

FINANCE

Asset Recycling Fund — not proceeding

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Finance	-	-	-7.5	-9.6	-9.4
Australian Office of Financial Management	-	-	-199.2	-254.0	-248.0
Total — Expense	-	-	-206.7	-263.6	-257.4
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Finance</i>	-	-	-184.1	-234.6	-228.9

The Government will not proceed with the establishment of an Asset Recycling Fund (ARF) as announced in the 2014-15 Budget measure titled *Infrastructure Growth Package – Asset Recycling Fund*. The ARF was intended to contain initial contributions from uncommitted funds in the Building Australia Fund (BAF) and Education Investment Fund (EIF) and proceeds from the sale of Medibank Private.

Given that the ARF is not required to deliver on infrastructure commitments made under the Asset Recycling Initiative, the Government has taken the decision to no longer proceed with its establishment. The Government will continue to progress the closure of the BAF and the EIF.

The uncommitted funds intended for the ARF, including those from the BAF and EIF, will instead be credited to the National Disability Insurance Scheme Special Account and used to reduce the Commonwealth's debt and future borrowing requirements. This decision will not affect the Government's existing spending commitments in infrastructure provision or other areas.

The reduction in expected earnings from the ARF will be more than offset by reduced management fees and Public Debt Interest costs.

This decision is projected to reduce gross debt by more than \$10.0 billion by 2019-20.

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Australian Security and Investments Commission Registry — not proceeding

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Finance	-	-0.6	-	-	-
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	-3.9	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-4.5	-	-	-

Following an evaluation process, the Government has decided not to proceed with the commercialisation of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) Registry functions given final bids received did not deliver a net financial benefit for the Commonwealth.

\$4.5 million will be returned to budget in 2016-17 from concluding the ASIC Registry competitive tender process.

Parliamentary Staff — additional support for crossbench, opposition, Greens and Government

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Finance	-	8.5	9.1	9.1	9.1

The Government will provide \$35.8 million over four years from 2016-17 to increase the personal staffing allocations to crossbench, opposition, Greens and Government Parliamentarians by a total of 33 positions and to change the classification profile of some existing positions.

This will allow Parliamentarians to more effectively manage their workload and represent the interests of their constituents.

Same-Sex Marriage Plebiscite — not proceeding

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Australian Electoral Commission	-	-154.0	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding of \$154.0 million in 2016-17 to conduct a plebiscite on same-sex marriage in February 2017, as a Bill to conduct the plebiscite was not passed by the Parliament.

At the 2016 Pre-election Economic Fiscal Outlook, an allocation of \$160.0 million to conduct the plebiscite was disclosed. An additional \$10.0 million was announced prior to the introduction of the Bill into Parliament. The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has committed \$6.0 million of expenditure in 2016-17, some of which can be redirected to future activities of the AEC.

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If the Parliament passes legislation for a plebiscite on same-sex marriage in the future the Government will allocate the necessary funding at that point. This is reflected as a fiscal risk in Appendix C: Statement of Risks.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget.

Supporting Australia's Future Shipbuilding Capability — ASC Pty Ltd structural changes

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Finance	-	3.2	0.3	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Finance</i>	-	3.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.5 million over two years from 2016-17 to support the structural separation of ASC Pty Ltd (ASC) into three individual Government-owned companies during 2017.

The three new companies will support the key capabilities of shipbuilding, submarine sustainment and infrastructure. The separation of ASC will deliver a more flexible approach to managing the investment required in shipbuilding infrastructure.

The cost of this measure will be offset by a special dividend payment from ASC.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 11 October 2016 by the Minister for Finance, the Minister for Defence and the Minister for Defence Industry.

Third Electorate Office for Large Electorates

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Finance	-	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Finance</i>	-	2.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$8.1 million over four years from 2016-17 (including \$2.4 million in capital in 2016-17) to provide a third staffed electorate office for electorates larger than 350,000 square kilometres.

The provision of a third electorate office reflects a recommendation of the *Independent Parliamentary Entitlements System Review* and will assist Members of Parliament in representing the interests of constituents in Australia's largest electorates.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

Interim Kyiv Embassy — extension

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.1 million over two years from 2016-17 to continue the operation of the interim embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine.

