* [2020] FCAFC 220.

This approach ensures the *Douglas* decision does not affect income support payment rates for veterans who receive an invalidity payment from the *Military Superannuation and Benefits Scheme* and the *Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme*, compared to the pre-*Douglas* arrangements.

National Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Social Services	-	2.0	0.9	-	-
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	-2.0	-0.9	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$5.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to establish interim arrangements for the National Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People (National Commissioner). From mid-2024, the interim National Commissioner will lead the establishment of an Office of the National Commissioner to act to protect and promote the rights, interests and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people.

The interim National Commissioner will consult with First Nations stakeholders to inform the full suite of functions for the ongoing statutory role of the National Commissioner and the Office of the National Commissioner which will be established under legislation.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Social Services and the National Indigenous Australians Agency.

National Disability Insurance Scheme – getting the NDIS back on track

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
National Disability Insurance Agency	-	-1,964.6	-3,808.7	-4,121.5	-4,451.3
Department of Social Services	-0.5	7.9	13.7	12.9	13.3
NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	-	37.2	53.4	47.6	24.6
Department of Health and Aged Care	0.5	4.7	0.3	-	-
Services Australia	-	11.7	11.8	-	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Finance	-	0.2	0.2	0.1	-
Total – Payments	-	-1,902.9	-3,729.3	-4,061.0	-4,413.4
<i>Related payments variations (\$m)</i>					
National Disability Insurance Agency	1,001.4	1,972.6	3,816.2	4,121.5	4,451.3
Net impact - payments	1,001.4	69.7	86.9	60.5	37.9

The Government is committed to improving outcomes for National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants and ensuring every dollar of NDIS funding goes to those who need it most. The Government will provide \$468.7 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$37.9 million per year ongoing) to support people with disability and get the NDIS back on track. Funding includes:

- \$160.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$24.6 million per year ongoing) to upgrade the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission’s information technology systems, to better protect the safety of NDIS participants, reduce regulatory burden on NDIS providers, and improve cyber security
- \$129.8 million over two years from 2023–24 for design and consultation work to respond to the findings of the Independent NDIS Review
- \$83.9 million over two years from 2023–24 to boost fraud detecting information technology systems at the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), to further safeguard the integrity of the NDIS
- \$45.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$13.3 million per year ongoing) to establish a NDIS Evidence Advisory Committee, to provide independent and transparent advice to Government on the efficacy and cost-benefits of types of supports funded by the NDIS
- \$23.5 million over two years from 2024–25 for Services Australia to continue fraud investigation and response activities as part of the Fraud Fusion Taskforce

- \$20.0 million over two years from 2024–25 for initial design and consultation work on reforms to help participants and people with disability navigate services
- \$5.3 million in 2024–25 for the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority to work with the Department of Social Services and the NDIA to undertake initial work to reform NDIS pricing arrangements, including reviewing existing pricing approaches and developing a pricing data strategy.

The Government will also establish a NDIS Implementation Advisory Committee and a NDIS Implementation Working Group, to oversee implementation of reforms recommended by the Independent NDIS Review and agreed by Government.

As an initial response to the Independent NDIS Review, on 6 December 2023 National Cabinet agreed to work together to implement legislative and other changes to the NDIS to improve the experience of participants and restore the original intent of the Scheme to support people with permanent and significant disability, within a broader ecosystem of supports.

On 27 March 2024 the Government introduced the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track) Bill 2024 No. 1 (the Bill) to Parliament. Changes in the Bill are aimed at securing the future of the NDIS and progressing key Independent NDIS Review recommendations. The Bill will help the NDIS get back on track by determining NDIS participant plan budgets more consistently based on participant need, supporting participants to spend in accordance with their plans, clarifying the information that participants need to provide to support plan reassessments, and clarifying what types of supports can be funded. The Bill also provides more flexibility on how the NDIS Commissioner can take action to protect NDIS participants from abuse, harm and neglect.

