

Expense Measures

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AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES						
<i>Department of Agriculture and Water Resources</i>						
141	Assistance for Queensland Banana Growers — Panama disease Tropical Race 4	-0.3	-	-	-	-
105	Changes to agricultural production levies(b)	-	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.9
141	Murray-Darling Basin Joint Programme — efficiencies	-	-	-	-	-
141	Smaller Government — Agriculture and Water Resources Portfolio	-	-	-	-	-
Stronger Farmers, Stronger Economy						
142	– a fairer go for farm businesses	-	-	-	-	-
142	– improvements to access premium markets	-	-	-	-	-
143	– National Water Infrastructure Development Fund	-	-	-	-	-
144	– new drought management framework	-	-	-	-	-
145	– strengthening research, skills and management of natural resources	-	-	-	-	-
146	Tasmania — horticulture growth project	-	-0.1	-	-	-
Portfolio total		-0.3	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.9
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S						
<i>Administrative Appeals Tribunal</i>						
115	Applying a General Interest Charge to the Debts of Ex-recipients of Social Security and Family Assistance Payments(b)	-	-	..	..	..
209	Commonwealth Parental Leave Payments — consistent treatment for income support assessment	-	-	..	-	-
211	Family Payment Reform — a new families package	-	-0.2	0.1	0.6	2.1
216	Parental Leave Pay — revised arrangements	-	-	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
216	Removal of Family Member Exemptions from the Newly Arrived Resident's Waiting Period	-	-	..	..	..
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>						
148	Confiscated Assets Account — crime prevention activities	-	-	-	-	-
149	Disaster relief — additional funding	-	2.7	-	-	-
150	National Security — counter-terrorism prosecutions	-	-	0.8	0.8	0.8
150	National Security Awareness Campaign	-	10.0	-	-	-
202	Western Foreshore of Mandurah — safer foreshore project	-	-0.2	-	-	-
218	Women's Safety Package	-	-	-	-	-

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	ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)					
	<i>Australian Crime Commission</i>					
148	Confiscated Assets Account — crime prevention activities	-	7.4	7.3	0.8	0.6
151	Smaller Government — Attorney-General's Portfolio	-	-	-1.2	-1.8	-3.1
	<i>Australian Federal Police</i>					
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147	– International Deployment Group — efficiencies	-	-5.5	-12.3	-6.0	-6.2
147	– Project Spectrum	-	-1.9	-1.9	-1.9	-1.9
148	Confiscated Assets Account — crime prevention activities	-	1.2	2.1	2.1	-
	<i>Australian Financial Security Authority</i>					
221	National Innovation and Science Agenda — improving bankruptcy and insolvency laws	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
190	Syrian and Iraqi Humanitarian Crisis	-	0.7	0.6	-	-
	<i>CrimTrac Agency</i>					
149	National Firearms Interface	-	2.3	0.9	-	-
	<i>Office of the Australian Information Commissioner</i>					
211	Enhanced Welfare Payment Integrity — non-employment income data matching	-	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.3
	<i>Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</i>					
150	National Security — counter-terrorism prosecutions	-	3.4	4.7	4.8	4.8
	<i>Various Agencies</i>					
147	Attorney-General's — one-off efficiency savings to specific agencies	-	-7.0	-14.1	-15.5	-18.3
	Portfolio total	-	13.8	-12.0	-14.8	-20.0
	COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS					
	<i>Department of Communications and the Arts</i>					
152	Communications and the Arts Portfolio — efficiencies	-	-2.5	-3.2	-3.7	-2.2
152	Funding for Two Major Film Projects	-	-	17.6	29.7	-
153	Mobile Black Spot Programme — round 2	-	-	-	-	-
218	Women's Safety Package	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Special Broadcasting Service Corporation</i>					
153	Special Broadcasting Service Corporation — additional funding	-	4.1	-	-	-
	<i>Various Agencies</i>					
152	Communications and the Arts Portfolio — efficiencies	-	-7.6	-9.7	-9.7	-9.8
	Portfolio total	-	-6.0	4.6	16.3	-12.0
	CROSS PORTFOLIO					
	<i>Various Agencies</i>					
154	Public Sector Savings — Shared and Common Services Programme	-	-	-7.3	-16.8	-16.8
	Portfolio total	-	-	-7.3	-16.8	-16.8

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	DEFENCE					
	<i>Department of Defence</i>					
155	Closure of Hunter River and Port Stephens Fisheries — Assistance to Individuals and Businesses	-	-	-	-	-
155	Operation OKRA	-	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	-	-	-	-
	EDUCATION AND TRAINING					
	<i>Australian Research Council</i>					
160	Higher Education Reform — delay	-	14.2	-12.7	-13.7	-15.2
	National Innovation and Science Agenda					
161	– ARC Linkage Grants reform	-	-	-	-	-
162	– measuring research impact	-	2.0	2.8	1.5	2.0
	<i>Department of Education and Training</i>					
156	Additional Child Care Subsidy — expansion	-	-	-	10.6	11.8
115	Applying a General Interest Charge to the Debts of Ex-recipients of Social Security and Family Assistance Payments(b)	-	-	-	-	-
156	Apprenticeship Training — alternative delivery pilots	-	0.8	4.7	4.5	-
156	Asia Education Foundation — transition funding	-	0.8	-	-	-
157	Australian Children's Music Foundation — extension	-	0.4	0.4	-	-
157	Australian Consensus — cessation	-	nfp	-1.0	-1.0	-
157	Australian Early Development Census — efficiencies	-	-	-	-1.5	-1.5
158	Child Care System — changes	-	-15.3	-30.7	-194.6	-210.5
159	Curtin University Medical School — establishment	-	-	0.6	2.1	3.9
108	Department of Education and Training — charging opportunities(b)	-	0.3	0.8	1.0	1.3
159	Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships Programme — reduction	-	-	-3.0	-2.0	-5.0
159	Family Day Care — improving integrity	-	-18.4	-127.0	-311.4	-473.8
109	Higher Education Loan Programme — strengthened compliance(b)	-	0.1	..	0.1	..
160	Higher Education Participation Programme — savings	-	-	-	-	-
160	Higher Education Reform — delay	-	211.7	119.5	-94.3	-121.2
161	Industry Skills Fund — efficiencies	-	-85.1	-62.9	-62.9	-62.9
	National Innovation and Science Agenda					
161	– improving university-business collaboration	-	-	25.0	50.6	51.7
196	– inspiring all Australians in STEM	-	-	14.9	16.5	17.8
163	– supporting critical research infrastructure	-	-	-	153.5	157.3

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING (continued)						
215	New Treatment of Fringe Benefits for Family Assistance and Youth Payments purposes	-	-	-1.9	-6.1	-6.7
113	Our North, Our Future — workforce for growth(b)	-	-	-	-	-
163	Skills for Education and Employment — reduction	-	-4.0	-18.1	-61.5	-39.4
190	Syrian and Iraqi Humanitarian Crisis	-	10.0	34.5	30.0	18.5
164	VET FEE-HELP — strengthened compliance	-	45.7	45.0	0.3	0.3
165	Vocational Education and Training — new product development arrangements	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
218	Women's Safety Package	-	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	163.1	-8.8	-478.3	-671.6
EMPLOYMENT						
<i>Department of Employment</i>						
204	Addressing Welfare Reliance in Remote Communities	-	0.1	-	-	-
166	Fair Entitlements Guarantee — indexation pause — continuation	-	-	-	-	-1.7
166	Geelong Employment Facilitator — extension	-	-	-	-	-
166	Job Seeker Services — streamlining arrangements	-	-	-27.9	-45.9	-52.6
167	Mature Age Employment Programme — cessation	-	-	-3.6	-3.7	-3.7
113	Our North, Our Future — workforce for growth(b)	-	-	-	-	-
190	Syrian and Iraqi Humanitarian Crisis	-	0.7	1.9	1.3	0.7
167	Transition to Work Programme — additional funding	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman</i>						
113	Our North, Our Future — workforce for growth(b)	-	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	0.7	-29.6	-48.3	-57.5
ENVIRONMENT						
<i>Bureau of Meteorology</i>						
144	Stronger Farmers, Stronger Economy — new drought management framework	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Clean Energy Regulator</i>						
169	National Wind Farm Commissioner and Independent Scientific Committee on Wind Turbines — establishment	-	-0.4	-0.7	-0.7	-0.2
110	Renewable Energy Target — amendments(b)	-	-	-	-0.1	-0.2
<i>Department of the Environment</i>						
168	Cities and the Built Environment Taskforce — establishment	-	4.1	-	-	-

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	ENVIRONMENT (continued)					
168	Green Army — project cap	-	-	-44.7	-90.3	-182.5
168	International Whale and Marine Mammal Conservation Initiative — additional funding	-	1.7	-	-	-
169	National Landcare Programme — efficiencies	-	-	-	-	-2.8
169	National Wind Farm Commissioner and Independent Scientific Committee on Wind Turbines — establishment	-	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.3
170	Resolution of Legal Matter	-	nfp	-	-	-
110	Revised Charging Arrangements(b)	-	-	..	..	..
170	Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area — contribution	-	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	5.9	-44.5	-90.2	-185.4
	FINANCE					
	<i>Department of Finance</i>					
171	Malabar Headland — upgrade	-	1.3	3.7	-	-
177	National Innovation and Science Agenda — Biomedical Translation Fund	-	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
	Portfolio total	-	1.2	3.5	-0.3	-0.3
	FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
	<i>Australian Trade Commission</i>					
194	National Innovation and Science Agenda — Global Innovation Strategy	-	-	2.1	2.1	3.3
	<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>					
232	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank(c) Our North, Our Future	-	1.3	1.3	0.4	0.4
199	– business, trade and investment gateway	-	-	-	-	-
113	– workforce for growth(b)	-	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	1.3	3.3	2.5	3.7
	HEALTH					
	<i>Australian Aged Care Quality Agency</i>					
214	National Disability Insurance Scheme — transition to full Scheme	-	-	1.2	0.8	0.8
	<i>Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care</i>					
183	Smaller Government — Health Portfolio	-	-	3.5	3.5	3.6
	<i>Australian Institute of Health and Welfare</i>					
183	Smaller Government — Health Portfolio	-	-	11.4	11.6	11.5
	<i>Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority</i>					
183	Smaller Government — Health Portfolio	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1

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	HEALTH (continued)					
	<i>Department of Health</i>					
208	Age Pension — aligning the pension means testing arrangements with residential aged care arrangements	-	-	0.7	2.7	5.2
	Aged Care Provider Funding					
172	– improved compliance	-	-7.2	-20.8	-23.7	-19.8
172	– revision to the Aged Care Funding Instrument Complex Health Care Domain	-	-	-92.3	-138.3	-188.2
173	Better Access to Radiation Oncology Programme — cessation	-	-5.2	-5.1	-8.0	-8.2
211	Family Payment Reform — a new families package	-	-	..	-15.2	-36.5
173	Health Services in Tasmania — additional funding	-	-	-	-	-
174	Inborn Error of Metabolism (IEM) Programme Savings — reversal	-	1.6	3.3	3.4	3.5
213	Maintain the Higher Income Free Threshold for Family Tax Benefit Part A for a Further Two Years	-	-	-	-2.1	-4.1
	Medicare Benefits Schedule					
174	– changes to diagnostic imaging and pathology services bulk-billing incentives	-	-	-215.8	-225.2	-234.6
175	– new and amended listings	-	-2.5	-3.0	-1.1	-0.9
175	Mental Health — streamlining	-	-	-	-	-
176	More Efficient Health Programmes	-	-40.4	-36.9	-36.9	-31.8
176	National Diabetes Services Scheme — efficiencies through tendering	-	-	-	-	nfp
214	National Disability Insurance Scheme — transition to full Scheme	-	7.0	573.0	613.1	629.3
176	National Immunisation Programme — new and amended listings	-	-0.2	-1.0	-1.7	-1.7
177	National Innovation and Science Agenda — Biomedical Translation Fund	-	-	-2.4	-8.8	-9.3
177	National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Programme — cessation	-	-	-	-6.1	-6.2
215	New Treatment of Fringe Benefits for Family Assistance and Youth Payments purposes	-	-	-0.3	-1.0	-1.1
178	No Jab No Pay — improving immunisation coverage rates	-	-29.1	93.7	8.3	-0.1
	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme					
178	– new and amended listings	-	112.1	150.7	165.6	181.8
179	– price amendments	-	6.4	9.8	9.8	10.0

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	HEALTH (continued)					
179	Poly Implant Prosthèse Breast Implant — Medicare rebates — extension	-	0.1	0.1	..	-
180	Primary Health Networks After Hours Funding and After Hours GP Advice and Support Line	-	-	-	-	-
180	Regulation of Medicinal Cannabis	-	-	-	-	-
181	Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Reforms	-	-	-	-	-
183	Smaller Government — Health Portfolio	-	0.9	23.6	24.2	24.2
184	Streamlining Health and Aged Care Workforce Programme Funding	-	-178.2	-157.1	-130.4	-129.5
190	Syrian and Iraqi Humanitarian Crisis	-	10.2	21.0	16.3	13.7
185	The Australian Government's Response to the National Ice Taskforce Final Report	-	-	63.4	40.2	38.7
	<i>Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</i>					
183	Smaller Government — Health Portfolio	-	-	-26.0	-26.2	-26.5
	<i>National Blood Authority</i>					
183	Smaller Government — Health Portfolio	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	<i>National Health Funding Body</i>					
183	Smaller Government — Health Portfolio	-	-	-	0.3	-4.4
	<i>National Health Performance Authority</i>					
183	Smaller Government — Health Portfolio	-	-	-34.4	-34.8	-35.3
	Portfolio total	-	-124.7	360.3	240.1	183.9
	IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION					
	<i>Department of Immigration and Border Protection</i>					
186	Additional Maritime Capability — lease extension for the Australian Customs Vessel Triton	-	-	-	-	-
186	Asylum Seeker Support — additional funding	-	12.4	-	-	-
231	Biometric data platform — not proceeding(c)	-	-2.3	-	-	-
186	China-Australia Free Trade Agreement — verification of origin	-	-	-	-	-
187	Illegal Maritime Arrivals — Managing the Legacy Caseload — additional funding	-	-	403.2	96.5	-
187	Management of the Onshore Immigration Detention Network	-	208.2	5.4	-49.0	48.7
188	National Innovation and Science Agenda — enhanced visa arrangements	-	0.1	0.1	-	-
	Our North, Our Future					
199	— business, trade and investment gateway	-	-	-	-	-
113	— workforce for growth(b)	-	-	-	-	-
188	Refugee Resettlement Arrangements for Illegal Maritime Arrivals in Regional Processing Centres — additional funding	-	112.5	229.7	-	-
189	Streamlining Student Visa Processing	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
190	Syrian and Iraqi Humanitarian Crisis	-	21.4	12.3	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	352.2	650.6	47.4	48.6