The interim embassy will continue to provide diplomatic services and support efforts to address the consequences of the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17.

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

Loan to Arrium Group

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (National Interest component)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government provided a \$49.2 million loan in 2016-17 to the Arrium Group for new machinery at the Iron Knob and Iron Baron mines. This loan will enable Arrium's Whyalla business to process iron ore to export quality.

The Export Finance and Insurance Corporation provided the loan under the National Interest Account.

The budget impact for this measure is not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 22 July 2016 issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science and the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment.

Pacific Women Mentoring Program

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.4 million over five years from 2016-17 to support a mentoring program to connect female leaders in Australia with emerging women leaders in the Pacific region.

The cost of this measure will be met from within existing *Official Development Assistance* funding.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Further information can be found in the press release of 23 June 2016 issued by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Promoting Trade and Investment

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	1.2	1.9	1.7	1.1
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	-	1.0	3.2	3.2	3.2
Total — Expense	-	2.2	5.2	4.9	4.4

The Government will provide \$16.6 million over four years from 2016-17 to promote international trade and investment.

The funding will support seminars for small and medium sized enterprises and an expanded online portal to promote awareness of the business opportunities available under free trade agreements. The Government will commence the development of a streamlined process for submission of export documentation (a single window) to complement the *Australian Trusted Trader Programme*. The Government will establish a Professional Services Mutual Recognition Unit to promote recognition of Australian professional qualifications overseas and will also fund additional business roundtables to encourage investment.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

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Regional Health Security Partnership Fund — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$100.0 million over five years from 2016-17 to establish a *Regional Health Security Partnership Fund*. The Fund will sponsor partnerships and support placements with academic, private sector, non-government and medical institutions to tackle emerging health security risks in the Indo-Pacific region.

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

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Further information can be found in the press release of 23 June 2016 issued by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

HEALTH

Aged Care Provider Funding — addressing growth in residential aged care

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Human Services	-	1.6	0.2	0.1	0.1
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-2.2	-2.1	-0.5	3.1
Department of Health	-	-15.5	-29.0	-14.9	25.6
Total — Expense	-	-16.1	-30.9	-15.2	28.8
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Aged Care Quality Agency</i>	-	-	-10.8	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health</i>	-	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will amend the 2016-17 Budget measure titled *Aged Care Provider Funding – further revision of the Aged Care Funding Instrument*, by adjusting or reversing some of the announced changes to the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI) following consultations. The Government will achieve a similar level of savings by pausing indexation of all domains of the ACFI in 2017-18, and reducing indexation of the Complex Health Care Domain component of the ACFI by 50 per cent in 2018-19.

The revised arrangements will also:

- increase the viability supplement for eligible rural, remote and specialty services, funded from a partial redirection of the Transitional Assistance Fund;
- defer cost recovery for unannounced compliance site visits by the Australian Aged Care Quality Agency for one year in 2017-18;
- further enhance ACFI compliance systems; and
- develop and trial options to reform the ACFI in order to address continued unexpected growth in residential aged care funding.

The revised funding arrangements will ensure the aged care sector is funded and sustainable, and results in a net budget improvement of \$22.5 million over four years from 2016-17.

Further information can be found in the press release of 6 December 2016 issued by the Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care.

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Ban on Cosmetic Testing on Animals

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 million in 2016-17 to develop a phased approach to banning the sale of cosmetic products in Australia that have been tested on animals.

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

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Further information can be found in the press release of 3 June 2016 issued by the Minister for Regional Development, the Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, and the Member for Latrobe.

Changes to Bulk Billing Incentives for Diagnostic Imaging and Pathology Services — further consultation

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	215.8	-	-	-
Department of Human Services	-	-7.6	0.9	1.5	..
Total — Expense	-	208.2	0.9	1.5	..

The Government will defer the implementation of the 2015-16 MYEFO measure titled *Medicare Benefits Schedule — changes to diagnostic imaging and pathology services bulk-billing incentives* from 1 July 2016 to 1 July 2017 to allow for further consultation. This will result in additional expenditure of \$210.7 million over four years from 2016-17.