Based on data up to December 2023, the NDIS Actuary projected that without further action, NDIS payments would increase by \$14.4 billion over four years from 2024–25. The NDIS reforms being undertaken by the Government are expected to moderate this additional growth to that projected at the 2023–24 MYEFO, and ensure the NDIS remains on track to achieve the NDIS Sustainability Framework agreed by National Cabinet from 1 July 2026.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure. Additional costs will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Social Services, the NDIA, and the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Fraud Fusion Taskforce*, the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Improving the Effectiveness and Sustainability of the National Disability Insurance Scheme*, and the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Support for the National Disability Insurance Scheme*.

National Redress Scheme – further support

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Attorney-General's Department	-	7.2	-	-	-
Department of Social Services	-	3.5	8.6	8.8	5.2
Total – Payments	-	10.7	8.6	8.8	5.2

The Government will provide \$33.3 million over four years from 2024–25 to establish a demand-driven service to support applicants of the *National Redress Scheme* (the Scheme) who submit incomplete applications to improve the efficiency of the Scheme and to better support survivors of institutional sex abuse through the application process. Funding includes:

- \$26.1 million over four years from 2024–25 for Redress Support Services
- \$7.2 million in 2024–25 for knowmore legal service.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Future National Redress Scheme Funding* and 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *National Redress Scheme*.

Outcomes Fund

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Social Services	-	1.1	1.8	1.8	-

The Government will provide \$4.7 million over three years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$0.8 million from 2028–29 to 2033–34) to establish, manage, and evaluate the Outcomes Fund. The fund will focus on outcomes for families and children to prevent cycles of intergenerational and community disadvantage, barriers to employment and inclusive employment models, and housing needs of vulnerable and homeless Australians and moving beyond short-term crisis care.

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

Services Australia – additional resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Services Australia	105.0	1,199.5	1,146.4	152.5	153.5
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.4	-	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	0.3	-	-	-
Department of Finance	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total – Payments	105.0	1,200.3	1,146.5	152.6	153.6

The Government will provide \$2.8 billion over five years from 2023–24 (and \$144.7 million per year ongoing) to improve the way Services Australia delivers services to the Australian community. Funding includes:

- \$1.8 billion over three years from 2023–24 for additional frontline staff to help stabilise Services Australia claims backlogs and service standards, to continue emergency response capability and improve the cyber security environment
- \$580.3 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$139.6 million per year ongoing) to sustain the myGov platform and ensure the continued development of its capability, including continuing an independent advisory board to provide guidance and advice to Government on potential myGov enhancements until 2027–28
- \$50.0 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$5.2 million per year ongoing) for enhancements to the myGov platform to continue to respond to the findings of the *Critical National Infrastructure myGov User Audit* and advice from the independent advisory board, including enhancements to the myGov support tool, strengthening myGov fraud detection capabilities, improving the myGov inbox and other communication tools and supporting users to better secure their myGov accounts
- \$314.1 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue to enhance safety and security at Services Australia centres and respond to the recommendations of the *Security Risk Management Review for Services Australia*, including an increased security presence, enhancements to service centre design, incident management systems and security monitoring, staff training and the progression of legislative changes to support Commonwealth frontline staff.

Future staffing needs for Services Australia will be evaluated alongside ongoing improvements to myGov service delivery.

Additionally, funding from the 2021–22 Budget measure titled *GovERP – Common Corporate Australian Public Service System*, will be reprioritised to support the sustainment of the Enterprise Resource Planning Program including ongoing licencing and platform hosting costs.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Sustain myGov* and the 2023–24 MYEFO measures titled *Services Australia – additional resourcing, Modernising myGov* and *Services Australia’s Improved Safety for Staff and Customers*.

The Leaving Violence Program – financial support for victim-survivors of intimate partner violence

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Social Services	-	198.6	185.2	251.4	257.5
Department of Home Affairs	-	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6
Total – Payments	-	200.1	186.7	252.9	259.1

The Government will provide \$925.2 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$263.3 million per year ongoing) to make permanent the Leaving Violence Program that will provide financial support, safety assessments and referrals to support services for victim-survivors leaving a violent intimate partner relationship. Funding includes:

- \$756.4 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$258.2 million per year ongoing) to establish the Leaving Violence Program (LVP) from 1 July 2025 to provide financial support of up to \$5,000 (indexed annually to Wage Cost Index) and support services including risk assessments, safety planning and short-term referral services for up to 12 weeks
- \$152.3 million over three years from 2023–24 to extend and expand the Escaping Violence Payment and the Temporary Visa Holders Experiencing Violence Pilot trials to 30 June 2025, and to continue to provide support services for a further 12 weeks beyond the pilot end date for active cases. The LVP will replace these trials
- \$16.5 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$5.1 million in 2028–29) to continue to provide legal assistance for temporary visa holders leaving a violent relationship.