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	INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE					
	<i>Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation</i>					
163	National Innovation and Science Agenda — supporting critical research infrastructure	-	-	11.4	40.9	43.9
	<i>Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation</i>					
	National Innovation and Science Agenda					
192	– CSIRO Innovation Fund	-	-	5.0	5.0	5.0
193	– Data61	-	-	24.2	24.4	24.5
200	Stronger Farmers, Stronger Economy — TRANSIT	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Department of Industry, Innovation and Science</i>					
191	Administration of the <i>Australian Jobs Act 2013</i> — continuation	-	1.5	1.7	1.8	2.0
	National Innovation and Science Agenda					
191	– advancing Australia’s cyber security	-	-	4.2	6.8	10.8
192	– Business Research and Innovation Initiative	-	-	4.0	10.1	4.7
194	– enhancing research-business links	-	-	3.2	6.9	7.6
194	– Global Innovation Strategy	-	-	5.0	6.5	6.5
195	– Innovation and Science Australia	-	1.1	2.3	2.5	2.3
196	– inspiring all Australians in STEM	-	25.5	13.2	8.7	15.5
197	– quantum computing	-	-	5.4	5.0	5.0
163	– supporting critical research infrastructure	-	-	4.0	3.6	44.0
198	– supporting incubators	-	-	2.6	2.8	2.7
198	Next Generation Manufacturing Programme — additional funding	-	-	6.0	13.5	8.4
199	Our North, Our Future — business, trade and investment gateway	-	-	-	-	-
200	Tasmanian Jobs and Investment Fund — establishment	-	-7.1	3.6	3.4	-
	Portfolio total	-	21.1	95.8	141.8	182.9
	INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT					
	<i>Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development</i>					
114	Adelaide Airport Noise Amelioration Levy — not proceeding(b)	-	-2.5	-	-	-
219	Freeze Road User Charge Collections	-	-	-39.0	-79.0	-
201	Infrastructure Investment Programme — new investments	-	316.0	807.0	-	-
201	Our North, Our Future — road and rail infrastructure	-	-	-	-	-

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	INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)					
202	South Australia — upgrading the 'last mile'	-	-	-	-	-
202	Western Foreshore of Mandurah — safer foreshore project	-	0.1	0.1	-	-
203	Western Sydney Airport — site preparatory works	2.4	30.3	-	-	-
	<i>National Capital Authority</i>					
114	National Capital Authority — increase in development approval fees(b)	-	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
	Portfolio total	2.4	344.3	768.5	-78.5	0.5
	PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET					
	<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>					
204	Addressing Welfare Reliance in Remote Communities	-	-	26.9	-10.0	-12.0
205	Geocoded National Address File	-	-	-	-	-
205	Indigenous Advancement Strategy — indexation pause	-	-	-	-	-17.8
193	National Innovation and Science Agenda — Data61	-	-	0.5	0.5	0.5
206	Our North, Our Future — simpler land arrangements to support investment	-	-	-	-	-
207	Remote School Attendance Strategy — continuation	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Digital Transformation Office</i>					
205	National Innovation and Science Agenda — digital procurement reform	-	2.9	4.9	3.7	3.7
	Portfolio total	-	2.9	32.2	-5.8	-25.6
	SOCIAL SERVICES					
	<i>Department of Human Services</i>					
156	Additional Child Care Subsidy — expansion	-	-	1.6	0.6	0.5
204	Addressing Welfare Reliance in Remote Communities	-	11.1	3.6	-	-
208	Age Pension — aligning the pension means testing arrangements with residential aged care arrangements	-	-	1.5	0.9	0.2
	Aged Care Provider Funding					
172	— improved compliance	-	0.2	..	-	-
172	— revision to the Aged Care Funding Instrument Complex Health Care Domain	-	0.5	-	-	-
115	Applying a General Interest Charge to the Debts of Ex-recipients of Social Security and Family Assistance Payments(b)	-	5.5	9.4	1.0	1.0

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	SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)					
158	Child Care System — changes	-	-	1.5	3.2	5.3
155	Closure of Hunter River and Port Stephens Fisheries — Assistance to Individuals and Businesses	-	-	-	-	-
209	Commonwealth Parental Leave Payments — consistent treatment for income support assessment	-	2.1	-2.0	-3.2	-3.3
	Enhanced Welfare Payment Integrity					
210	– expand debt recovery	-	2.8	8.5	8.6	8.6
210	– income data matching	-	-	25.5	25.1	-0.2
211	– non-employment income data matching	-	0.3	27.4	25.1	20.9
211	Family Payment Reform — a new families package	-	-24.9	-14.6	29.2	37.7
213	Government Remote Servicing — extension	-	-	-	-	-
168	Green Army — project cap	-	-	0.8	1.4	3.8
213	Maintain the Higher Income Free Threshold for Family Tax Benefit Part A for a Further Two Years	-	-	0.3	-0.5	-0.8
	Medicare Benefits Schedule					
174	– changes to diagnostic imaging and pathology services bulk-billing incentives	-	4.6	7.9	7.0	5.7
175	– new and amended listings	-	..	..	-0.2	-0.4
175	Mental Health — streamlining	-	-	-	-	-
214	National Disability Insurance Scheme — transition to full Scheme	-	3.2	1.1	0.6	0.1
215	New Treatment of Fringe Benefits for Family Assistance and Youth Payments purposes	-	1.9	12.3	3.4	1.3
178	No Jab No Pay — improving immunisation coverage rates	-	11.0	2.0	1.1	-
216	Parental Leave Pay — revised arrangements	-	5.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
178	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — new and amended listings	-	1.1	0.4	0.4	0.4
216	Removal of Family Member Exemptions from the Newly Arrived Resident's Waiting Period	-	0.1	1.8	-2.2	-3.9
217	Remove the Exemptions for Parents in Employment Nil Rate Periods	-	1.1	2.0	11.2	3.8
181	Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Reforms	-	-	-	-	-
144	Stronger Farmers, Stronger Economy — new drought management framework	-	-	-	-	-
190	Syrian and Iraqi Humanitarian Crisis	-	4.5	6.2	4.9	4.5
185	The Australian Government's Response to the National Ice Taskforce Final Report	-	-	0.2

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	SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)					
	<i>Department of Social Services</i>					
204	Addressing Welfare Reliance in Remote Communities	-	-	-27.8	-	-
208	Age Pension — aligning the pension means testing arrangements with residential aged care arrangements	-	-	-1.7	-28.9	-36.7
115	Applying a General Interest Charge to the Debts of Ex-recipients of Social Security and Family Assistance Payments(b)	-	-	0.5	0.6	0.3
208	Australian Disability Enterprises — Business Services Wage Assessment Tool — payment scheme	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
209	Commonwealth Parental Leave Payments — consistent treatment for income support assessment	-	..	-31.9	-32.8	-34.1
209	Department of Social Services — introduction of a new electronic document management system	-	-0.1	-2.2	-2.7	-2.8
	Enhanced Welfare Payment Integrity					
210	– expand debt recovery	-	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
210	– income data matching	-	-	-629.1	-650.1	-22.2
211	– non-employment income data matching	-	-	-301.3	-276.5	-217.9
211	Family Payment Reform — a new families package	-	-0.7	122.2	-607.7	247.4
212	Funding for Frontline Services	-	-	-	-	-
168	Green Army — project cap	-	-	7.0	13.9	29.3
213	Maintain the Higher Income Free Threshold for Family Tax Benefit Part A for a Further Two Years	-	-	..	-49.4	-69.1
214	National Disability Insurance Scheme — transition to full Scheme	-	15.0	-14.5	-91.5	-202.5
215	New Treatment of Fringe Benefits for Family Assistance and Youth Payments purposes	-	-	-21.8	-38.1	-36.5
216	Parental Leave Pay — revised arrangements	-	-	10.0	58.6	62.9
216	Removal of Family Member Exemptions from the Newly Arrived Resident's Waiting Period	-	..	-29.2	-109.3	-82.3
217	Remove the Exemptions for Parents in Employment Nil Rate Periods	-	-	-	0.4	-40.7
190	Syrian and Iraqi Humanitarian Crisis	-	107.4	188.8	176.6	165.3
218	Women's Safety Package	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>National Disability Insurance Agency</i>					
214	National Disability Insurance Scheme — transition to full Scheme	-	108.3	291.3	103.2	-249.8
	Portfolio total	-	260.0	-342.0	-1,416.2	-404.0

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Page		2014-15 \$m	2015-16 \$m	2016-17 \$m	2017-18 \$m	2018-19 \$m
	TREASURY					
	<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i>					
142	Stronger Farmers, Stronger Economy — a fairer go for farm businesses	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>					
	National Innovation and Science Agenda					
221	– improving bankruptcy and insolvency laws	-	-	-	-	-
221	– improving employee share schemes	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>					
211	Enhanced Welfare Payment Integrity — non-employment income data matching	-	0.7	0.1	0.1	-
219	Freeze Road User Charge Collections	-	-	39.0	79.0	-
109	Higher Education Loan Programme — strengthened compliance(b)	-	-	-	1.0	0.9
220	Improving Management of Dispute Resolution	-	-	-	-	-
220	Increasing the Level of Contact Centre Outsourcing	-	-	-	-	-
121	National Innovation and Science Agenda — tax incentives for angel investors(b)	-	-	1.0	1.1	1.3
122	Reducing red tape — improvements to data and analytics infrastructure of the Australian Taxation Office(b)	-	9.5	12.7	13.9	13.6
222	Review of existing restrictions on data sharing between agencies	-	-	-	-	-
190	Syrian and Iraqi Humanitarian Crisis	-	-	-	-	-
125	Tax administration — Single Touch Payroll Reporting(b)	-	25.8	28.1	23.5	18.2
126	Tax compliance — improving compliance through third party reporting and data matching — delayed start(b)	-	-	-5.3	-2.8	8.1
126	Taxation treatment of biodiesel — extension of phase-in for new arrangements(b)	-	-	-0.5	-1.0	-2.0
	<i>Department of the Treasury</i>					
232	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank(c)	-	1.2	1.2	0.9	1.0
219	Asset Recycling Initiative — redirection of funding	-	-	-	-	-
141	Assistance for Queensland Banana Growers — Panama disease Tropical Race 4	0.3	-	-	-	-
219	Capability Review of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	-	-	-	-
149	Disaster relief — additional funding	0.5	4.7	8.7	-	-
107	Financial Stability Fund — not proceeding(b)	-	-0.2	-0.6	-1.1	-1.6

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	TREASURY (continued)					
173	Health Services in Tasmania — additional funding	-	10.7	10.0	-	-
118	Indirect Tax Concession Scheme — diplomatic and consular concessions(b)	-	..	..	..	..
175	Mental Health — streamlining	-	-	-	-	-
214	National Disability Insurance Scheme — transition to full Scheme	-	-339.2	-328.8	-350.9	-362.2
176	National Immunisation Programme — new and amended listings	-	..	..	-0.1	-0.1
198	Next Generation Manufacturing Programme — additional funding	-	-10.0	-10.0	-9.1	-
	Our North, Our Future					
199	– business, trade and investment gateway	-	-	-	-	-
201	– road and rail infrastructure	-	-	-	-	-
202	South Australia — upgrading the 'last mile'	-	-	-	-	-
222	Strengthening Australia's Foreign Investment Framework — continuation	-	-	-	-	-
	Stronger Farmers, Stronger Economy					
143	– National Water Infrastructure Development Fund	-	-	-	-	-
144	– new drought management framework	-	-	-	-	-
145	– strengthening research, skills and management of natural resources	-	-	-	-	-
190	Syrian and Iraqi Humanitarian Crisis	-	3.6	15.6	18.8	20.0
146	Tasmania — horticulture growth project	-	0.1	-	-	-
222	Tasmanian Forests — saving	-	-	-	-	-
170	Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area — contribution	-	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	0.8	-293.1	-228.9	-226.6	-302.8
	VETERANS' AFFAIRS					
	<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>					
208	Age Pension — aligning the pension means testing arrangements with residential aged care arrangements	-	-	..	-1.8	-3.2
172	Aged Care Provider Funding — revision to the Aged Care Funding Instrument Complex Health Care Domain	-	-	-11.9	-17.9	-24.3
223	Department of Veterans' Affairs — additional funding	-	16.1	-	-	-
175	Medicare Benefits Schedule — new and amended listings	-	..	..	..	..
	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme					
178	– new and amended listings	-	2.9	3.7	3.9	4.2
179	– price amendments	-	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3

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		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
	VETERANS' AFFAIRS (continued)					
223	Repatriation of Australian Remains from the Terendak Military Cemetery in Malaysia and the Kranji War Cemetery in Singapore	-	-	-	-	-
223	Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — new listings and price amendments	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
224	Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Programme — Vietnam War Commemorative Grants	-	-	-	-	-
181	Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Reforms	-	-	-	-	-
185	The Australian Government's Response to the National Ice Taskforce Final Report	-	-	..	..	..
	Portfolio total	-	19.3	-7.8	-15.3	-23.0
	Decisions taken but not yet announced	-	68.8	-227.5	-421.7	-825.3
	Depreciation expense	-	-1.7	3.4	7.4	9.3
	Total impact of expense measures(d)	2.9	829.4	1,014.7	-2,356.3	-2,114.4

* 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 expenses, no sign before an estimate indicates increased expenses.

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

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

(d) Measures may not add due to rounding.

AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES

Assistance for Queensland Banana Growers — Panama disease Tropical Race 4

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources	-0.3	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	0.3	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$0.3 million in 2014-15 to the Queensland Government to assist banana growers whose plantations were placed under quarantine following the outbreak of Panama disease Tropical Race 4 in North Queensland. Banana growers affected by the quarantine will be reimbursed for their direct costs incurred, subject to a cost-sharing agreement between the Commonwealth, the Queensland Government and the Australian Banana Growers Council.

The cost of this measure has been met from within the existing resources of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

Murray-Darling Basin Joint Programme — efficiencies

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$20.0 million over two years from 2015-16 from the *Murray-Darling Basin Joint Programme* by containing expenditure to priority projects and by not proceeding with a number of non-critical infrastructure projects.

The savings from this measure have already been provided for by the Government and will be redirected to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

Smaller Government — Agriculture and Water Resources Portfolio

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will further reduce the number of government bodies by abolishing the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Advisory Board and the Training Working Group previously working on Animal Health Laboratory Standards. In addition, the Red Meat Industry — Government Interdepartmental Committee will be merged with the Export Meat Industry Advisory Committee, which will also be rationalised by the discontinuation of a discrete Animal Welfare Sub-Committee.

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This measure is part of the fifth phase of Smaller Government reforms, which reduce the size and complexity of government.

The Smaller Government reforms are eliminating duplication and waste, streamlining services and reducing the cost of government administration.

Stronger Farmers, Stronger Economy — a fairer go for farm businesses

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$25.2 million over four years from 2015-16 as part of a package of measures to create a better farm business environment. The package comprises:

- \$13.8 million over two years from 2015-16 for a pilot program to improve access for farmers to training and information about co-operatives, collective bargaining and innovative business models. Rural Research and Development Corporations will be funded to develop and deliver the training packages and related materials.
- \$11.4 million over four years from 2015-16 to strengthen the enforcement and compliance activities of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission along the agricultural supply chain.

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

This package forms part of the Government's White Paper on Agricultural Competitiveness.

Stronger Farmers, Stronger Economy — improvements to access premium markets

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Agriculture and Water Resources</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$185.0 million over four years from 2015-16 as part of a package of measures to open up premium markets and strengthen Australia's agricultural competitiveness. The package comprises:

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- \$30.8 million over four years from 2015-16 to break down technical barriers to trade, including through the appointment of five new agriculture counsellors in key markets. This reform complements existing Australian Government efforts to reduce tariffs, quotas and technical barriers through free trade agreements;
- \$141.8 million over four years from 2015-16 to improve biosecurity surveillance and analysis to better target critical biosecurity risks, including in northern Australia, to protect agricultural industries and the community from the impact of exotic pests and diseases; and
- \$12.4 million over four years from 2015-16 for the modernisation of Australia's traceability systems, and to verify produce integrity and secure access to overseas markets. Effective traceability systems are critical to provide export certification to Australia's trading partners and allow the agriculture sector to remain competitive.

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

This package of measures forms part of the Government's *White Paper on Agricultural Competitiveness*.