Cure4MND Foundation — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	2.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.8 million in 2016-17 to the Cure4MND Foundation. This contribution is part of the Government's commitment to innovation and to support the country's brightest health and medical researchers to help to deliver the next big breakthroughs in medicine. The funding will support motor neurone disease research and assist the Cure4MND Foundation to make more clinical trials available to Australian patients.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

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Further information can be found in the press release of 14 June 2016 issued by the Minister for Health and Aged Care.

Develop Australia's Medical Research Capabilities — zero childhood cancer initiative

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	10.0	10.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$20.0 million over two years from 2016-17 to support the establishment of a national research network that will focus on improving childhood cancer survival rates by providing personalised treatment through research collaboration.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 3 November 2016 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Health and Aged Care.

Digital Mental Health Gateway — development of a second pass business case

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	2.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.5 million in 2016-17 for a second pass business case to continue the development of a Digital Mental Health Gateway to improve community access to mental health services. The Gateway will enable users to access evidence-based information and advice and mental health treatment options.

Elimination of Trachoma in Indigenous Communities — extension

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of the Treasury	-	-	0.8	0.7	0.7
Department of Health	-	-	-0.8	-0.7	-0.7
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$20.8 million over four years from 2017-18 to continue activities to reduce the incidence of trachoma and improve eye health for Indigenous Australians.

Provision for \$17.8 million of this funding has already been included in the forward estimates, with the remaining cost to be offset by redirecting funding from within the Health portfolio.

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Investing in Medicare — Magnetic Resonance Imaging licences for Frankston and Maroondah Hospitals

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	1.8	3.6	3.9	4.2
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-
Department of Human Services	-
Total — Expense	-	1.8	3.7	3.9	4.2

The Government will provide \$13.6 million over four years from 2016-17 to fund full Medicare licences for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) services at the Frankston and Maroondah Hospitals, increasing the number of patients who are able to access Medicare rebates for MRI services provided in these hospitals.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 3 June 2016 issued by the Minister for Health and Aged Care and the Member for Deakin.

Investing in Medicare — Medicare Benefits Schedule — new and amended listings

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Human Services	-	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-
Department of Health	-	..	1.9	2.6	1.8
Total — Expense	-	0.3	2.3	2.7	1.9

The Government will provide \$7.1 million over four years from 2016-17 for new and amended items on the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) and Veterans' Benefits Schedule following recommendations from the Medical Services Advisory Committee and reviews of clinical practice of the MBS.

The amendments to the MBS include new items for ovarian repositioning, middle ear implant, radical orchidectomy, transcatheter aortic valve implantation and genetic testing for breast and ovarian cancer.

\$0.6 million will be provided to educate practitioners about the new MBS listings and to evaluate the impacts of the new and amended listings on the MBS.

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.

Investing in Medicare — modernising health and aged care payments services

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	29.7	-	-	-
Department of Human Services	-	1.7	-	-	-
Department of Finance	-	0.1	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	31.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$31.5 million in 2016-17 to commence modernising the information and communication technology systems supporting the health, aged care and related veterans' payments services, and to conduct public communication and stakeholder consultation on the requirements for the new system.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 19 October 2016 issued by the Minister for Health and Aged Care and the Minister for Human Services.

McGrath Foundation Breast Care Nurses — continued funding

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	-	5.0	5.1	5.1

The Government will provide \$20.5 million over four years from 2017-18 (including \$5.2 million in 2020-21) to continue funding for up to 57 breast care nurse positions through the McGrath Foundation. The breast care nurses will be located in approximately 55 locations across the country, with most working in regional and rural communities.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 4 November 2016 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Health and Aged Care.

More Clinical Trials in Australia

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of the Treasury	-	-	2.5	1.5	1.5
Department of Health	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	2.5	1.5	1.5

The Government will provide \$7.0 million over four years from 2017-18 (including \$1.5 million in 2020-21) to work with state and territory governments to remove red tape that is creating barriers to conducting clinical trials in Australia. These reforms are expected to increase investment in clinical innovation and build capacity across the research pipeline from discovery to commercialisation.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

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Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — new and amended listings

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	14.7	42.6	44.6	49.0
Department of Human Services	-	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.6
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-3.7	-3.2	-3.0	-2.5
Total — Expense	-	11.9	39.9	42.1	47.1
<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 \$141.0 million over four years from 2016-17 for new and amended listings on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

New and amended listings introduced since the 2016-17 Budget include:

- Exenatide (Bydureon®) for the treatment of Type 2 diabetes from 1 September 2016;
- Secukinumab (Cosentyx®) for the treatment of the auto-immune condition chronic plaque psoriasis from 1 October 2016;
- Ribavirin (Ibavyr®) for the treatment of chronic Hepatitis C from 1 November 2016;
- Lenvatinib (Lenvima®) for the treatment of thyroid carcinoma from 1 December 2016;
- Mepolizumab (Nucala®) for the treatment of severe asthma from 1 January 2017; and
- Lenalidomide (Revlimid®) for the treatment of multiple myeloma from 1 February 2017.