In addition, \$6.1 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.6 million per year ongoing) will be provided for continued specialised support for visa holders experiencing domestic and family violence through the Domestic and Family Violence visa support service.

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

This measure supports the implementation of the *National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022–23*.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Increasing Support for Victim-Survivors of Domestic Violence and Modern Slavery*, 2023–24 Budget measure titled the *Women’s Safety* and the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Women’s Safety*. See also the related payment measure titled *Migration Systems Reforms*.

Treasury

ABS – delivering Census and modernising operations

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Bureau of Statistics	0.7	63.9	54.0	111.7	10.1
Services Australia	-	6.4	1.6	1.0	-
Total – Payments	0.7	70.3	55.6	112.7	10.1

The Government will provide \$267.4 million over six years from 2023–24 (and \$3.8 million per year ongoing from 2029–30) to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to support delivery of the 2026 Census, modernisation of ABS operations, and to further invest in data capabilities. Funding includes:

- \$196.8 million over three years from 2024–25 to support delivery of the 2026 Census, including ensuring safe collection and storage of Census data, activities to increase engagement and participation and facilitating access to the Census through myGov
- \$57.9 million over six years from 2023–24 (and \$3.8 million per year ongoing from 2029–30) to continue to modernise legacy systems and operations for the Labour Force survey and Business Characteristics dataset, and to deliver an enhanced annual General Social Survey to support *Measuring What Matters*.

Partial funding for this measure will be held in the Contingency Reserve.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Big Data, Timely Insights Phase 2 – securing Australia’s critical economic data and supporting better informed macroeconomic policy*.

Competition Reform

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	0.5	6.2	1.4	0.2	0.2
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	3.3	15.5	20.4	21.1
Australian Bureau of Statistics	-	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.2
Total – Payments	0.5	10.1	17.2	20.9	21.5
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i>	-	-	15.0	37.3	38.2

The Government will provide \$13.9 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$0.3 million per year ongoing) to progress competition reforms, including:

- replacing Australia’s current merger control with a faster, stronger, simpler, targeted, more transparent and streamlined mergers control system that better addresses anti-competitive mergers, including establishing a comprehensive database of mergers and acquisitions in Australia
- expanding the scope of the Competition Review, announced in August 2023, to include advice on non-compete clauses, and to work with states and territories to revitalise National Competition Policy
- developing a Regulatory Initiatives Grid for the financial sector to provide greater transparency of announced regulatory reforms and planned regulator initiatives and activities to promote better collaboration and engagement with industry and reduce regulatory burden.

Additional funding for this measure and future cost recovery arrangements will be held in the Contingency Reserve pending the finalisation of the policy and implementation details of the new merger system. The cost of this measure will be partially met from within existing resources of the Treasury portfolio.

Cyber Security of Regulators and Improving Registers

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	81.8	16.2	16.5	10.4
Australian Prudential Regulation Authority	-	29.4	21.8	11.6	10.4
Australian Taxation Office	-	4.2	-	-	-
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	1.5	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	1.0	0.5	-	-
Department of Finance	-	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total – Payments	-	118.2	38.7	28.3	21.1
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</i>	-	29.4	21.8	11.6	10.4
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>	-	-	9.3	12.2	13.6
Total – Receipts	-	29.4	31.2	23.8	24.0

The Government will provide \$206.4 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$7.2 million per year ongoing) to improve the data capability and cyber security of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and to continue the stabilisation of business registers and modernisation of legacy systems.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from cost recovery through ASIC and APRA industry levies.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Ceasing the Modernising Business Registers Program*.