Stronger Farmers, Stronger Economy — National Water Infrastructure Development Fund

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$500.0 million over 10 years from 2015-16 to establish a National Water Infrastructure Development Fund. Funding of \$50.0 million will be used to support the planning necessary to decide on viable projects for investment and \$450.0 million to construct water infrastructure in partnership with States and Territories and private investment. Up to \$200.0 million will be allocated to projects in northern Australia.

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

Further information can be found in the press release of 5 July 2015 issued by the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.

This package of measures forms part of the Government's *White Paper on Agricultural Competitiveness*.

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Stronger Farmers, Stronger Economy — new drought management framework

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources	-	-	-	-	-
Bureau of Meteorology	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Human Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Agriculture and Water Resources</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Bureau of Meteorology</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.6 billion over 10 years from 2015-16 as part of a package of measures to support drought preparedness and drought-affected local communities. The package comprises:

- \$2.5 billion over 10 years from 2016-17 to establish a long-term national drought concessional loans scheme to assist viable drought-affected farm businesses. The new program will replace both existing Australian Government drought-specific concessional loan schemes, which will cease on 30 June 2016;
- \$29.9 million over four years from 2015-16 for the States and Territories to reimburse farm businesses up to \$2,500 on a matched basis for the costs of risk pre-assessments for multi-peril crop insurance or risk management advice to assist with farm business management;
- \$22.9 million over four years from 2015-16 to increase the case management and activity supplement elements of the Farm Household Allowance (FHA) in the final year of payment. The aim of this measure is to provide additional help to FHA recipients to transition off the payment at the end of their third and final year of eligibility. Increased case management will be delivered by the Department of Human Services; and
- \$3.3 million over four years from 2015-16 for the Bureau of Meteorology to improve the seasonal forecast service for the Australian agricultural sector. The new service will provide more regular updates, with improved accuracy.

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

This package of measures forms part of the Government's *White Paper on Agricultural Competitiveness*.

Stronger Farmers, Stronger Economy — strengthening research, skills and management of natural resources

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$207.3 million over seven years from 2015-16 as part of a package of measures to assist the management of pest and disease incursions and strengthen the rural research and development effort. The package comprises:

- \$50.0 million over four years from 2015-16 to enhance pest and disease management and emergency responses to pest incursions. With improvements in the management of pests and diseases, the Government will be better placed to tackle pest and disease incidents and able to put in place future containment and eradication programs, when needed;
- \$50.0 million over four years from 2015-16, terminating on 30 June 2019, to increase the capacity of farmers, land managers and industries to manage established pest animals and weeds by improving national consultative and collaborative arrangements between stakeholders, and by developing better technologies and tools for the control of priority species;
- \$100.0 million to extend to 2021-22 the *Rural Research and Development for Profit Programme*, which was due to terminate on 30 June 2018. Extending the programme for another four years will allow for longer-term research projects and new research collaborations;
- \$1.2 million over three years from 2016-17 to assist the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation with research, development and extension in small agricultural industries;
- \$4.7 million over four years from 2015-16 to match voluntary contributions to Forest and Wood Products Australia for investment in industry-specific research and development; and
- \$1.4 million over three years from 2016-17 as a provision for Commonwealth matching of expected new agricultural production levies on export fodder and tea tree oil for funding of industry-specific research, development and marketing activities.

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

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Tasmania — horticulture growth project

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of the Treasury	-	0.1	-	-	-
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources	-	-0.1	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$50,000 in 2015-16 to the Tasmanian Government to assist with the Tasmanian Horticulture Growth Project, which aims to help Tasmanian growers and suppliers compete with international suppliers by exploiting niche markets where they have a unique comparative advantage. The project is subject to a cost-sharing agreement between the Commonwealth, the Tasmanian Government and industry.

The cost of this measure has been met from within the existing resources of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S

Attorney-General's — one-off efficiency savings to specific agencies

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Various Agencies	-	-7.0	-14.1	-15.5	-18.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Various Agencies</i>	-	-3.8	-5.9	-4.9	-0.2

The Government will achieve savings of \$69.7 million over four years from efficiencies to specific agencies in the Attorney-General's portfolio. The Government will also make a number of existing administered programme savings within the Attorney-General's Department ongoing from 2019-20.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

Australian Federal Police — International Deployment Group — efficiencies

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Australian Federal Police	-	-5.5	-12.3	-6.0	-6.2

The Government will achieve savings of \$30.0 million over four years from efficiencies in the Australian Federal Police's *International Deployment Group Programme*. Efficiencies will be achieved through a reduction in support contracts and a reduction in Australian-based elements of the programme.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

Australian Federal Police — Project Spectrum

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Australian Federal Police	-	-1.9	-1.9	-1.9	-1.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>	-	-7.1	-7.0	-7.1	-7.1

The Government will achieve savings of \$35.8 million over four years by returning to the Budget unspent sustainment funding for the Australian Federal Police's Project Spectrum. The original measure *Australian Federal Police – future operational systems* was announced in the 2007-08 Budget.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

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Confiscated Assets Account — crime prevention activities

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Australian Crime Commission	-	7.4	7.3	0.8	0.6
Australian Federal Police	-	1.2	2.1	2.1	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	8.6	9.3	2.9	0.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Federal Police	-	3.0	-	-	-
Australian Crime Commission	-	1.3	0.9	-	-
Total — Capital	-	4.3	0.9	-	-

The Government will increase expenditure from the Confiscated Assets Account (CAA) under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* by \$26.5 million over four years (including \$5.2 million in capital funding in 2015-16 and 2016-17). Expenditure from the CAA will be used to fund crime prevention initiatives including:

- \$8.4 million for the Australian Federal Police to continue surveillance activities with upgraded specialised equipment;
- \$9.8 million for the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) to deliver the National Criminal Intelligence System. This will enable more effective criminal intelligence sharing and gathering between law enforcement and intelligence partners;
- \$3.4 million for the ACC to strengthen operational capabilities to counter money laundering;
- \$4.9 million for the ACC to conduct an international staff secondment program to build expertise and to strengthen existing foreign networks; and
- \$1.0 million for a grant from the Attorney-General's Department to Crime Stoppers Australia to deliver the national 'Dob in a Dealer' campaign. The cost of this initiative will be met from within existing resources.

Further information can be found in the press release of 20 October 2015 issued by the Minister for Justice.

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Disaster relief — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of the Treasury	0.5	4.7	8.7	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	2.7	-	-	-
Total — Expense	0.5	7.4	8.7	-	-

The Government will contribute up to \$16.6 million for disaster relief initiatives in Queensland and South Australia.

The funding includes \$13.9 million (including \$0.5 million in 2014-15) for various initiatives under Category D of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements for areas affected by Tropical Cyclone Marcia (the local government areas of Banana, Livingstone, North Burnett and Rockhampton). This forms part of a \$27.8 million joint package with the Queensland Government. The funding includes contributions of:

- \$0.4 million for Industry Recovery Officers to provide recovery information and support to primary producers in the affected areas;
- \$3.0 million for clean up and restoration of national parks, beaches and recreational assets;
- \$0.5 million for a green waste clean-up initiative; and
- \$10.0 million for a betterment fund to improve the disaster resilience of non-state owned assets that were directly damaged as a result of Tropical Cyclone Marcia.

The funding also includes \$2.7 million in 2015-16 to assist individuals who have suffered losses as a result of bushfires in the Pinery region of South Australia.

National Firearms Interface

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
CrimTrac Agency	-	2.3	0.9	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>CrimTrac Agency</i>	-	1.8	0.3	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.3 million over two years from 2015-16 to deliver a National Firearms Interface. Delivered and maintained by CrimTrac, the interface will provide a single consolidated record for each legal firearm in Australia.

Funding for this measure is provided from the CrimTrac Special Account.

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National Security — counter-terrorism prosecutions

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	-	3.4	4.7	4.8	4.8
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	0.8	0.8	0.8
Total — Expense	-	3.4	5.5	5.6	5.6

The Government will provide \$20.0 million over four years to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Attorney-General's Department to assist with increased workloads for counter-terrorism prosecutions. The funding will support additional staff and external legal expenses for counter-terrorism prosecutions.

This measure builds on the 2014-15 MYEFO measure titled *National Security – additional counter-terrorism funding*.

This national security measure underlines the Government's commitment to a safe and secure Australia.

National Security Awareness Campaign

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Attorney-General's Department	-	10.0	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>	-	-3.0	-	-	-
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>	-	-7.0	-	-	-
Total — Capital	-	-10.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.0 million in 2015-16 for a national security awareness campaign. The campaign is designed to encourage the public to report suspicious activity to the National Security Hotline and will use television, radio, print, outdoor and online media.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Australian Federal Police and the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation.

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Smaller Government — Attorney-General's Portfolio

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Australian Crime Commission	-	-	-1.2	-1.8	-3.1

The Government will reduce the number of government bodies and achieve savings of \$6.1 million from 2016-17 by merging the Australian Institute of Criminology and CrimTrac Agency with the Australian Crime Commission.

This measure is part of the fifth phase of Smaller Government reforms which reduce the size and complexity of government.

The Smaller Government reforms are eliminating duplication and waste, streamlining services and reducing the cost of government administration.

COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS

Communications and the Arts Portfolio — efficiencies

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Communications and the Arts	-	-2.5	-3.2	-3.7	-2.2
Various Agencies	-	-7.6	-9.7	-9.7	-9.8
Total — Expense	-	-10.1	-12.9	-13.4	-12.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Communications and the Arts</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-1.0</i>	<i>-1.0</i>	<i>-1.0</i>	<i>-1.0</i>

The Government will achieve savings of \$52.5 million over four years from 2015-16 within the Communications and the Arts portfolio, including:

- \$36.8 million from cultural and collecting entities within the Arts portfolio, except for the Australia Council. The savings will be achieved by introducing a 3 per cent efficiency target for these entities;
- \$9.6 million through a number of arts programmes, including the cessation of the Book Council of Australia; and
- \$6.0 million from the Department of Communications and the Arts by implementing ongoing efficiencies.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

Funding for Two Major Film Projects

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Communications and the Arts	-	-	17.6	29.7	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Screen Australia</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-35.0</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$47.3 million over two years from 2016-17 for two films: *Alien: Covenant* and *Thor: Ragnarok*.

The cost of this measure will be met by divestment of land from within the Communications and the Arts portfolio and other Communications and the Arts Portfolio savings identified in the 2015-16 MYEFO.

This measure will ensure Australia takes advantage of foreign investment associated with the filming of these two large budget films.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 22 October 2015 issued by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Communications and the Arts.

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Mobile Black Spot Programme — round 2

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Communications and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$60.0 million over two years from 2016-17 for round 2 of the *Mobile Black Spot Programme*, which improves mobile coverage in outer metropolitan, regional and remote Australia.

The second round of the programme will operate under similar guidelines to the first round and will provide an opportunity to meet continuing demand for the programme in more locations in regional and remote Australia.

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

Further information can be found in the press release of 25 June 2015 issued by the former Minister for Communications.

Special Broadcasting Service Corporation — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Special Broadcasting Service Corporation	-	4.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.1 million in 2015-16 to the Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS). This funding is to replace revenue that could not be raised as legislation to allow the SBS further flexibility in the way it advertises has not been passed by the Parliament.

For further details refer to the MYEFO 2014-15 measure titled *Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Special Broadcasting Service Corporation – additional efficiency savings*.

CROSS PORTFOLIO

Public Sector Savings — Shared and Common Services Programme

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Various Agencies	-	-	-7.3	-16.8	-16.8

The Government will achieve net savings of \$40.9 million over three years from 2016-17 by consolidating the provision of transactional and other common services to a small number of shared service centres within Australian Government agencies.

The Department of Finance is overseeing a program of work to implement Shared and Common Services across the Australian Public Service. The programme has a three to five year implementation timeframe and will support the Government's Smaller Government agenda by standardising, consolidating and automating back office services, to allow agencies to focus on Government priorities.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

DEFENCE

Closure of Hunter River and Port Stephens Fisheries — Assistance to Individuals and Businesses

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Human Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.6 million for targeted assistance to eligible fishers and businesses affected by the closure of Hunter River and Port Stephens fisheries on 4 September 2015.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Departments of Defence and Human Services.

Operation OKRA

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-

The Government has adjusted activities under Operation OKRA — Australia's contribution to the international coalition against ISIL, or Daesh, in Iraq — by reducing the planned drawdown of the Special Operations Task Group Advise and Assist Mission in Iraq, and expanding the area of operation to allow the Air Task Group component to include air strikes in Syria.

The cost of these decisions will be managed within the \$390.8 million provided for Operation OKRA in the 2015-16 Budget, under the established arrangements for funding major Defence operations.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Additional Child Care Subsidy — expansion

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Human Services	-	-	1.6	0.6	0.5
Department of Education and Training	-	-	-	10.6	11.8
Total — Expense	-	-	1.6	11.2	12.4

The Government will provide \$25.2 million over three years from 2016-17 to extend the *Additional Child Care Subsidy* (ACCS) to grandparents on income support who are the primary carers of their grandchildren. The ACCS is scheduled to commence on 1 July 2017 and will also provide support for families receiving Child Care Subsidy who are deemed at risk, are in temporary financial hardship, or are transitioning to work from income support.

Further information can be found in the press release of 30 November 2015 issued by the Minister for Education and Training.

Apprenticeship Training — alternative delivery pilots

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Education and Training	-	0.8	4.7	4.5	-

The Government will provide \$10.0 million over three years from 2015-16 to establish five industry-led pilots to trial alternative methods of delivering apprenticeship training outside of the traditional trade training models.

The pilots will seek to improve apprenticeship outcomes for employers, apprentices and the economy by developing innovative trade training arrangements that will aim to reduce costs for employers, boost training quality and offer apprentices more choice in how they train for a trade.

Asia Education Foundation — transition funding

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Education and Training	-	0.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.8 million in 2015-16 to the Asia Education Foundation to enable it to continue to deliver planned programs as it transitions to a not-for-profit business model. The funding will assist the Foundation to provide schools with resources for students to develop knowledge and understanding of Asian cultures and languages.

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Australian Children’s Music Foundation — extension

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Education and Training	-	0.4	0.4	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.8 million over two years from 2015-16 to the Australian Children’s Music Foundation (ACMF) to continue to improve access, participation and engagement in music education for disadvantaged students. The ACMF will provide a two-year customised music program for approximately 20 schools and juvenile justice centres, which will include music tuition and the provision of musical instruments.

Australian Consensus — cessation

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Education and Training	-	nfp	-1.0	-1.0	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$2.0 million over two years from 2016-17 by not proceeding with funding to help establish the Australian Consensus at the University of Western Australia. This is in addition to \$1.0 million allocated to the initiative for 2014-15 but not expended. Further savings in 2015-16 may be achieved pending consideration of work conducted on the initiative prior to its discontinuation. This is not for publication (nfp) as it is the subject of negotiations.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

Australian Early Development Census — efficiencies

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Education and Training	-	-	-	-1.5	-1.5

The Government will achieve savings of \$3.0 million over two years from 2017-18 from efficiencies in the funding for research under the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). The AEDC data collection will continue and third parties and government agencies will continue to be able to use the AEDC data for research and analysis.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

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Child Care System — changes

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Human Services	-	-	1.5	3.2	5.3
Department of Education and Training	-	-15.3	-30.7	-194.6	-210.5
Total — Expense	-	-15.3	-29.2	-191.3	-205.2

The Government will achieve savings of \$441.0 million over four years from 2015-16 by making a number of changes to the child care system. The Government will:

- reduce the *Child Care Subsidy* (scheduled to commence on 1 July 2017) for families who earn more than \$250,000 per year (in 2017-18 terms) from 50 per cent of the actual fee (up to the hourly fee cap) tapering to 20 per cent for families earning \$340,000 or more per year (in 2017-18 terms). The annual subsidy per child will continue to be capped at \$10,000 for families earning more than \$185,710 per year. The subsidy rate for families earning up to \$250,000 per year will not change. This is estimated to achieve savings of \$344.6 million over three years from 2016-17;
- cap the number of places in the *Interim Home Based Carer Subsidy Programme* at 3,000 to reflect lower demand. The pilot programme will provide fee assistance for up to 3,000 families (approximately 7,500 children) from 1 January 2016 to subsidise home based care services provided by nannies. This is estimated to achieve savings of \$61.4 million over three years from 2015-16; and
- remove the Access to Affordability Support element under the *Community Child Care Fund* following consultation which found it to be poorly targeted and complex to administer. This is estimated to achieve savings of \$35.1 million over two years from 2017-18.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 2 December 2015 issued by the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Social Services.