The overall costs for some of these medicines are reduced by revenue from rebates negotiated as part of their purchase.

Revenue figures are not for publication (nfp) due to being commercial-in-confidence.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 August 2016 issued by the Minister for Health and Aged Care and on the PBS website (www.pbs.gov.au).

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — price amendments

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	8.5	16.5	17.2	18.5
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.7
Total — Expense	-	8.9	17.2	18.0	19.2

The Government will provide \$83.7 million over five years from 2016-17 (including \$20.4 million in 2020-21) 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 2016-17 Budget include:

- Glucagon hydrochloride for the treatment of diabetes from 1 October 2016;
- Oxaliplatin for the use of chemotherapy from 1 December 2016; and
- Thiamine hydrochloride for the treatment of Vitamin B1 deficiency from 1 January 2017.

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).

Prostheses List Benefit Reductions

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will lower the cost of a range of medical devices on the Prostheses List, reducing the cost private health insurers must pay for these items. Listed benefits for cardiac devices and intraocular lenses will be reduced by 10 per cent, and hip and knee prostheses by 7.5 per cent from 20 February 2017.

This measure aims to reduce pressure on increases in Private Health Insurance premiums to consumers.

Further information can be found in the press release of 19 October 2016 issued by the Minister for Health and Aged Care.

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Radiation Oncology Health Program Grants Scheme — efficiencies

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Human Services	-	0.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Department of Health	-	-	-10.1	-8.0	-6.1
Total — Expense	-	0.5	-9.9	-8.1	-6.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	-	-	5.0	-	-

The Government will achieve net efficiencies of \$18.7 million over four years from 2016-17 by refocusing the *Radiation Oncology Health Program Grants Scheme* (the Scheme) on high cost radiation therapy equipment for cancer treatment facilities.

Existing contractual arrangements for capital equipment currently funded through the Scheme will continue to be funded.

This measure includes capital funding of \$5.0 million in 2017-18 for the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency to replace a linear accelerator, which is used to support the provision of safe and high quality radiotherapy services.

Rationalising and Streamlining Health Programs — discontinuation of stoma tendering pilot

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	6.0	6.3	6.7	6.7

Following consultations with stakeholders, the Government will not proceed with the component of the 2015-16 Budget measure titled *Rationalising and Streamlining Health Programmes* which would have implemented a competitive tender process for products listed on the Stoma Appliance Scheme.

Reform of the High Cost Claims Scheme and Review of the Indemnity Insurance Fund

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Human Services	-	-	0.2	..	-
Department of Health	-	-	-	-17.1	-19.0
Total — Expense	-	-	0.2	-17.1	-19.0

The Government will achieve savings of \$35.9 million over three years from 2017-18 by raising the eligibility threshold for claims under the High Cost Claims Scheme (the Scheme) from \$0.3 million to \$0.5 million from 1 July 2018. The current \$0.3 million threshold has not been increased since 2003. The increase in the threshold reflects greater maturity and stability in the medical indemnity market than when the Scheme was introduced.

The Government will also provide \$0.2 million over two years from 2016-17 to conduct a review of the Indemnity Insurance Fund and associated schemes.

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

Regulation of Medicinal Cannabis — charging arrangements

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.9
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health</i>	-	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.9

The Government will provide \$3.4 million over four years from 2016-17 to administer the Commonwealth licensing scheme for the regulation of cannabis for medicinal and scientific use. The administration costs for commercial cannabis licences will be recovered from industry. The costs of administering non-commercial research licences will be partially cost recovered, with remaining costs to be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Health.

This measure updates the 2016-17 Budget measure titled *Regulation of Medicinal Cannabis — charging arrangements*.