Energy Bill Relief Fund – extension and expansion

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	0.1	2,616.7	872.2	-	-
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	0.8	-	-	-
Total – Payments	0.1	2,617.4	872.2	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.5 billion over three years from 2023–24 to extend and expand the *Energy Bill Relief Fund* to provide a \$300 rebate to all Australian households and a \$325 rebate to eligible small businesses on 2024–25 bills to provide cost of living relief.

This measure partially extends the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Energy Price Relief Plan*.

Fighting Scams

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	9.6	3.8	3.7	4.0
Australian Taxation Office	-	7.6	6.2	5.4	4.1
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	4.9	2.5	2.5	2.5
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	3.1	2.7	2.1	2.1
Department of the Treasury	-	1.4	0.2	-	-
Total – Payments	-	26.7	15.4	13.6	12.8
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	-	4.9	2.5	2.5
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	-	3.1	2.7	2.1
Total – Receipts	-	-	8.0	5.2	4.5

The Government will provide \$67.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$8.6 million per year ongoing) to continue to combat scams and online fraud through the introduction of mandatory industry codes to be established under a Scams Code Framework and increased use of the secure eInvoicing network. Funding includes:

- \$37.3 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$8.6 million per year ongoing) for the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) to administer and enforce mandatory industry codes for regulated businesses to address scams on their platforms and services, initially targeting telecommunications, banks and digital platforms services relating to social media, paid search engine advertising and direct messaging
- \$23.3 million over four years from 2024–25 for the Australian Taxation Office to continue to oversee and operate the secure eInvoicing network
- \$6.3 million in 2024–25 for the ACCC to improve public awareness of scams and help the public to identify, avoid and report scams
- \$1.6 million over two years from 2024–25 for the Treasury to develop and legislate the overarching Scams Code Framework.

Partial funding for this measure will be held in the Contingency Reserve pending development of the preferred legislative approach for the Scams Code Framework.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from a reprioritisation of funding from the 2020–21 Budget measure titled *Refocusing Australia’s Approach to Financial Capability* and from cost recovery through ASIC and ACMA industry levies.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Fighting Scams*.

International Assistance

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

The Government has provided a loan of \$600 million to the Government of Papua New Guinea (PNG) to address the PNG Government’s estimated 2023 budget shortfall. The loan was provided in response to a request from the PNG Prime Minister and will also assist PNG to deliver economic reforms under the International Monetary Fund Extended Credit Facility and Extended Fund Facility Program.

The Government will also take up its quota increase at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), largely offset by reductions in Australia’s other IMF commitments. The timing of this is subject to agreement of other participating countries.

The Government has already provided partial funding for this measure.

Modernising Digital Assets and Payments Regulation

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Australian Prudential Regulation Authority	-	1.4	1.9	6.4	6.0
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	17.7	15.5	13.7	13.1
Total – Payments	-	20.6	18.9	21.6	20.7
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Australian Prudential Regulation Authority	-	-	-	4.2	5.5
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	-	17.3	15.2	13.5
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	*	*	*
Total – Receipts	-	-	*	*	*

The Government will provide \$7.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$1.5 million per year ongoing) to modernise regulatory frameworks for financial services to improve competition and consumer protections for services enabled by new technology, including to:

- develop and consult on legislation to licence and regulate platforms that hold digital assets and progress related reforms, including continuing exploratory work on Central Bank Digital Currencies, asset tokenisation and decentralised finance
- introduce a new regulatory framework for payment service providers (including digital wallets and electronic stored value providers), including licensing and a mandated ePayments Code.

The Government will consider future funding requirements to implement the proposed reforms informed by the development of legislation.

Supporting Small Businesses

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	-3.3	8.5	15.9	5.5	6.3

The Government will provide \$41.7 million over four years from 2024–25 to support small businesses. Funding includes:

- \$25.3 million over four years from 2024–25 to support the Payment Times Reporting Regulator to implement reforms recommended by the statutory review of the *Payment Times Reporting Act 2020*, including increased resourcing for the Regulator and upgrading the Regulator’s ICT infrastructure

- \$10.8 million over two years from 2024–25 to extend the Small Business Debt Helpline and the NewAccess for Small Business Owners program to continue to provide financial counselling and mental health support for small business owners
- \$3.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to implement the Government’s response to the Review of the Franchising Code of Conduct, including by investigating the feasibility of a licensing model and remaking and updating the Franchising Code of Conduct prior to its expiration in April 2025
- \$2.6 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.7 million per year ongoing) for the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman to support unrepresented small businesses to navigate business-to-business disputes through alternative dispute resolution.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of the Treasury and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Ensuring Small Businesses are Paid on Time*.

Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of the Treasury	23.1	27.7	12.2	10.1	9.9
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	2.6	5.3	-	-	-
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	4.3	15.9	12.7	9.6
Australian Taxation Office	-	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Inspector-General of Taxation	-	0.5	-	-	-
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	0.2	0.2	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	0.2	-	-	-
Total – Payments	25.6	38.7	28.9	23.4	20.2
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</i>	-	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>	-	-	2.4	8.7	7.8
Total – Receipts	-	0.6	3.1	9.4	8.5

The Government will provide \$136.9 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$20.2 million per year ongoing) to support the delivery of Government priorities in the Treasury portfolio. Funding includes:

- \$79.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$9.9 million per year ongoing) to provide additional capability to the Treasury to meet Government priorities, including in consultation with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, and to the Inspector-General of Taxation and Taxation Ombudsman to support the performance of its functions
- \$41.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$9.6 million per year ongoing) to the Treasury, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and the Attorney-General’s Department to regulate and support new beneficial ownership transparency requirements for Australian companies and other entities
- \$8.9 million over four years from 2023–24 to improve monitoring of supermarket pricing practices, through an Australian Competition and Consumer Commission inquiry into supermarket practices and tracking and the publication of supermarket prices by CHOICE
- \$2.9 million in 2024–25 to review the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman, the Food and Grocery Code of Conduct, and the Tax and Corporate Whistleblower Protection Framework, as required by legislation
- \$2.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.7 million per year ongoing) to support the SuperStream Gateway Network Governance Body, an industry-owned not for profit organisation, to manage the integrity of the Superannuation Transaction Network, which allows Gateway Members to transmit contribution data between employers and superannuation funds, with funding provided through the Australian Taxation Office
- \$1.0 million over two years from 2024–25 for ASIC to maintain the North Queensland home insurance comparison website.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from cost recovery through ASIC and Australian Prudential Regulation Authority industry levies.

This measure builds on the 2023–24 MYEFO measure titled *Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing*.

Notes

- (a) The following definitions are used in this Budget Paper:
- ‘real’ means adjusted for the effect of inflation
 - real growth in expenses is calculated using the consumer price index (CPI) as the deflator
 - the Budget year refers to 2024–25, while the forward years refer to 2025–26, 2026–27, and 2027–28
 - one billion is equal to one thousand million.
- (b) Figures in tables and generally in the text have been rounded. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.
- estimates under \$100,000 are rounded to the nearest thousand
 - estimates \$100,000 and over are generally rounded to the nearest tenth of a million
 - estimates midway between rounding points are rounded up.
- (c) For the budget balance, a negative sign indicates a deficit while no sign indicates a surplus.
- (d) The following notations are used:
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| - | nil |
| na | not applicable |
| .. | not zero, but rounded to zero |
| \$m | millions of dollars |
| \$b | billions of dollars |
| nfp | not for publication |
| AEDT | Australian Eastern Daylight Time |
| AEST | Australian Eastern Standard Time |
| NEC/nec | not elsewhere classified |
| * | The nature of this measure is such that a reliable estimate cannot be provided. |

- (e) The Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory are referred to as ‘the Territories’. References to the ‘States’ or ‘each State’ include the Territories. The following abbreviations are used for the names of the States, where appropriate:

NSW	New South Wales
VIC	Victoria
QLD	Queensland
WA	Western Australia
SA	South Australia
TAS	Tasmania
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
NT	Northern Territory

- (f) In this paper, the term ‘Commonwealth’ refers to the Commonwealth of Australia. The term is used when referring to the legal entity of the Commonwealth of Australia.

The term ‘Australian Government’ is used when referring to the Government and the decisions and activities made by the Government on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia.

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