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Curtin University Medical School — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Education and Training	-	-	0.6	2.1	3.9
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Education and Training</i>	-	-	0.6	1.9	3.6

The Government will support the establishment of a new medical school at Curtin University by increasing the number of Commonwealth supported medical places from 1 January 2017. The Curtin Medical School will offer a five year direct-entry medical program, and select and train students predisposed to work in underserved geographic locations and discipline areas, with 60 students commencing in 2017 increasing to 110 students commencing per year from 2022.

Curtin University will contribute to the cost of this measure by forgoing all associated Commonwealth funding for these places over three years from 2016-17 to 2018-19.

Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships Programme — reduction

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Education and Training	-	-	-3.0	-2.0	-5.0

The Government will achieve savings of \$10.0 million over three years from 2016-17 by reducing funding for the *Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships Programme*. Funding of \$148.5 million over four years from 2015-16 will continue to be provided to enable Australian and international students to undertake study, research and professional development opportunities.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

Family Day Care — improving integrity

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Education and Training	-	-18.4	-127.0	-311.4	-473.8

The Government has introduced changes to family assistance law to improve the integrity and sustainability of the family day care sector, resulting in savings of \$930.6 million over four years from 2015-16. The changes took effect on 12 October 2015.

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Under the changes, family day care educators and their partners are no longer eligible to receive Commonwealth child care fee assistance for family day care sessions provided to their own children on the same day that they provide family day care to other children. Exemptions apply for family day care educators and their partners who are parents of children with a disability, or who are in remote areas, required to attend education or training, or required to work on the same day that they provide care.

Further information can be found in the press release of 8 September 2015 issued by the former Minister for Social Services.

Higher Education Participation Programme — savings

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Education and Training	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$20.8 million over two years from 2016-17 by adjusting funding for the *Higher Education Participation Programme*.

Savings from this measure have already been provided for by the Government and reflected in next year's funding allocation.

Higher Education Reform — delay

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Education and Training	-	211.7	119.5	-94.3	-121.2
Australian Research Council	-	14.2	-12.7	-13.7	-15.2
Total — Expense	-	225.9	106.8	-108.0	-136.4
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Education and Training</i>	-	275.0	287.4	-28.8	-50.1

The Government will delay the implementation of the Higher Education reforms announced in the 2014-15 Budget and the 2014-15 MYEFO by one year to undertake further consultation. Higher education funding arrangements for 2016 will be in line with currently legislated arrangements. This is estimated to achieve savings of \$395.1 million over four years from 2015-16 in fiscal balance terms and cost \$370.8 million over four years from 2015-16 in underlying cash balance terms.

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Industry Skills Fund — efficiencies

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Education and Training	-	-85.1	-62.9	-62.9	-62.9

The Government will achieve savings of \$273.8 million over four years from 2015-16 from the Industry Skills Fund. Funding of \$325.7 million over four years will continue to be provided.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

National Innovation and Science Agenda — ARC Linkage Grants reform

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Australian Research Council	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Research Council</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.2 million over three years from 2016-17 to introduce a continuous application process for the Australian Research Council *Linkage Projects* scheme to improve the responsiveness of the scheme to the needs of industry, business and other end-users.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Australian Research Council.

This measure forms part of the Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda, which will drive the smart ideas that create business growth, local jobs and global success. Further information on the Agenda can be found in the brochure of 7 December 2015 released by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

National Innovation and Science Agenda — improving university-business collaboration

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Education and Training	-	-	25.0	50.6	51.7

The Government will provide \$127.3 million over three years from 2016-17 to provide greater incentives for university researchers to engage with industry. The new arrangements will also consolidate the six existing *Research Block Grant* schemes into two simpler schemes from 1 January 2017:

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- The new Research Support Scheme – will provide a funding pool of \$933.7 million in 2017-18, with 50 per cent of funding allocated on the basis of income from competitive research grants and 50 per cent allocated on the basis of research income from end-users.
- The new Supporting Research Training Scheme – will provide a funding pool of \$959.3 million in 2017-18 with 50 per cent of funding allocated on the basis of Higher Degree by Research student completions; 25 per cent of funding allocated on the basis of research income from end-users; and 25 per cent of funding allocated on the basis of income from competitive research grants.

This measure forms part of the Government’s National Innovation and Science Agenda, which will drive the smart ideas that create business growth, local jobs and global success. Further information on the Agenda can be found in the brochure of 7 December 2015 released by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

National Innovation and Science Agenda — measuring research impact

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Australian Research Council	-	2.0	2.8	1.5	2.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Research Council</i>	-	-	0.6	0.4	-

The Government will provide \$9.4 million over four years from 2015-16 to establish a new system to assess the engagement of university researchers with end-users, and to measure the commercial, economic, social and other impacts of research.

The Australian Research Council (ARC) will establish an Expert Working Group to develop qualitative and quantitative measures of research engagement and impact, in consultation with the university sector and end-users. The ARC will then conduct a pilot impact assessment in 2017, with ongoing regular assessment and reporting to commence from 2018.

This measure forms part of the Government’s National Innovation and Science Agenda, which will drive the smart ideas that create business growth, local jobs and global success. Further information on the Agenda can be found in the brochure of 7 December 2015 released by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

National Innovation and Science Agenda — supporting critical research infrastructure

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	-	-	11.4	40.9	43.9
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science	-	-	4.0	3.6	44.0
Department of Education and Training	-	-	-	153.5	157.3
Total — Expense	-	-	15.4	198.0	245.2

The Government will provide \$2.3 billion over ten years (\$458.6 million over three years from 2016-17) to establish an ongoing research infrastructure funding programme to provide long-term, sustainable funding for the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy, the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) Project and the Australian Synchrotron. The funding contribution to the SKA and the Australian Synchrotron is subject to further negotiations.

The funding will enable continued operation of critical national research infrastructure. Future investments will be based on regular national strategic roadmap exercises, with the first to be completed in 2016.

This measure forms part of the Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda, which will drive the smart ideas that create business growth, local jobs and global success. Further information on the Agenda can be found in the brochure of 7 December 2015 released by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

Skills for Education and Employment — reduction

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Education and Training	-	-4.0	-18.1	-61.5	-39.4

The Government will achieve savings of \$122.9 million over four years from 2015-16 by reducing the number of training places available under the *Skills for Education and Employment Programme*. Funding of \$472.1 million over four years will continue to be provided to assist eligible job seekers.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

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VET FEE-HELP — strengthened compliance

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Education and Training	-	45.7	45.0	0.3	0.3
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
Department of Education and Training	-	85.4	95.6	25.2	35.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Department of Education and Training	-	0.2	-	-	-

The Government will further strengthen the compliance regime for the VET FEE-HELP scheme from 1 January 2016 to help ensure that it is appropriately targeted and sustainable into the future. This is estimated to achieve savings of \$150.0 million over four years in fiscal balance terms and \$8.6 million over four years in underlying cash terms from 2015-16. The new arrangements include:

- freezing the total value of VET FEE-HELP loans for all existing accredited training providers at 2015 levels;
- pausing approval of any new VET FEE-HELP providers, with some limited exceptions, until 2017;
- introducing stronger reporting requirements and moving to payment in arrears for certain VET FEE-HELP providers; and
- pausing VET FEE-HELP payments for new enrolments to providers where there are concerns about performance.

This measure includes \$2.3 million (including \$0.2 million in capital) to support performance and auditing activities associated with implementation of the reforms.

This measure builds on the 2015-16 Budget measure *VET FEE-HELP – enhanced compliance regime*.

Further information can be found in the press release of 3 December 2015 issued by the Minister for Vocational Education and Skills.

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Vocational Education and Training — new product development arrangements

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Education and Training	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Education and Training</i>	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will streamline and enhance existing Vocational Education and Training (VET) product development to ensure training packages better meet the needs of industry. The new approach will replace the existing 12 Industry Skills Committees with eight Skills Service Organisations (SSOs) to work more directly with industry to develop, review and maintain VET training products and qualifications.

Funding will also be provided to enhance the training.gov.au website and support the Australian Industry and Skills Committee, which will advise on and endorse training product development.

Funding for this measure is not for publication (nfp) as the selection of SSOs will be subject to a competitive tender process.

EMPLOYMENT

Fair Entitlements Guarantee — indexation pause — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Employment	-	-	-	-	-1.7

The Government will achieve savings of \$12.4 million over three years from 2018-19 (including \$4.0 million in 2019-20 and \$6.7 million in 2020-21) by extending by a further two years the pause on indexation of the Maximum Weekly Wage (MWW) used in calculating entitlements for Fair Entitlements Guarantee claimants earning above the MWW of \$2,451.

Savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

Geelong Employment Facilitator — extension

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Employment	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$1.3 million over two years from 2017-18 to extend the services of the Geelong Employment Facilitator to 30 June 2019. The Geelong Employment Facilitator assists people affected by recent and scheduled industry closures in the Greater Geelong region, including by organising job fairs and facilitating employment opportunities.

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

Job Seeker Services — streamlining arrangements

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Employment	-	-	-27.9	-45.9	-52.6

The Government will achieve savings of \$126.4 million over three years from 2016-17 by focusing intensive services on job seekers who are aged under 25 and job ready. This measure aligns the eligibility criteria for intensive servicing arrangements with the eligibility criteria for RapidConnect Plus announced as part of the Growing Jobs and Small Business package in the 2015-16 Budget.

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Intensive services involve a requirement for monthly appointments with *jobactive* providers and participation in *Work for the Dole*. From 1 July 2016, all new job seekers with barriers to employment and job seekers aged over 25 will access the standard *jobactive* services. Job seekers receiving intensive services as at 30 June 2016 will be grandfathered and will continue to receive intensive support.

This measure also removes the additional relocation assistance for young job seekers under the intensive servicing arrangements as they will be able to access this assistance under the *Relocation to Take up a Job Programme*, subject to meeting the eligibility criteria.

Mature Age Employment Programme — cessation

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Employment	-	-	-3.6	-3.7	-3.7

The Government will achieve savings of \$11.0 million over three years from 2016-17 by ceasing the *Mature Age Employment Programme* on 30 June 2016.

Support for mature age job seekers will continue to be provided under the *Restart Wage Subsidy Programme*, which provides payments of up to \$10,000 to employers who hire a mature age job seeker who has been unemployed and on income support for at least six months.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

Transition to Work Programme — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Employment	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$109.8 million over four years from 2015-16 for the *Transition to Work Programme* to allow services to be rolled out nationally and help more young job seekers access intensive services, especially disengaged youth who are not on income support. The programme was announced in the 2015-16 Budget with funding of \$212.0 million over four years to establish a new intensive support service to help young people at high risk of long term unemployment.

The cost of this measure will be met from a reduction in costs within the *jobactive Programme* that arises because job service providers are not required to service young job seekers while they are in the *Transition to Work Programme*.

ENVIRONMENT

Cities and the Built Environment Taskforce — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of the Environment	-	4.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.1 million in 2015-16 to establish a Cities and the Built Environment Taskforce to support the development and implementation of the Government's agenda for Australian cities.

Green Army — project cap

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Social Services	-	-	7.0	13.9	29.3
Department of Human Services	-	-	0.8	1.4	3.8
Department of the Environment	-	-	-44.7	-90.3	-182.5
Total — Expense	-	-	-36.9	-75.0	-149.5

The Government will achieve savings by capping the number of Green Army projects at 500 per annum. Over the forward estimates this is expected to save \$317.5 million from the *Green Army* programme. The Government will continue to provide \$359.3 million over the four years from 2015-16 for Green Army projects.

The savings from the *Green Army* programme will be partly offset by an increase in income support payments in the Social Services portfolio.

The savings from this measure will be redirected to fund environment policy priorities and repair the Budget.

International Whale and Marine Mammal Conservation Initiative — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of the Environment	-	1.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.7 million in 2015-16 to extend the International Whale and Marine Mammal Conservation Initiative. This measure includes funding the International Whaling Commission for non-lethal research and funding a coordinator position for the Southern Ocean Research Partnership.

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National Landcare Programme — efficiencies

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of the Environment	-	-	-	-	-2.8

The Government will achieve savings of \$2.8 million in 2018-19 from the *Natural Heritage Trust* component of the *National Landcare Programme*. The Government will continue to provide \$845.7 million over four years from 2015-16 for the *Natural Heritage Trust*.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

National Wind Farm Commissioner and Independent Scientific Committee on Wind Turbines — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of the Environment	-	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.3
Clean Energy Regulator	-	-0.4	-0.7	-0.7	-0.2
Total — Expense	-	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1

The Government will provide \$2.5 million over four years to establish the National Wind Farm Commissioner and the Independent Scientific Committee on Wind Turbines.

The National Wind Farm Commissioner will provide greater transparency on the operations of wind farms and facilitate the resolution of complaints from the community. The Independent Scientific Committee on Wind Turbines will build on the work of the National Health and Medical Research Council and provide advice on the science and monitoring of potential impacts of wind turbines on human health and the environment. The Commissioner and Committee will each provide an Annual Report to the Australian Parliament.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resources of the Clean Energy Regulator.

Further information can be found in the press release of 9 October 2015 issued by the Minister for the Environment.

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Resolution of Legal Matter

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of the Environment	-	nfp	-	-	-

The Government will provide funding to resolve all aspects of the legal proceedings between the Commonwealth and Middle Head Healthcare Pty Limited and The Cove at Middle Head Pty Limited.

The expenditure for this measure is not for publication (nfp) in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Further information can be found in the statement issued by the Department of the Environment on 3 August 2015.

Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of the Environment	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.2 million over four years from 2014-15 to support the Tasmanian Government's management of the natural and cultural heritage values of the 2013 extension to the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

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

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 27 May 2015 issued by the Minister for the Environment and the Tasmanian Minister for the Environment, Parks and Heritage.

FINANCE

Malabar Headland — upgrade

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Finance	-	1.3	3.7	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.0 million over two years from 2015-16 to fund construction of suitable horse riding facilities and upgrade other facilities and amenities of the central portion of Malabar Headland known as Lot 301.

The cost of this measure will be offset against savings from within the Environment Portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 18 March 2015 issued by the Minister for the Environment and NSW Minister for the Environment.

HEALTH

Aged Care Provider Funding — improved compliance

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Human Services	-	0.2	..	-	-
Department of Health	-	-7.2	-20.8	-23.7	-19.8
Total — Expense	-	-7.0	-20.8	-23.7	-19.8
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health</i>	-	-	0.4	0.4	0.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health</i>	-	10.7	-	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$61.9 million over four years by strengthening compliance activities associated with the provision of funding to residential aged care providers. The Government will update audit processes and systems to better target high risk claimants, strengthen debt recovery arrangements and expand fees and fines for repetitive false claims. Providers will also receive training on the claiming process.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

Aged Care Provider Funding — revision to the Aged Care Funding Instrument Complex Health Care Domain

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Human Services	-	0.5	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-11.9	-17.9	-24.3
Department of Health	-	-	-92.3	-138.3	-188.2
Total — Expense	-	0.5	-104.2	-156.1	-212.6

The Government will achieve savings of \$472.4 million over four years by refining the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI), through changes to the scoring matrix that determines the level of funding. The Minister for Health will consult with providers in implementing these reforms.