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Remote Area Pharmaceutical Dispensing — additional remuneration

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.3 million over two years from 2016-17 to provide eligible pharmacists with additional remuneration for dispensing medicines supplied to Remote Area Aboriginal Health Services.

Funding for this measure will be redirected from within the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Revised Arrangements for Commonwealth Dental Funding

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of the Treasury	-	104.5	107.8	107.8	-
Department of Human Services	-	6.3	10.4	10.5	10.8
Department of Health	-	-80.6	-106.2	-103.3	-107.1
Total — Expense	-	30.2	12.0	15.0	-96.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Human Services</i>	-

The Government will not proceed with the 2016-17 Budget measure titled *Child and Adult Public Dental Scheme*. Instead, the Government will continue to revise the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) and continue to fund a state adult dental service under the *National Partnership Agreement for Adult Public Dental Services*.

From 1 January 2017, the CDBS will provide eligible children aged between 2 and 17 years access to a range of basic dental services with benefits capped at \$700 over two years. The National Partnership Agreement will provide \$320.0 million over three years from 2016-17 (including \$77.5 million for the period 1 July 2016 to 31 December 2016) to support the provision of dental services to adults who rely on the public dental system.

Further information can be found in the press release of 15 December 2016 issued by the Minister for Health and Aged Care.

Royal Flying Doctor Dental Services — continued delivery

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$11.0 million over two years from 1 March 2017 to provide additional mobile outreach dental services to rural and remote Australians through the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Funding for this measure will be met from within existing resources of the Department of Health.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment.

Further information can be found in the press release of 28 June 2016 issued by the Minister for Regional Development.

Rural Health Commissioner and Pathway for Rural Professionals — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	0.6	1.3	1.3	1.3

The Government will provide \$4.4 million over four years from 2016-17 to establish a National Rural Health Commissioner to provide advice on opportunities to reform rural health services, including the development of a National Rural Generalist Pathway for the training of rural doctors.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment.

Further information can be found in the press release of 24 June 2016 issued by the Minister for Regional Development.

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Specialist Dementia Care Units — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Human Services	-	2.0	0.3	0.2	0.2
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.1	-0.1	-0.5	-1.0
Department of Health	-	-1.4	-1.3	-3.0	-0.5
Total — Expense	-	0.7	-1.1	-3.3	-1.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>	-	0.2	-	-	-
<i>Department of Health</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Department of Human Services</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Capital	-	0.2	-	-	-

The Government will establish a Specialist Dementia Care Unit in each of the 31 Primary Health Network regions to provide care for people with dementia who have very severe behavioural and psychological symptoms and who are unable to be cared for in a mainstream residential aged care facility because they present a risk to themselves or to others.

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

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Further information can be found in the press release of 16 June 2016 issued by the Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care.

Sporting Schools Program — extension

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Australian Sports Commission	-	-	39.0	19.5	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Sports Commission</i>	-	-	1.1	-	-

The Government will provide \$59.6 million over two years from 1 July 2017 to extend the *Sporting Schools* program (the program). The program, which is administered by the Australian Sports Commission, supports schools to encourage participation in sport by primary school students. The program will be expanded to include Year 7 and 8 students, with priority given to girls aged between 12 and 14 years, and to schools where there is evidence of disadvantage or a large cohort of inactive students.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Further information can be found in the press release of 29 May 2016 issued by the Minister for Health and Aged Care.

Stoma Appliance Scheme — new and amended listings

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	-0.2	-0.9	-1.2	-1.7

The Government will achieve efficiencies of \$3.9 million over four years from 2016-17 by listing two new products and amending the listings of nine current items on the Stoma Appliance Scheme from 1 March 2017, as recommended by the Stoma Product Assessment Panel.

Strengthening Mental Health Care in Australia

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	28.4	63.2	90.0	12.9

The Government will provide \$194.5 million over four years from 2016-17 to strengthen mental health care in Australia to:

- continue funding for six Early Psychosis Youth Services and establish 10 new headspace centres to provide services for young people, principally in rural and regional areas;
- invest in suicide prevention by establishing 12 regional suicide prevention trial sites and a new suicide prevention research fund;
- develop and test new technologies to support and treat people with mental health issues, through the Synergy project and Lifeline Australia; and
- develop a new workforce model that is responsive to the mental health needs of the Australian community through the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 26 June 2016 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Health and Aged Care.

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Support Australia's Surf Life Savers

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5

The Government will provide \$10.0 million over four years from 2016-17 to boost Surf Life Saving Australia's capacity to deliver preventative safety measures at local beaches. Funding will be used to provide Surf Life Saving Australia with technology updates, expanded volunteer training, skills development for existing trainers and assessors, and expanded recruitment and recognition of supervisors, trainers and assessors.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Western Sydney Stadium

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Health	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$16.4 million over three years from 2016-17 as a contribution to the new Western Sydney Stadium to be constructed on the site of the existing Pirtek Stadium in Parramatta, New South Wales (NSW).

Funding previously provided to the NSW Government to upgrade the existing Parramatta Stadium will be redirected to this measure.

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION

Emerging International Airports — Canberra

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Immigration and Border Protection</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$8.6 million (including \$3.7 million in capital funding) in 2016-17 to establish permanent border clearance services at the Canberra International Airport to support regular international air services.

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

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 16 September 2016 issued by the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and the Assistant Minister for Social Services and Multicultural Affairs.

International Settlement Strategy — enhanced border protection measures and resettlement of refugees

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	-	64.2	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Immigration and Border Protection</i>	-	0.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$64.5 million in 2016-17 (including \$0.3 million in capital funding) to maintain Australia's border security by increasing aerial surveillance and maritime patrols to ensure that any boats that attempt to come to Australia will be detected and turned back, as the Government works to resettle refugees processed at Regional Processing Centres on Nauru and Manus Island, Papua New Guinea (PNG).

In addition to current resettlement opportunities in PNG and Cambodia, some refugees will be resettled in the United States of America. The priority will be to resettle those people who are most vulnerable, namely women, children and families.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 13 November 2016 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.

INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

Incubator Support for Innovative New Businesses and Jobs — expansion

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science	-	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8

The Government will provide an additional \$15.0 million over four years from 2016-17 to expand the Incubator Support initiatives under the *Entrepreneurs' Programme* to support innovative, globally-focussed startups and develop Australia's innovation ecosystem.

Under the measure additional grants will be provided to new and existing incubators. This will allow more businesses, particularly in rural and regional areas, to access incubator support services.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Further information can be found in the press release of 20 September 2016 issued by the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

National Positioning Infrastructure Program — Satellite-Based Augmentation System (SBAS) test

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Geoscience Australia	-	3.0	7.9	1.1	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	3.0	7.9	1.1	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Industry, Innovation and Science</i>	-	6.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$12.0 million over three years from 2016-17 to test a Satellite-Based Augmentation System (SBAS) in Australia. SBAS utilises space-based and ground-based infrastructure to improve the accuracy, integrity and availability of basic Global Navigation Satellite System signals, such as those provided by the Global Positioning System.

The funding will test the effectiveness of the technology and will deliver economic benefits analyses across nine industry sectors (agriculture, aviation, construction, maritime, mining, rail, road, spatial, and utilities) to inform future investment decisions.

Onshore Gas Social and Economic Research Fund — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

The Government will provide \$4.0 million over four years from 2016-17 to create an Onshore Gas Social and Economic Research Fund. The Fund will support expansion of the Gas Industry Social and Environmental Research Alliance (GISERA) by funding research projects that inform the development of the unconventional natural gas industry across Australia. Unconventional natural gas includes coal seam, shale and tight gas. The funding will be available to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) who manage GISERA.

The measure is contingent on additional funding of \$4.0 million from state and territory governments, industry and the CSIRO and support for a national GISERA.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Building Better Regions Fund

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	-	110.1	159.1	28.6

The Government will provide \$297.7 million over three years from 2017-18 to establish the *Building Better Regions Fund*. The measure will re-focus support formerly provided through the *National Stronger Regions Fund* to create jobs, drive economic growth and support vibrant and strong communities outside the major capital cities.

Funding will be allocated on a competitive basis through two funding streams: infrastructure projects and community investments. The infrastructure stream will support investment-ready projects, which involve the construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade or extension of existing infrastructure. The community investments stream will invest in economic and regional development initiatives which are not infrastructure projects such as strategic planning, events and leadership capability building.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Further information can be found in the press release of 20 June 2016 issued by the Minister for Regional Development.