The Government has made an upwards estimates variation of approximately \$1 billion over the forward estimates to reflect the higher than expected ACFI outlays in the 2014-15 year. The Government will continue to monitor growth in the 2015-16 year to determine if growth is continuing and if further variations or other measures are required.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

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Better Access to Radiation Oncology Programme — cessation

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Health	-	-5.2	-5.1	-8.0	-8.2

The Government will achieve savings of \$26.6 million over four years from 2015-16 by ceasing the *Better Access to Radiation Oncology Programme*. Currently committed projects will continue until completion in 2016-17.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

Health Services in Tasmania — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of the Treasury	-	10.7	10.0	-	-
Department of Health	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	10.7	10.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$179.2 million over two years from 2015-16 to support access to health services in Tasmania including:

- \$148.5 million to fund the continued operation of the Mersey Community Hospital, including \$28.5 million in additional funding;
- \$20.7 million for subacute and acute care projects in Tasmania. This funding will support the Tasmanian Government in implementing its *One State, One Health System; Better Outcomes* reform agenda, with the aim of improving the provision of health services in Tasmania; and
- \$10.0 million to support the continued operation of the John L. Grove Rehabilitation Centre for public subacute rehabilitation therapy in northern Tasmania.

Funding of \$158.5 million for this measure has already been provided for by the Government.

Further information on the Mersey Community Hospital can be found in the press release of 28 May 2015 issued by the Minister for Health.

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Inborn Error of Metabolism (IEM) Programme Savings — reversal

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Health	-	1.6	3.3	3.4	3.5

Following consultations with patients, the Government will not proceed with the component of the 2015-16 Budget measure *Rationalising and Streamlining Health Programmes* which would have ceased the *Inborn Error of Metabolism Programme*.

Further information can be found in the press release of 31 July 2015 issued by the Minister for Health.

Medicare Benefits Schedule — changes to diagnostic imaging and pathology services bulk-billing incentives

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Human Services	-	4.6	7.9	7.0	5.7
Department of Health	-	-	-215.8	-225.2	-234.6
Total — Expense	-	4.6	-207.9	-218.2	-228.9

The Government will achieve savings of \$650.4 million over four years from 2015-16 by: removing bulk-billing incentives for pathology services; aligning bulk-billing incentives for diagnostic imaging services with those that apply to General Practitioner services; and, reducing the bulk-billing incentive for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) services from 15 per cent to 10 per cent of the Medicare Benefits Schedule fee, aligning it with other diagnostic imaging services. Bulk-billing incentives for diagnostic imaging services will continue to apply for patients with concession cards and children under 16 years of age.

These changes to pathology and diagnostic imaging bulk-billing incentives will be effective from 1 July 2016.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

Medicare Benefits Schedule — new and amended listings

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-
Department of Human Services	-	-0.2	-0.4
Department of Health	-	-2.5	-3.0	-1.1	-0.9
Total — Expense	-	-2.5	-3.1	-1.4	-1.3

The Government will amend the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) and Veterans' Benefits to implement Medical Services Advisory Committee recommendations for new and amended items introduced since the 2015-16 Budget, at a net saving of \$8.3 million over four years. The amendments to the MBS include:

- new items for sexual health medicines;
- new and amended items targeting the availability of lipectomy services to patients who have undergone massive weight loss;
- consolidation of items for the treatment of finger fractures and wrist fractures; and
- new items for the treatment of cancer using intensity-modulated radiation therapy and image-guided radiation therapy.

Further information will be available in the summary of changes included in the MBS issued by the Department of Health when the amendments take effect.

Mental Health — streamlining

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Health	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Human Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will consolidate existing mental health programmes to create flexibility and better target services. Funding for mental health programmes will now be better focused on individual and local needs with a move to regional planning, integration and commissioning of mental health services.

The Government will also work with States and Territories to negotiate a Fifth National Mental Health Plan in 2016.

As a result of streamlining programmes, the Government will achieve savings of \$141.0 million over four years from 1 July 2015. Savings for this measure have already been provided for by the Government and will contribute towards the related expense measure *The Australian Government's Response to the National Ice Taskforce Final Report*.

Further information can be found in the press release of 26 November 2015 issued by the Minister for Health.

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More Efficient Health Programmes

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Health	-	-40.4	-36.9	-36.9	-31.8

The Government will achieve savings of \$146.0 million over four years by redesigning 24 health programmes to operate more efficiently, including programmes associated with population health, medical services, eHealth, and health workforce.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

National Diabetes Services Scheme — efficiencies through tendering

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Health	-	-	-	-	nfp

The Government will achieve efficiencies by implementing a tender process from 1 July 2018 for the sourcing and purchasing of selected products on the National Diabetes Services Scheme. These products include non-proprietary items and items not specific to brands of insulin pumps, such as blood glucose test strips, urine test strips and syringes.

The expenditure for this measure is not for publication (nfp) as it is subject to a tender process.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

National Immunisation Programme — new and amended listings

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of the Treasury	-	-0.1	-0.1
Department of Health	-	-0.2	-1.0	-1.7	-1.7
Total — Expense	-	-0.2	-1.0	-1.7	-1.8

The Government will list Tripacel® on the *National Immunisation Programme* as an alternative vaccine for diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (DTPa), for children aged 18 months, saving \$4.7 million over four years. Tripacel® will be delivered to children free of charge through the programme from 1 January 2016.

National Innovation and Science Agenda — Biomedical Translation Fund

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Health	-	-	-2.4	-8.8	-9.3
Department of Finance	-	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Total — Expense	-	-0.1	-2.6	-9.0	-9.6
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Finance</i>	-	-2.4	-9.0	-9.6	-10.1

The Government will establish a Biomedical Translation Fund (the Fund) in 2015-16 to invest in promising biomedical discoveries. The Fund will complement the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) through the commercialisation of health and medical research.

The Fund will receive \$250.0 million over two years from 2015-16 to invest according to a mandate issued by the Government, with these investments expected to be matched by private sector contributions. The Fund will be managed by a corporation with an expert Board, and with the Minister for Health and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science as joint shareholders.

The Government's contribution of \$250.0 million will come from planned investments in the MRFF. There will be a reduction in contributions to the MRFF, but the contributions will remain sufficient to achieve the targeted MRFF balance of \$20.0 billion in 2019-20.

This measure forms part of the Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda, which will drive the smart ideas that create business growth, local jobs and global success. Further information on the Agenda can be found in the brochure of 7 December 2015 released by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Programme — cessation

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Health	-	-	-	-6.1	-6.2

The Government will achieve savings of \$12.2 million over two years from 2017-18 by ceasing the *National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Programme*. No projects have been funded through this programme since 1 July 2013.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

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No Jab No Pay — improving immunisation coverage rates

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Human Services	-	11.0	2.0	1.1	-
Department of Health	-	-29.1	93.7	8.3	-0.1
Total — Expense	-	-18.2	95.7	9.3	-0.1

The Government will provide \$154.1 million over four years to implement a once-off immunisation catch-up program for families with children aged 10 to 19 and who currently receive Child Care Benefit, Child Care Rebate, and/or Family Tax Benefit Part A. The Government will also formalise catch-up vaccine arrangements for children up to and including nine years of age under the *National Immunisation Programme*. This will assist families to comply with the new immunisation requirements announced in the 2015-16 Budget measure *No Jab No Pay*.

Funding of \$67.4 million for this measure has already been provided for by the Government.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — new and amended listings

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Health	-	112.1	150.7	165.6	181.8
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	2.9	3.7	3.9	4.2
Department of Human Services	-	1.1	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total — Expense	-	116.2	154.8	169.9	186.4
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health</i>	-	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>

The Government will provide \$627.3 million over four years for new and amended listings on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

New and amended listings introduced since the 2015-16 Budget include:

- Iclusig® (ponatinib) for the treatment of chronic myeloid leukaemia;
- Jakavi® (ruxolitinib) for the treatment of myelofibrosis (a rare bone marrow cancer);
- Latuda® (lurasidone) for the treatment of schizophrenia in adults;
- Adenuric® (febuxostat) for the treatment of chronic gout;
- Herceptin® (trastuzumab) for the treatment of metastatic stomach or gastric cancer; and
- Entyvio® (vedolizumab) for the treatment of Crohn's disease.

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The costs for some of these medicines are reduced by revenue from rebates negotiated as part of purchase. Details of this revenue is not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivity.

Further information can be found in the press release of 2 November 2015 issued by the Minister for Health and on the PBS website (www.pbs.gov.au).

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — price amendments

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Health	-	6.4	9.8	9.8	10.0
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total — Expense	-	6.6	10.1	10.1	10.3

The Government will provide \$37.1 million over four years for price amendments for certain medicines which are currently listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Price amendments agreed since the 2015-16 Budget include:

- morphine for pain management from 1 August 2015;
- levetiracetam for the management of epilepsy from 1 August 2015;
- heparin sodium for the prevention of blood clots from 1 August 2015;
- potassium chloride for the treatment of mineral deficiency from 1 December 2015; and
- desferrioxamine for the treatment of chronic iron overload from 1 December 2015.

These price amendments respond to recommendations of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee.

Further information can be found on the PBS website (www.pbs.gov.au).

Poly Implant Prothèse Breast Implant — Medicare rebates — extension

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Health	-	0.1	0.1	..	-

The Government will provide an additional \$0.3 million over two years from 2015-16 to extend the 2012-13 Budget measure titled *Poly Implant Prothèse breast implants – Medicare rebates*, which allows women to access Medicare rebates for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) to evaluate the integrity of breast implants manufactured by the French company Poly Implant Prothèse (PIP).

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PIP implants were recalled from the Australian market in April 2010 following advice from the French regulator *Agence Francaise de Sécurité Sanitaire des Produits de Santé*.

Primary Health Networks After Hours Funding and After Hours GP Advice and Support Line

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Health	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will refocus after hours primary care funding to improve access to quality after hours primary health care services and to support a new After Hours General Practitioner Advice and Support Line which will provide support for people who do not have access to face to face after hours medical services.

Funding will be provided to Primary Health Networks (PHNs) to encourage locally tailored after hours services. A review of the effectiveness of PHNs in delivering after hours services will be used to assess ongoing funding from 2017-18 for this component.

The cost of this measure will be met by redirecting funding from the *Medicare Locals After Hours Programme*.

Regulation of Medicinal Cannabis

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Health	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will establish a Commonwealth licensing scheme to regulate the cultivation of cannabis for medicinal and scientific use, to be administered by the Department of Health, and will also amend complementary legislation to facilitate access to cannabis products for use in clinical trials and in the development of therapeutic products.

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

Further information can be found in the press release of 17 October 2015 issued by the Minister for Health.

Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Reforms

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Health	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Human Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Australian Government and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia (the Guild) have signed a new five year Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement, (6CPA), which commenced on 1 July 2015. The Agreement provides total funding of \$18.9 billion, including Government funding of \$15.5 billion, over the life of the Agreement, with \$12.1 billion in Government funding over the forward estimates. Key changes under the 6CPA include:

- increasing pharmacy remuneration by establishing an Administrative Handling and Infrastructure fee to replace the pharmacy mark-up;
- additional funding for pharmacy professional programs;
- continuing higher dispensing fees for the Efficient Funding of Chemotherapy programme;
- better targeting of the Premium-Free Dispensing Incentive;
- increased indexation arrangements;
- re-establishing a Pharmaceutical Services Federal Committee of Inquiry to investigate matters relating to the service or conduct of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) approved pharmacists; and
- streamlining the processes of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee to facilitate the submission process.

In addition, the Government will make a number of pricing, access and supply reforms to the PBS which will build on existing price disclosure arrangements and improve the value for money for consumers and the Government. This package includes:

- improving medicine pricing policies to make medicines more affordable;
- removing medicines from the PBS where they are available over-the-counter without a prescription and cost less than the \$6.10 concessional co-payment;

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- allowing pharmacies to compete on pricing by allowing community pharmacies to offer consumers up to a \$1.00 discount on the PBS co-payment;
- revised repeat prescription and early supply arrangements; and
- more efficient use of the Community Service Obligation to supply National Diabetes Services Scheme products.

As a result of implementing the 6CPA and reforms to pricing, access and supply of medicines on the PBS, the Government will achieve net savings of \$2.6 billion over four years from 2015-16.

The Government will also conduct a comprehensive review of pharmacy remuneration and regulation within the first two years of the 6CPA. This review will support a transparent and public assessment of the cost-effectiveness of both pharmacy and wholesaler remuneration, as well as the appropriateness of regulations such as the Pharmacy Location Rules.

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

Further information can be found in the press release of 18 May 2015 issued by the Minister for Health, and at www.6cpa.com.au.

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Smaller Government — Health Portfolio

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Health	-	0.9	23.6	24.2	24.2
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	-	-	11.4	11.6	11.5
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	-	-	3.5	3.5	3.6
National Health Funding Body	-	-	-	0.3	-4.4
Independent Hospital Pricing Authority	-	-	-26.0	-26.2	-26.5
National Health Performance Authority	-	-	-34.4	-34.8	-35.3
Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
National Blood Authority	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Total — Expense	-	0.7	-22.1	-21.6	-27.1
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health</i>	-	-	0.2	0.2	0.2
<i>Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</i>	-	-	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Total — Revenue	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$70.0 million over four years from 2015-16 by further reducing the number of government bodies in the Health Portfolio to reduce overlap and improve efficiency.

The Government will rationalise the functions of six agencies by:

- abolishing the National Health Performance Agency from 30 June 2016, and transferring its functions to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, and the Department of Health;
- transferring operational functions of the Independent Hospitals Pricing Authority to the Department of Health from 1 July 2016, with the Board, Chief Executive Officer and functions retained; and
- abolishing the National Health Funding Body and the Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool from 31 March 2018 in line with the scheduled end of activity based funding payments from the Commonwealth.

The Government has also abolished the Medical Training Review Panel and transferred its reporting functions to the National Medical Training Advisory Network.

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The Government will no longer proceed with the merger of the National Blood Authority and the Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority, as announced in the 2014-15 Budget. Some savings and efficiencies will be achieved by merging the corporate services of these agencies.

This measure is part of the fifth phase of the Smaller Government reforms which reduce the size and complexity of government.

The Smaller Government reforms are eliminating duplication and waste, streamlining services and reducing the cost of government administration.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

Streamlining Health and Aged Care Workforce Programme Funding

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Health	-	-178.2	-157.1	-130.4	-129.5

The Government will achieve savings of \$595.1 million over four years by streamlining funding across a range of health workforce programmes, including ceasing the operations of:

- the Clinical Training Fund;
- the *Rural Health Continuing Education Programme*;
- the Aged Care Education and Training Initiative; and
- the Aged Care Vocational Education and Training professional development programmes.

The Government will redirect a further \$225.0 million from these measures to support current health workforce priorities, including:

- \$131.2 million over four years to expand the *Rural Health Multidisciplinary Training Programme* and establish grants to private healthcare providers to support undergraduate medical places; and
- \$93.8 million over four years to develop an integrated prevocational, postgraduate medical training pathway in rural and regional areas.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

The Australian Government's Response to the National Ice Taskforce Final Report

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Health	-	-	63.4	40.2	38.7
Department of Human Services	-	-	0.2	..	..
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	63.6	40.2	38.8

The Government will provide \$212.1 million over three years from 2016-17 as part of its response to the recommendations of the *Final Report of the National Ice Taskforce* to reduce the harms associated with methamphetamine use in the community through:

- further investment in drug and alcohol treatment services;
- supporting communities to increase their capacity to address the impact of illicit drugs through implementing and expanding community based programs;
- establishing a Centre of Clinical Excellence in Treatment, Research and Training Development for Emerging Drugs of Concern; and
- expanding and improving data sources for the analysis of illicit drug trends.

The Government will also provide an additional \$9.1 million over three years for the listing of 15 new items for addiction medicine on the Medicare Benefits Schedule.

As part of this measure \$78.6 million over three years will be redirected from the *Indigenous Australian Health Programme* to support delivery of drug and alcohol strategies in Indigenous communities with a focus on ice and other methamphetamine use.

Savings from the related expense measure *Mental Health – streamlining* will contribute to funding this measure.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 6 December 2015 issued by the Prime Minister, Minister for Justice and the Minister for Rural Health.

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION

Additional Maritime Capability — lease extension for the Australian Customs Vessel Triton

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	-	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$5.1 million in 2015-16 to extend the lease on the Australian Customs Vessel Triton to 31 October 2015. This vessel was leased to operate in Australia's northern waters to support surveillance and enforcement activities against maritime people smuggling and other illegal activities.

This national security measure underlines the Government's commitment to a safe and secure Australia.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.

Asylum Seeker Support — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	-	12.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$12.4 million in 2015-16 to fund the provision of asylum seeker assistance to support eligible non-Illegal Maritime Arrivals while their immigration status is resolved. This measure extends the 2015-16 Budget measure titled *Asylum Seeker Support – additional funding*.

China-Australia Free Trade Agreement — verification of origin

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$8.1 million over four years to allow the Department of Immigration and Border Protection to verify that goods exported from Australia to China are of Australian origin and to provide a ruling on the origin of goods imported from China. This will support Australian exporters and importers under the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement.

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

See also the related revenue measure titled *China-Australia Free Trade Agreement*.

Illegal Maritime Arrivals — Managing the Legacy Caseload — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	-	-	403.2	96.5	-

The Government will provide an additional \$499.7 million in 2016-17 and 2017-18 to continue managing Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs), who are in Australia, while their immigration status is resolved.

This measure provides additional funding for the 2014-15 MYEFO measure titled *IMAs – managing the legacy caseload in Australia* to manage the caseload of IMAs that arrived primarily before 19 July 2013.

Management of the Onshore Immigration Detention Network

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	-	208.2	5.4	-49.0	48.7

The Government will provide an additional \$213.3 million over four years to enhance the management of the Immigration Detention Network. This includes:

- improved risk screening arrangements for Illegal Maritime Arrivals and others on a removal pathway from Australia;
- maintaining the North West Point Immigration Detention facility on Christmas Island to accommodate high risk detainees;
- ongoing use of charter flights to support transfers of detainees to enable the most efficient use of detention facilities; and
- funding for increased insurance premiums.

This measure complements the measure *Illegal Maritime Arrivals – Managing the Legacy Caseload – additional funding*.

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National Innovation and Science Agenda — enhanced visa arrangements

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	-	0.1	0.1	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Immigration and Border Protection</i>	-	0.3	0.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 million (including \$0.9 million in capital) over two years from 2015-16 to attract and retain talented foreign entrepreneurs and highly educated individuals.

A new Entrepreneur visa for people with innovative ideas and the financial backing to implement them in Australia will be introduced, along with improved permanent residence pathways for foreign students who have Australian masters by research or doctorate-level qualifications in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics or specific information and communication technology fields.

This measure forms part of the Government’s National Innovation and Science Agenda, which will drive the smart ideas that create business growth, local jobs and global success. Further information on the Agenda can be found in the brochure of 7 December 2015 released by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

Refugee Resettlement Arrangements for Illegal Maritime Arrivals in Regional Processing Centres — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	-	112.5	229.7	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$342.1 million over two years to support refugee resettlement arrangements for offshore Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) found to be owed protection, and removal arrangements for IMAs found not to be owed protection.

Funding will also be provided to the Governments of Nauru, Papua New Guinea and Cambodia to build their capacity to deliver settlement services to refugees and to support the operation of regional processing centres.

This measure extends the 2015-16 Budget measure titled *Refugee resettlement arrangements for illegal maritime arrivals in offshore processing centres*.

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Streamlining Student Visa Processing

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Department of Education and Training	-	0.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.2 million over four years (including \$1.8 million in capital in 2015-16) to simplify student visa processing arrangements, funded by the Immigration and Border Protection Portfolio.

This measure will enhance the international competitiveness of Australia's higher education sector by enabling providers assessed as likely to enrol only those who are genuine students to access streamlined processing arrangements. The new arrangements also include reducing the number of student visa subclasses from eight to two.

This measure responds to the recommendations of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection's *Future directions for streamlined visa processing* report, released on 16 June 2015.

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Syrian and Iraqi Humanitarian Crisis

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Social Services	-	107.4	188.8	176.6	165.3
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	-	21.4	12.3	-	-
Department of Health	-	10.2	21.0	16.3	13.7
Department of Education and Training	-	10.0	34.5	30.0	18.5
Department of Human Services	-	4.5	6.2	4.9	4.5
Department of the Treasury	-	3.6	15.6	18.8	20.0
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	-	0.7	0.6	-	-
Department of Employment	-	0.7	1.9	1.3	0.7
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	158.5	281.0	247.8	222.5
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	<i>2.9</i>	<i>18.5</i>	<i>27.0</i>	<i>32.7</i>
<i>Department of Immigration and Border Protection</i>	-	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Total — Revenue	-	3.0	18.9	27.5	33.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>	-	<i>0.1</i>	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$827.4 million over four years to permanently resettle an additional 12,000 refugees who are fleeing the conflict in Syria and Iraq. These places are in addition to Australia's existing humanitarian programme of 13,750 in each of 2015-16 and 2016-17, which is increasing to 18,750 in 2018-19.

The Government is also providing \$44.0 million to support more than 240,000 displaced people in the conflict zone. This funding will deliver food, water, healthcare, education, emergency supplies and protection, including support for women and children.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 9 September 2015 issued by the former Prime Minister, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection and the former Minister for Social Services.

INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

Administration of the *Australian Jobs Act 2013* — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science	-	1.5	1.7	1.8	2.0

The Government will provide \$7.0 million over four years from 2015-16 to continue to administer the requirements of the *Australian Jobs Act 2013* and Australian Industry Participation plans for large government procurement.

The Government will also achieve savings of \$7.0 million over three years from 2015-16 by not proceeding with the establishment of an Australian Industry Participation Agency, as announced in *A Plan for Australian Jobs – opening up opportunities through Australian Industry Participation* in the 2013-14 Budget.

Savings from this measure have already been provided for by the Government.

National Innovation and Science Agenda — advancing Australia’s cyber security

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science	-	-	4.2	6.8	10.8

The Government will provide \$21.8 million over three years from 2016-17 (with \$8.8 million in 2019-20) to establish a new Cyber Security Growth Centre (as part of the *Industry Growth Centres Programme*) to support the development of the Australian cyber security industry and to assist Australian businesses and governments to address the threat of cyber crime.

This measure includes funding of \$0.4 million in 2016-17 to support the establishment of the Centre, and a further \$3.5 million per annum to support the administration of the Centre for four years.

This measure also provides \$15.0 million over three years from 2017-18 to support grants for projects which address challenges specific to the cyber security sector. It is expected that the Centre will undertake between one and three projects each year with a value of up to \$3.0 million per project, with industry to provide matching funding.

This measure forms part of the Government’s National Innovation and Science Agenda, which will drive the smart ideas that create business growth, local jobs and global success. Further information on the Agenda can be found in the brochure of 7 December 2015 released by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

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National Innovation and Science Agenda — Business Research and Innovation Initiative

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science	-	-	4.0	10.1	4.7

The Government will provide \$18.7 million over three years from 2016-17 to establish the Business Research and Innovation Initiative to encourage businesses to find solutions to otherwise intractable problems in public policy and service delivery.

The programme will be piloted in 2016-17 with further funding rounds to be conducted every two years from 2018-19 (subject to the success of the pilot round). For each funding round, five competitions will be run to identify solutions to five policy issues. Up to four grants of \$100,000 per competition will be provided to four selected businesses to enable them to prepare feasibility studies of proposed solutions, with further grants of up to \$1 million to be provided to two of the businesses to enable further development of a prototype or proof of concept. Entities will then decide whether or not to proceed with a full procurement process.

This measure forms part of the Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda, which will drive the smart ideas that create business growth, local jobs and global success. Further information on the Agenda can be found in the brochure of 7 December 2015 released by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

National Innovation and Science Agenda — CSIRO Innovation Fund

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	-	-	5.0	5.0	5.0

The Government will provide \$90.1 million over 10 years from 2016-17 to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) to support increased commercialisation of research. This measure includes \$70.0 million of departmental capital to establish the CSIRO Innovation Fund, an early stage innovation fund. The Fund is expected to manage investments of around \$200.0 million over a 15 year period, including anticipated revenue from wireless local area network patent infringement settlements and additional private sector investment. The Commonwealth investment involves the acquisition of financial assets, which has no immediate impact on the fiscal balance.

This measure also includes \$15.0 million over three years from 2016-17 (with \$5.1 million in 2019-20) for an accelerator programme which will assist the CSIRO to translate research outcomes into commercial opportunities.

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National Innovation and Science Agenda — Data61

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	-	-	24.2	24.4	24.5
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	0.5	0.5	0.5
Total — Expense	-	-	24.7	24.9	25.0

The Government will provide \$74.6 million over three years from 2016-17 to Data61, a business unit of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). This measure comprises the following elements:

- Platforms for Open Data which will allow governments and business to utilise various sources of data that are currently unconnected and ununlockable. The initial project will focus on integrating data into the NationalMap platform, allowing manipulation of geospatial data from various government sources;
- Cybersecurity protection for Australian industry through the development of new architectures to secure business systems and applications and through an advanced learning program;
- Digital Innovation Marketplace which provides an open access programme bringing together businesses and other organisations to share skills and expertise in pursuing technical or commercial outcomes; and
- Data Skilling Industry which will deliver a fast-tracked data analytics educational program to improve data literacy skills within Australian industry.

This measure will also provide \$1.5 million over three years to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to deliver a whole of Australian Public Service data skills and capability programme.

This measure forms part of the Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda, which will drive the smart ideas that create business growth, local jobs and global success. Further information on the Agenda can be found in the brochure of 7 December 2015 released by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

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National Innovation and Science Agenda — enhancing research-business links

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science	-	-	3.2	6.9	7.6

The Government will provide \$17.7 million over three years from 2016-17 to enhance linkages between research organisations and businesses by relaunching the Research Connections element of the *Entrepreneurs' Programme* as Innovation Connections. This measure provides:

- \$6.2 million over three years for eight additional Research Connections Facilitation Advisors, to provide businesses with expert guidance to enable them to identify knowledge gaps, engage with researchers and foster innovation;
- \$7.5 million over three years for additional Research Connections grants providing eligible businesses with grants of up to \$50,000 over 12 months to collaborate with researchers and access research infrastructure and capabilities (with matched funding from businesses); and
- \$2.6 million over three years to establish Innovation Graduate Placement Grants providing grants of up to \$30,000 over 12 months to support businesses to engage a graduate or post graduate researcher on an innovative project in collaboration with a research institution (with matched funding from businesses).

This measure forms part of the Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda, which will drive the smart ideas that create business growth, local jobs and global success. Further information on the Agenda can be found in the brochure of 7 December 2015 released by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

National Innovation and Science Agenda — Global Innovation Strategy

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science	-	-	5.0	6.5	6.5
Australian Trade Commission	-	-	2.1	2.1	3.3
Total — Expense	-	-	7.1	8.6	9.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Trade Commission</i>	-	-	0.3	-	0.2

The Government will provide \$26.0 million over three years from 2016-17 to establish a Global Innovation Strategy to improve collaboration between Australian research and industry bodies and their international counterparts. This measure includes:

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- \$12.0 million to provide seed-funding for major venture projects to build industry and research connections with clusters in key international economies;
- \$3.7 million to provide grants to establish connections between small and medium enterprises and researchers;
- \$2.4 million to provide funding for collaborative workshops with Asian economies targeting shared regional challenges; and
- \$7.9 million to establish five innovation launch pads, which provide office space and infrastructure to emerging Australian companies in the United States, Israel, Asia and Europe and to bring overseas experts to Australia to share their knowledge in innovation with Australian businesses.

This measure forms part of the Government’s National Innovation and Science Agenda, which will drive the smart ideas that create business growth, local jobs and global success. Further information on the Agenda can be found in the brochure of 7 December 2015 released by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

National Innovation and Science Agenda — Innovation and Science Australia

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science	-	1.1	2.3	2.5	2.3

The Government will provide \$8.1 million over four years from 2015-16 to establish Innovation and Science Australia (ISA), a new independent statutory board which replaces Innovation Australia. ISA will provide advice to government on science, research and innovation matters, and will be co-chaired by the Chief Scientist and one other member of the ISA board.

ISA will undertake an audit of science, research and innovation in Australia to inform the development of a long-term rolling National Innovation and Science Plan. The Plan will identify investment priorities and specific areas for policy reform for the Government to consider.

This measure forms part of the Government’s National Innovation and Science Agenda, which will drive the smart ideas that create business growth, local jobs and global success. Further information on the Agenda can be found in the brochure of 7 December 2015 released by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

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National Innovation and Science Agenda — inspiring all Australians in STEM

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science	-	25.5	13.2	8.7	15.5
Department of Education and Training	-	-	14.9	16.5	17.8
Total — Expense	-	25.5	28.1	25.2	33.4

The Government will provide \$112.1 million over three years from 2016-17 to promote digital literacy and science, technology, education and maths (STEM) in school-aged children and to increase the participation of women in science institutions and innovative businesses. This measure includes:

- \$13.0 million to promote STEM in schools by piloting the Early Learning STEM Australia initiative and expanding the Little Scientists and Let’s Count initiatives;
- \$12.3 million to establish a coding challenge for every Year 5 and 7 student in Australia;
- \$12.3 million from 2016-17 to expand opportunities for women in STEM and entrepreneurship;
- \$9.0 million from 2016-17 to deliver an expanded *Science for Australia’s Future – Inspiring Australia* programme;
- \$8.5 million from 2016-17 to provide ongoing funding for the Prime Minister’s Science Prizes, to establish new prizes for Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship and to facilitate improved opportunities for students to participate in science competitions;
- \$7.5 million to enhance STEM education in schools by partnering teachers with STEM professionals;
- \$5.9 million to provide specialist Information and Communications Technology teachers to provide classroom support in disadvantaged schools;
- \$5.4 million to enhance digital literacy in schools, including computer activities for students;
- \$5.2 million to expand the teacher professional learning course developed by the University of Adelaide; and
- \$5.1 million from 2018-19 to fund National Science week and Questacon Smart Skills and provide improved access to Questacon programs.

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This measure includes funding for a communications campaign to support the implementation of the Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda.

This measure forms part of the Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda, which will drive the smart ideas that create business growth, local jobs and global success. Further information on the Agenda can be found in the brochure of 7 December 2015 released by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

National Innovation and Science Agenda — quantum computing

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science	-	-	5.4	5.0	5.0

The Government will provide \$25.8 million over six years from 2016-17 to the Centre for Quantum Computation and Communications Technology (CQC2T) as part of a project to develop a silicon quantum integrated circuit, the first step in developing a practical quantum computing system. The University of New South Wales has committed \$25.0 million to the project and the CQC2T is seeking further funding from industry.