Community Infrastructure Projects — new announcements

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	59.3	222.9	219.2	66.6
Department of Health	-	4.8	-	-	-
Department of Social Services	-	2.5	-	-	-
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	-	1.1	0.2	-	-
Department of Communications and the Arts	-	0.3	-	-	-
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources	-	0.1	-	-	-
Department of the Environment and Energy	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-1.8	-5.0	-5.0	-
Department of Defence	-	-4.0	-16.0	-4.0	-
Total — Expense	-	62.5	202.2	210.2	66.6

The Government will provide \$595.9 million over four years from 2016-17 to deliver important community infrastructure projects across Australia.

The measure includes \$585.6 million for projects to be delivered by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development through the *Community Development Grants Programme* and a further \$10.3 million for projects delivered through other portfolios.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitments.

Flinders Link Rail Project

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$42.8 million over two years from 2016-17 for the Flinders Link Rail Project in South Australia. The project will extend the Tonsley rail line, create a new transport interchange at the Flinders Link Medical Centre and build a shared path for cyclists and pedestrians.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

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Infrastructure Investment Programme — new investments

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of the Treasury	-	42.0	202.6	334.7	233.8
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	42.0	202.6	334.7	233.8

The Government will provide \$927.1 million over five years from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (including \$114.1 million in 2020-21) to the *Infrastructure Investment Programme* for investment in 75 infrastructure projects across Australia.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment.

Latrobe Valley Transition Package

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Employment	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$43.0 million over four years from 2016-17 to support workers, their families and businesses in the Latrobe Valley region following the closure of the Hazelwood mine and power station. The package includes:

- \$20.0 million over four years for a regional jobs and investment package to support the Latrobe Valley region to diversify its economy, stimulate long term growth and deliver sustainable employment;
- \$20.0 million over four years for an infrastructure package for the Latrobe Valley region; and
- \$3.0 million over four years from the Labour Market Support Program to support retrenched workers and their partners from the Hazelwood mine and power station and impacted supply chain businesses.

The cost of this measure will be met by redirecting funding from within the existing resources of the relevant portfolios.

Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 — additional contribution — extension

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Australian Transport Safety Bureau	-	3.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$3.0 million in 2016-17 to the Australian Transport Safety Bureau to finalise search operations and associated reporting for the Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 upon completion of the 120,000 square kilometres search area.

This measure extends the 2015-16 Budget measure titled *Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 – international contribution*.

Redirection from Uncommitted Funds

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	-	-73.6	-137.4	-162.2
Department of the Treasury	-	-864.0	-627.8	-321.6	-25.3
Total — Expense	-	-864.0	-701.4	-459.0	-187.5

The Government will redirect \$2.2 billion over four years from 2016-17 of uncommitted funding for priority projects in the Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio, consistent with the Coalition's election policy statement *The Coalition's Policy for a Stronger Economy and Balanced Budget*.

Regional Jobs and Investment Package

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	15.0	40.0	90.0	55.0

The Government will provide \$200.0 million over four years from 2016-17 for the Regional Jobs and Investment Package to support regional communities to diversify their economies, create new export opportunities and help boost regional jobs.

The measure will provide funding for business innovation grants, local infrastructure, and skills and training programs to the following nine regions, with matched funding from state and local government and the private sector:

- Cairns (Queensland)
- Bowen Basin (Queensland)
- Wide Bay Burnett (Queensland)

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- New South Wales North Coast (New South Wales)
- New South Wales South Coast (New South Wales)
- Upper Spencer Gulf (South Australia)
- Goulburn Valley (Victoria)
- Geelong (Victoria)
- Regional Tasmania (Tasmania).

Under the measure, each region will undertake a community-led planning process to develop local investment plans and identify opportunities for local growth.

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

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Revitalise Jobs and Growth in Townsville

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of the Treasury	-	10.0	50.0	35.0	5.0
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	10.0	50.0	35.0	5.0

The Government will provide \$100.0 million over four years from 2016-17 toward the cost of the 25,000 seat Townsville Integrated Stadium. The Queensland Government will provide \$140.0 million and the North Queensland Cowboys Rugby League Club and the National Rugby League will provide \$10.0 million.