The funding will be administered through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Australian Research Council and is expected to provide the Commonwealth with an equity share in an intellectual property holding company created by CQC2T.

This measure forms part of the Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda, which will drive the smart ideas that create business growth, local jobs and global success. Further information on the Agenda can be found in the brochure of 7 December 2015 released by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

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National Innovation and Science Agenda — supporting incubators

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science	-	-	2.6	2.8	2.7

The Government will provide \$8.1 million over three years from 2016-17 to expand the *Entrepreneurs' Programme* to facilitate the activities of business incubators (which support early stage innovative businesses) and develop the innovation ecosystem. This measure will provide funding (with matching industry contributions) to establish new incubators in selected regions and sectors, expand or enhance the services provided by existing incubators, and place expert advisers in incubators to provide advice to prospective business owners. This measure also includes funding of \$1.0 million to establish an Australian Innovation Network, a central information portal to coordinate and promote incubator and entrepreneur information, activity and events.

This measure forms part of the Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda, which will drive the smart ideas that create business growth, local jobs and global success. Further information on the Agenda can be found in the brochure of 7 December 2015 released by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

Next Generation Manufacturing Programme — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science	-	-	6.0	13.5	8.4
Department of the Treasury	-	-10.0	-10.0	-9.1	-
Total — Expense	-	-10.0	-4.0	4.4	8.4

The Government will provide \$29.1 million over five years from 2016-17 (including \$1.1 million in 2019-20 and \$0.1 million in 2020-21) to establish a second phase of the *Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Programme*, supporting investment in high value manufacturing in Victoria and South Australia.

The cost of this measure will be met by redirecting funding from the *Regional Infrastructure Programme*.

Our North, Our Future — business, trade and investment gateway

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Immigration and Border Protection</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Immigration and Border Protection</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$77.0 million over four years from 2015-16 to support the development of northern Australia as a gateway to business, trade and investment in the broader region. This will include:

- \$27.5 million (and a further \$47.5 million over six years from 2019-20 to 2024-25) for the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science to establish a Cooperative Research Centre for Developing Northern Australia;
- \$2.0 million for the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science to establish a Northern Territory office of the Major Projects Approval Agency;
- \$13.6 million to provide management advice and other business support services to businesses in the northern Australian tourism industry, including \$9.4 million for the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science to expand access to the *Entrepreneurs' Programme* and \$4.2 million to the Department of the Treasury to provide additional services under the *Australian Small Business Advisory Service Programme*;
- \$26.9 million for the Department of Immigration and Border Protection for reforms to tourism visas, generating estimated revenue of \$37.7 million, to grow the tourist economy in the north. Reforms include: expanding online lodgement of visitor visa applications in China and India; trialling visitor visa online lodgement in simplified Chinese; a visa with ten years validity for Chinese nationals; and a visa fast-track service for a fee; and
- \$7.0 million will be allocated for activities to increase business, education and industry links between northern Australia and countries in the Indo-Pacific region funded from within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's existing Official Development Assistance resources.

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

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Further information can be found in the joint press release of 18 June 2015 issued by the former Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development and the Minister for Trade and Investment.

This measure is part of the Government's *White Paper on Developing Northern Australia*.

Stronger Farmers, Stronger Economy — TRANSIT

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.7 million in 2015-16 to improve the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) Transport Network Strategic Investment Tool (TRANSIT) to support future Government infrastructure investment in the agricultural supply chain. With the improvements to TRANSIT, farmers will see lower transport costs as a result of reduced road and rail inefficiencies, including bottlenecks and pinch points.

Part of the funding for this measure has already been provided for by the Government, with the balance to be met from within the existing resources of the CSIRO.

This package of measures forms part of the Government's *White Paper on Agricultural Competitiveness*. Funding for this measure has already been provided for by the Government.

Tasmanian Jobs and Investment Fund — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science	-	-7.1	3.6	3.4	-

The Government will provide \$16.0 million over three years from 2015-16 to establish the Tasmanian Jobs and Investment Fund to provide grants for private sector projects that generate jobs and investment in Tasmania. The Tasmanian Government will also contribute \$8.0 million to the Fund.

Eligible projects will need to attract at least \$2 in private sector funding for every \$1 provided by the Commonwealth and State governments.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from a \$1.4 million reduction in funding from the *Manufacturing Transition Programme*. The remainder of the funding has already been provided for by the Government. Further information can be found in the press release of 5 September 2015 issued by the former Prime Minister.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Infrastructure Investment Programme — new investments

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	316.0	807.0	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$1.1 billion over two years from 2015-16 for the *Roads to Recovery Programme* which supports local governments across Australia to deliver vital services.

The Government will also provide \$999.0 million for the construction of new infrastructure to reduce congestion and boost productivity, including the Northern Connector in Adelaide (\$788.0 million), the Armadale Road duplication project in Perth (\$116.0 million), and Stage 2 of the Gold Coast Light Rail (\$95.0 million). The cost of these projects will be met from within the *Infrastructure Investment Programme*.

This measure also includes a communications campaign funded within the programme.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 23 June 2015 issued by the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, 5 August 2015 issued by the former Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, 12 September 2015 issued by the Minister for Finance and 11 October 2015 issued by the Prime Minister.

Our North, Our Future — road and rail infrastructure

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$604.9 million over five years from 2015-16 to build and make better use of transport infrastructure in northern Australia. This funding will provide:

- \$600.0 million for a new roads package with capital investment in specific, high priority road projects, to be agreed with jurisdictions and subject to Commonwealth contributions not exceeding 80 per cent of the cost of individual projects; and
- \$4.9 million to establish cross jurisdictional freight rail planning capacity.

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

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Further information can be found in the joint press release of 18 June 2015 issued by the former Prime Minister, the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, and the Minister for Trade and Investment.

This measure is part of the Government's *White Paper on Developing Northern Australia*.

South Australia — upgrading the 'last mile'

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$25.0 million over two years from 2015-16 for South Australian local councils in regional areas of the state to assist with upgrading 'last mile' road infrastructure.

Funding for this purpose will be redirected from the *Murray-Darling Basin Regional Economic Diversification Programme* to the *Infrastructure Investment Programme*.

Western Foreshore of Mandurah — safer foreshore project

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	0.1	0.1	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	-0.2	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-0.1	0.1	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.2 million over two years to the Safer Streets — Family Friendly Foreshore project in Mandurah, Western Australia. The project, which will be funded through the Community Development Grants Fund, will deliver a new closed circuit television system and install additional lighting along the Western Foreshore of Mandurah.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Attorney-General's Department.

Further information can be found in the press release of 11 September 2015 issued by the Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Counter-Terrorism.

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Western Sydney Airport — site preparatory works

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	2.4	30.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$32.7 million over two years from 2014-15 to ready the Badgerys Creek site with no encumbrances for further development as a Western Sydney Airport.

The funding will enable the site to be secured, demolition of buildings as they are vacated, and the design, costing and approval of preparatory earth works to enable them to proceed in 2016.

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

Addressing Welfare Reliance in Remote Communities

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Human Services	-	11.1	3.6	-	-
Department of Employment	-	0.1	-	-	-
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	26.9	-10.0	-12.0
Department of Social Services	-	-	-27.8	-	-
Total — Expense	-	11.2	2.6	-10.0	-12.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Human Services</i>	-	<i>7.7</i>	<i>0.2</i>	-	-
<i>Department of Employment</i>	-	<i>0.4</i>	-	-	-
Total — Capital	-	8.1	0.2	-	-

The Government will provide \$25.9 million to provide increased incentives for job seekers to work and to strengthen the mutual obligation framework in *Community Development Programme* (CDP) regions.

From 1 July 2016, a new Remote Income Support Payment (RISP) will replace Newstart, Youth Allowance (other), and certain Parenting Payment Single, Disability Support Pension and Special Benefit payments, including supplements and allowances, for job seekers in the selected regions. The RISP will be administered weekly by local CDP providers, enabling more immediate application of financial penalties for job seekers who do not comply with mutual obligation activities. Further, to encourage job seekers to take up employment, the income free area of the RISP will be increased to the equivalent of the minimum wage.

A Community Investment Fund will also be established to reinvest non-compliance penalties in economic and community development activities in remote communities.

The cost of this measure will be offset from the Indigenous Advancement Strategy over the forward estimates.

Further information can be found in the press release of 2 December 2015 issued by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

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Geocoded National Address File

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$29.2 million over four years to make the Geocoded National Address File (G-NAF) publicly available through *data.gov.au* under open data terms. The current licensing arrangements for G-NAF are restrictive. Making the G-NAF database openly available will unlock opportunities for business innovation and help stimulate economic activity.

G-NAF is Australia's authoritative spatial database and contains over 13 million addresses from 10 different sources. G-NAF can be used for a range of purposes, including: infrastructure; business; logistics and service planning; emergency and disaster response; personal navigation and mapping; and fraud prevention.

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

Indigenous Advancement Strategy — indexation pause

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	-	-	-17.8

Continuation of the existing indexation pause on the Indigenous Advancement Strategy for one year will provide \$17.8 million in 2018-19.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

National Innovation and Science Agenda — digital procurement reform

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Digital Transformation Office	-	2.9	4.9	3.7	3.7

The Government will provide an additional \$18.8 million over five years to the Digital Transformation Office (DTO) for the establishment of a digital marketplace for technology and digital services. This will create an online platform allowing suppliers and buyers to connect through a centralised website. The DTO will provide targeted, specialist advice to government agencies to drive growth and stimulate further innovation in the Australian small-to-medium enterprise (SME) digital services market by:

- providing innovative suppliers with easier and greater access to Government information technology spending;

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- supporting government services transformation for departments and agencies through exposure to private sector innovation; and
- encouraging the public service to select SMEs where appropriate.

This measure forms part of the Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda, which will drive the smart ideas that create business growth, local jobs and global success. Further information on the Agenda can be found in the brochure of 7 December 2015 released by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

Our North, Our Future — simpler land arrangements to support investment

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$48.0 million over four years from 2015-16 to simplify and modernise land title arrangements in northern Australia by working with Indigenous communities, business and northern jurisdictions. This will include:

- \$10.6 million over four years to pilot innovative tenure practices on Indigenous and pastoral land;
- \$17.0 million over three years for land administration functions to facilitate economic development on Indigenous land; and
- \$20.4 million over four years to support and build the capacity of native title bodies.

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

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 18 June 2015 issued by the former Prime Minister, the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, and the Minister for Trade and Investment.

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Remote School Attendance Strategy — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will invest \$80.0 million from the Indigenous Advancement Strategy over three years from 1 January 2016 to continue the Remote School Attendance Strategy. The Strategy seeks to improve attendance rates in targeted remote communities across the Northern Territory, Western Australia, South Australia, Queensland and New South Wales by supporting families and communities to ensure that children attend school.

This measure extends the 2014-15 Budget measure titled *Remote School Attendance Strategy – extension*.

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

Further information can be found in the press release of 25 September 2015 issued by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Age Pension — aligning the pension means testing arrangements with residential aged care arrangements

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Human Services	-	-	1.5	0.9	0.2
Department of Health	-	-	0.7	2.7	5.2
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	..	-1.8	-3.2
Department of Social Services	-	-	-1.7	-28.9	-36.7
Total — Expense	-	-	0.6	-27.1	-34.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>	-	-	0.2	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$60.8 million over three years from 1 January 2017, by ensuring that net rental income earned on the former principal residence of new entrants into residential aged care, is treated the same way under the pension income test as it is under the aged care means test, regardless of how the resident chooses to pay their accommodation costs (either through a full or partial lump sum or periodic payment). The current exemption of the former principal residence from the pension assets test, where the property is rented and aged care accommodation costs are paid on a periodic basis, will also be removed.

Aged care means testing arrangements are unchanged.

Savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

Australian Disability Enterprises — Business Services Wage Assessment Tool — payment scheme

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Social Services	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government has established a payment scheme to provide one-off payments to employees of Australian Disability Enterprises (ADEs) whose wages were assessed and paid using the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool (BSWAT). The payment scheme has been established in response to the December 2012 Full Federal Court finding that the BSWAT indirectly discriminated against two ADE employees with an intellectual disability.

Payments under the scheme will be calculated using a statutory formula and will not be assessed as income for social security purposes. People who do not access the payment scheme retain their right to pursue representative action.

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The provision set aside for the payment scheme is not for publication (nfp) so as not to prejudice the Commonwealth in relation to legal claims brought against it concerning the BSWAT.

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

Commonwealth Parental Leave Payments — consistent treatment for income support assessment

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Human Services	-	2.1	-2.0	-3.2	-3.3
Department of Social Services	-	..	-31.9	-32.8	-34.1
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	-	-	..	-	-
Total — Expense	-	2.1	-33.8	-36.0	-37.4

The Government will achieve savings of \$105.1 million over four years by including Parental Leave Pay (PLP) and Dad and Partner Pay (DaPP) payments in the definition of income for Commonwealth income support payments from 1 July 2016. This is consistent with the treatment of employer provided parental leave payments as income for income support payments and PLP and DaPP payments as income for Family Tax Benefit and taxation purposes.

Department of Social Services — introduction of a new electronic document management system

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Social Services	-	-0.1	-2.2	-2.7	-2.8

The Government will achieve savings of \$7.8 million over four years from the introduction of a new electronic document management system at the Department of Social Services.

The new system will increase staff productivity and reduce storage and handling costs for paper files that will be digitised.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

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Enhanced Welfare Payment Integrity — expand debt recovery

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Human Services	-	2.8	8.5	8.6	8.6
Department of Social Services	-	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total — Expense	-	3.0	8.8	8.8	8.9

The Government will provide \$29.5 million over four years from 2015-16 to expand debt recovery achieved by the Department of Human Services (DHS). This measure will achieve net underlying cash balance savings of \$157.8 million, reflecting the recovery of existing customer debts.

While these debts would otherwise not have been recovered, write-offs do not impact the fiscal balance and so improvements to debt recovery are not reflected in the expenses associated with this measure.

DHS will focus debt recovery activities on high value debts and those individuals who are identified as having the capacity to pay, for example from those who no longer receive government payments and are now employed.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

Enhanced Welfare Payment Integrity — income data matching

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Human Services	-	-	25.5	25.1	-0.2
Department of Social Services	-	-	-629.1	-650.1	-22.2
Total — Expense	-	-	-603.6	-625.0	-22.4

The Government will achieve savings of \$1.3 billion over three years from 1 July 2016 by recovering money from a greater number of people where discrepancies have been identified between employment income declared to Centrelink and pay as you go (PAYG) information provided by employers to the Australian Taxation Office.

This measure extends the 2015-16 Budget measure titled *Strengthening the Integrity of Welfare Payments*, which examined income discrepancies over the period 2010-11 to 2012-13, to also examine the 2013-14 and 2014-15 years' data.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

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Enhanced Welfare Payment Integrity — non-employment income data matching

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	-	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.3
Australian Taxation Office	-	0.7	0.1	0.1	-
Department of Human Services	-	0.3	27.4	25.1	20.9
Department of Social Services	-	-	-301.3	-276.5	-217.9
Total — Expense	-	1.9	-272.6	-250.0	-195.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Human Services</i>	-	-	13.4	8.1	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$694.8 million over four years by undertaking additional matching of social security data with non-pay as you go (PAYG) information declared by individuals to the Australian Taxation Office as part of their income tax returns.

This measure will target cases where recipients may have incorrectly declared non-PAYG income in the financial years 2010-11 to 2013-14.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

Family Payment Reform — a new families package

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Health	-	-	..	-15.2	-36.5
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	-	-0.2	0.1	0.6	2.1
Department of Social Services	-	-0.7	122.2	-607.7	247.4
Department of Human Services	-	-24.9	-14.6	29.2	37.7
Total — Expense	-	-25.8	107.7	-593.1	250.7

The Government will replace family payment reform measures which were announced in the 2014-15 Budget and 2014-15 MYEFO with a new package which will restructure Family Tax Benefit (FTB) payments to give better targeted assistance to families and encourage workforce participation.

From 1 July 2018, the maximum rate of FTB Part A will be increased by \$10.08 per fortnight. The maximum rate for under 18 year old Youth Allowance recipients living at home will also be increased by \$10.44 per fortnight to align with the maximum rate of FTB Part A for children aged 13 and over. This increase will also be applied to the under 18 year old rates of ABSTUDY, Special Benefit and the Disability Support Pension.

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Additional assistance will be provided to low income families receiving FTB Part B by increasing the maximum rate by \$1,000.10 per year for families with children aged under one year.

Recipients with children from the age of one up to the age of 13, single parents 60 years of age or older, and grandparent and great grandparent carers, will continue to receive current levels of FTB Part B assistance. Eligible single parents with a youngest child aged between 13 and 16 inclusive, will be entitled to a new maximum rate of FTB Part B of \$1,000.10 per year, recognising their limited capacity to work and balance care responsibilities.

The end of year FTB supplements will be phased out over two years. For FTB Part A the supplement will be reduced to \$602.25 per child from 1 July 2016, \$302.95 from 1 July 2017 and abolished from 1 July 2018. For FTB Part B the supplement will be reduced to \$302.95 per family from 1 July 2016, \$153.30 from 1 July 2017 and abolished from 1 July 2018.

The revised families package has a net cost of \$1.3 billion in underlying cash terms but results in a net saving of \$260.4 million in fiscal balance terms due to the accrual accounting treatment of the supplement.

Further details can be found in the joint press release of 21 October 2015 issued by the Minister for Social Services, the Minister for Education and Training, and the Treasurer, and the press release of 30 November 2015 issued by the Minister for Social Services.

Funding for Frontline Services

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$15.9 million over two years from 2015-16 to ensure the continuity of front line community services. Services that will be funded include Children and Parenting Support, Emergency Relief and the transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

This measure builds on the 2015-16 Budget measure titled *New Way of Working for Grants – transitional arrangements*.

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

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Government Remote Servicing — extension

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Human Services	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$23.6 million in 2019-20 for the Department of Human Services (DHS) to continue to support the delivery of government payments and services in remote locations in the Northern Territory, Western Australia, Northern Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania.

DHS will continue to provide direct access to these remote services through a mix of Agents, Access Points, Remote Service Centres and visits by Remote Servicing Teams.

This extends the 2015-16 Budget measure titled *Government Remote Servicing – continuation*.

Maintain the Higher Income Free Threshold for Family Tax Benefit Part A for a Further Two Years

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Human Services	-	-	0.3	-0.5	-0.8
Department of Social Services	-	-	..	-49.4	-69.1
Department of Health	-	-	-	-2.1	-4.1
Total — Expense	-	-	0.3	-52.0	-74.0

The Government will achieve savings of \$125.7 million over three years from 2016-17 to 2018-19 by maintaining the higher income free area (HIFA) of Family Tax Benefit Part A at the current level of \$94,316 per annum for a further two years. Indexation of the HIFA will resume from 1 July 2019.

This measure extends the 2013-14 Budget measure titled *Family Payments Reform – continuing indexation pauses on upper income limits and supplements*, which maintained the HIFA at \$94,316 per annum until 1 July 2017.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

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National Disability Insurance Scheme — transition to full Scheme

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
National Disability Insurance Agency	-	108.3	291.3	103.2	-249.8
Department of Social Services	-	15.0	-14.5	-91.5	-202.5
Department of Health	-	7.0	573.0	613.1	629.3
Department of Human Services	-	3.2	1.1	0.6	0.1
Australian Aged Care Quality Agency	-	-	1.2	0.8	0.8
Department of the Treasury	-	-339.2	-328.8	-350.9	-362.2
Total — Expense	-	-205.7	523.3	275.4	-184.3
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
National Disability Insurance Agency	-	0.1	287.7	326.6	265.0
Department of Health	-	-376.7	34.8	22.3	13.8
Total — Revenue	-	-376.6	322.5	348.9	278.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Department of Human Services	-	2.4	0.2	-	-

The Government will further progress the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme through support for existing trials and transitions to full Scheme with the States and Territories.

The Government has finalised agreements to transition to full Scheme in several states. The Government is continuing negotiations with other jurisdictions on arrangements for the full rollout of the Scheme, while providing support for states to extend and continue trials.

Transition to full Scheme will begin on 1 July 2016 in states with finalised agreements, with the National Disability Insurance Scheme fully rolled out in these states by July 2019. The Australian Capital Territory will reach full Scheme in September 2016.

The Government will provide additional resources for the National Disability Insurance Agency to scale up operations to implement the transition to full Scheme and address administrative backlogs in processing individual packages of support during implementation.

As the Scheme rolls out nationally, the 2011 National Health Reform Agreement will be progressively amended to reflect arrangements for the changed responsibilities for people with disability. As part of these arrangements the Government will establish a new Commonwealth Continuity of Support programme for aged care and specialist disability services for people aged 65 years and over (and Indigenous Australians aged 50 years and over).

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Provision for the National Disability Insurance Scheme is already included in the forward estimates and will be amended to reflect those agreements already reached. The Government will continue to make provision for jurisdictions not yet signed while negotiations are finalised.

Once fully implemented, the National Disability Insurance Scheme will provide reasonable and necessary care and support tailored to individual circumstances to over 460,000 eligible people with a significant and permanent disability. This measure also includes \$14.2 million over the forward estimates for a communication campaign to provide information to potential participants, their families, service providers and the community about arrangements during transition to full Scheme.

New Treatment of Fringe Benefits for Family Assistance and Youth Payments purposes

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Human Services	-	1.9	12.3	3.4	1.3
Department of Health	-	-	-0.3	-1.0	-1.1
Department of Education and Training	-	-	-1.9	-6.1	-6.7
Department of Social Services	-	-	-21.8	-38.1	-36.5
Total — Expense	-	1.9	-11.6	-41.8	-42.9

The Government will achieve savings of \$94.4 million over four years to 2018-19 by using the gross value of reportable fringe benefits rather than the adjusted net value when assessing income for family and youth payments. This measure will take effect from 1 January 2017.

Fringe benefit income sourced from certain not-for-profit institutions that are exempt from fringe benefit tax, including registered health promotion charities and registered public benevolent institutions, will continue to be assessed under current arrangements using the adjusted net value.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

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Parental Leave Pay — revised arrangements

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Human Services	-	5.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Department of Social Services	-	-	10.0	58.6	62.9
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	-	-	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Total — Expense	-	5.0	9.8	58.4	62.7
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	-	50.0	50.0

The Government will provide \$35.9 million over four years to ensure that all eligible primary carers receive 18 weeks of paid parental leave.

From 1 July 2016, eligible primary carers with employer provided paid parental leave will receive a top up, paid at the national minimum wage, for the difference in weeks between their employer scheme and the 18 weeks provided for under Parental Leave Pay (PLP).

Eligible primary carers with no employer provided paid parental leave will continue to receive 18 weeks of PLP paid at the national minimum wage. Primary carers receiving less than the national minimum wage while on employer provided paid parental leave will also receive a top up to ensure that they receive 18 weeks of leave paid at the national minimum wage.

This measure replaces the 2015-16 Budget measure titled *Removing Double-Dipping from Parental Leave Pay*.

Removal of Family Member Exemptions from the Newly Arrived Resident's Waiting Period

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Human Services	-	0.1	1.8	-2.2	-3.9
Department of Social Services	-	..	-29.2	-109.3	-82.3
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	-	-
Total — Expense	-	0.1	-27.4	-111.5	-86.2

The Government will achieve savings of \$225.0 million over four years by removing exemptions for the Newly Arrived Resident's Waiting Period (NARWP).

From 1 January 2017 the 104 week NARWP will now apply to newly arrived migrants if applicants are a family member of an Australian citizen or a permanent resident bringing these arrangements in line with those arrangements that apply to other newly arrived residents. Migrants may still be exempt from the NARWP under other exemptions, such as if they are a refugee or the family member of a refugee.

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This change affects applicants for: Newstart Allowance; Youth Allowance; Austudy Payment; Carer Payments; Sickness Allowance; Special Benefit; and other payments. Age Pension and Disability Support Pension applicants will remain unaffected under this measure.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

Remove the Exemptions for Parents in Employment Nil Rate Periods

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Human Services	-	1.1	2.0	11.2	3.8
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	0.4	-40.7
Total — Expense	-	1.1	2.0	11.5	-36.9

The Government will achieve savings of \$22.3 million over four years from 2015-16 by revising the income testing arrangements for family and student payments for income support payment (ISP) recipients.

Currently, a person who is classified as an ISP recipient because they or their parents receive a payment such as Newstart Allowance, automatically receives the maximum rate of family and student payments as they are exempt from any income testing arrangements. This also applies to periods of short-term employment (a nil rate period).

From 1 July 2018, people will no longer be exempt from income testing arrangements and their actual income will be taken into account for the purpose of calculating family and student payments.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

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Women's Safety Package

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Education and Training	-	-	-	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Communications and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$101.2 million over four years for a Women's Safety Package to take action against domestic and family violence. The package consists of:

- practical actions to keep women safe, including trialling the use of technology such as GPS trackers for perpetrators, expanding Safe at Home programmes and increasing support for national telephone and counselling services (\$59.7 million);
- initiatives to improve support and services for women, including increased training for frontline staff and trials of integrated service models (\$36.5 million); and
- promoting cultural change among young people by expanding the Safer Schools website to include resources for teachers, parents and students on respectful relationships (\$5.0 million).

Funding of \$21.1 million for Indigenous specific activities will be made available from the Indigenous Advancement Strategy. Funding for the remainder of this measure has already been provided for by the Government.

The Women's Safety Package was announced by the Prime Minister and Minister for Women. Further information can be found in the press release of 24 September 2015.

TREASURY

Asset Recycling Initiative — redirection of funding

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$800.0 million over three years from 2016-17 from the *Asset Recycling Initiative*.

The savings from this measure have already been provided for by the Government and will be redirected to form part of the Government's *White Paper on Developing Northern Australia*.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 18 June 2015 issued by the former Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, and the Minister for Trade and Investment.

Capability Review of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.6 million to undertake a capability review of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to ensure it has the skills and culture to carry out its role effectively.

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

Further information can be found in the press release of 24 July 2015 issued by the former Assistant Treasurer.

Freeze Road User Charge Collections

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	39.0	79.0	-
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	-	-39.0	-79.0	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will freeze Road User Charge revenue at 2015-16 levels for two years. This decision will ensure that governments can maintain the quality of roads and services that support the heavy vehicle industry.

The costs for this measure will be met from within the Infrastructure and Regional Development Portfolio.

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Improving Management of Dispute Resolution

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will commission the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to develop metrics on its dispute resolution processes so as to more effectively and efficiently prevent and resolve disputes. Better metrics will allow a more balanced approach to judging the cost of continuing a dispute against the whole of system benefits that could accrue.

These metrics should consider the ideal time taken for disputes of various complexity, the quality of the client experience, and the effects of certain disputes on the broader tax and superannuation systems.

This measure will have ongoing business process costs which will be offset by the ATO as it will be able to structure its dispute resolution activities more effectively.

Increasing the Level of Contact Centre Outsourcing

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will commission the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to assess the feasibility of progressively increasing the level of contact centre outsourcing in line with commercial standards, while maintaining necessary internal capacity. Building on the ATO's existing program of efficiency reforms, this measure will allow an assessment of further expansion of outsourcing to maximise efficiency in contact centre arrangements.

Funding for this measure will be offset by internal efficiency savings in the ATO.

National Innovation and Science Agenda — improving bankruptcy and insolvency laws

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Financial Security Authority	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will reduce the stigma associated with business failure and facilitate business restructuring by improving bankruptcy and insolvency laws. The changes include: reducing the default bankruptcy period from three years to one year; providing directors with a safe harbour from insolvent trading if they appoint a professional restructuring adviser to develop a plan to turnaround a company in financial difficulty; and make ipso facto clauses unenforceable due to an insolvency event if a company is undertaking a restructure.

This measure forms part of the Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda, which will drive the smart ideas that create business growth, local jobs and global success. Further information on the Agenda can be found in the brochure of 7 December 2015 released by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

National Innovation and Science Agenda — improving employee share schemes

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will remove a requirement under the *Corporations Act 2001* for small and start-up businesses, that makes companies offering financial products to employees lodge a disclosure document with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission which is placed on the public register. Removal of this requirement for small and start-up businesses will make it easier for these businesses to offer employee share schemes.

This measure forms part of the Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda, which will drive the smart ideas that create business growth, local jobs and global success. Further information on the Agenda can be found in the brochure of 7 December 2015 released by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

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Review of existing restrictions on data sharing between agencies

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will undertake a review into data sharing restrictions across Commonwealth agencies and relevant agencies in the States and Territories. The review will ensure that data sharing arrangements are fit-for-purpose and able to evolve with technological developments and changing community expectations.

The review could lead to further improvements in individuals' interactions with government, and better targeting of government programmes.

Funding from this measure will be met from within existing resources.

Strengthening Australia's Foreign Investment Framework — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$16.0 million in 2015-16 to the States and Territories to strengthen Australia's foreign investment framework. The States and Territories will put in place new systems to manage data the Commonwealth Government will be seeking in relation to the ownership of residential and agricultural land. This data will assist with compliance and enforcement around foreign investment in these sectors.

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

This measure extends the 2015-16 Budget measure titled – *Strengthening Australia's Foreign Investment Framework*.

Further information on strengthening Australia's foreign investment framework can be found in the joint press release of 2 May 2015 issued by the former Prime Minister and the former Treasurer.

Tasmanian Forests — saving

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$46.0 million over four years from 2014-15 from the termination of the *Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement*.

The savings from this measure have already been provided for by the Government and will be redirected to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Department of Veterans' Affairs — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	16.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$16.1 million in 2015-16 to the Department of Veterans' Affairs to support its operations.

This funding will be used to meet commitments associated with property rationalisation and employee expenses.

Repatriation of Australian Remains from the Terendak Military Cemetery in Malaysia and the Kranji War Cemetery in Singapore

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$1.8 million over two years from 2015-16 to allow for the repatriation of the remains of up to 36 Australian servicemen and dependants who were buried overseas.

Subject to the agreement of their families, the Government will repatriate 35 Australian servicemen and dependants from the Terendak Military Cemetery in Malaysia, and one serviceman from the Kranji War Cemetery in Singapore.

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

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 25 May 2015 issued by the former Prime Minister and the former Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — new listings and price amendments

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

The Government will provide \$0.4 million over four years from 1 January 2016 for new listings on the Repatriation Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits (the Schedule) and for price amendments for suppliers on a range of items which are already listed on the Schedule. The new listings have been recommended by the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Reference Committee, which advises on the clinical appropriateness of items to be made available under the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS).

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The RPBS was established to meet the specific clinical needs of veterans with health conditions arising from war or military service.

Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Programme — Vietnam War Commemorative Grants

Expense (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 million in 2015-16 to support community activities that acknowledge the contribution of Australia's Vietnam War veterans. Vietnam War Commemorative Grants will be offered under the existing *Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Programme*, and will provide one-off funding of between \$4,000 and \$20,000 for community-based projects and activities that directly commemorate aspects of the Vietnam War.

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

Further information can be found in the press release of 18 August 2015 issued by the former Minister for Veterans' Affairs.