This measure is contingent on, and forms a key element of, a City Deal under the Government's *Smart Cities Plan* with the Townsville City Council, which will leverage the Government's investment in the Stadium to revitalise the central business district and accelerate commercial and residential development in the waterfront precinct.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

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Townsville Eastern Access Rail Corridor

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of the Treasury	-	3.0	40.0	80.0	27.0
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	3.0	40.0	80.0	27.0

The Government will provide \$150.0 million over four years from 2016-17 toward the Townsville Eastern Access Rail Corridor project, which will connect the North Coast Line directly with the Port of Townsville.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 18 May 2016 issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, and the former Member for Herbert.

PARLIAMENT

Australian Parliament House Parking

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Parliamentary Services	-	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.9
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>National Capital Authority</i>	-	-0.2	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8

The Government will provide \$3.9 million over five years from 2016-17 for additional car parking spaces at Australian Parliament House.

Revenue received by the National Capital Authority will be reduced by \$3.5 million over five years from 2016-17, as a result of the reduction in the number of paid car parking spaces in the Parliamentary Triangle.

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

ASEAN-Australia Leaders' Summit Taskforce — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	18.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$18.4 million in 2016-17 to establish a taskforce in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to support the hosting of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) – Australia Leaders' Summit (the Summit) in 2018.

The funding will be used to support the organisation and logistics of the Summit.

Indigenous Business Sector Strategy

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.9 million in 2016-17 to develop an Indigenous Business Sector Strategy, which will outline both the support services available to Indigenous entrepreneurs to establish and grow their businesses, and a long-term road map for the sector.

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

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Smart Cities and Suburbs Program — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	25.0	25.0	-

The Government will provide \$50.0 million over two years from 2017-18 to establish a *Smart Cities and Suburbs Program* (the Program). The Program will apply technologies to improve the liveability of cities and their suburbs. A wide variety of cutting-edge projects are expected to be supported under the Program, such as collaborative design solutions to complex urban problems and the implementation of technologies at scale.

Further information can be found in the press release of 18 August 2016 issued by the Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

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Support for Traditional Land Owners to Control Their Land

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 million over four years from 2016-17 to the Aboriginal Land Commissioner to assist with the resolution of outstanding land claims in the Northern Territory.

The Government will provide funding to traditional owners of Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory to pursue local decision making through delegations of Land Council functions or community-led township leases.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's *Indigenous Advancement Strategy*.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Trusted Digital Identity — funding for second pass business case

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Digital Transformation Agency	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$16.8 million in 2016-17 to undertake a trial solution and complete a second pass business case for options for a trusted digital identity solution. This includes \$6.8 million provided direct to the Digital Transformation Agency (DTA) and \$10.0 million to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to reimburse funds provided to the DTA for this proposal in 2016-17.

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

SOCIAL SERVICES

Better Management of the Social Welfare System

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Human Services	-	46.3	179.3	142.1	130.5
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	-	0.1	11.0	10.8	10.8
Department of Social Services	-	-	-1,732.4	-1,472.0	-1,143.3
Total — Expense	-	46.4	-1,542.1	-1,319.0	-1,002.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Human Services</i>	-	41.1	23.8	8.6	1.6

The Government will achieve savings of \$3.7 billion (\$2.1 billion in underlying cash terms) over four years from 2016-17 by expanding the Department of Human Services' (DHS) fraud prevention and debt recovery capability.

From 1 January 2017, DHS will implement a package of initiatives to enhance the integrity of social welfare payments, including expanding and extending data matching activities with the Australian Taxation Office and improving engagement with welfare recipients to ensure that they understand and meet their obligations.

This measure extends and expands the 2015-16 MYEFO package of measures titled *Enhanced Welfare Payment Integrity*.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

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Budget Savings (Omnibus) Bill — amendments

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Human Services	-	8.5	4.1	-2.0	-2.1
Australian Renewable Energy Agency	-	-	150.0	168.0	235.0
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	-	-	0.2	0.6	1.1
Department of Health	-	-2.4	-0.1	2.9	2.8
Department of Social Services	-	-433.2	-318.6	-99.7	-95.2
Total — Expense	-	-427.1	-164.4	69.8	141.6

The Government will achieve additional savings of \$380.1 million over four years from 2016-17 through policy amendments which secured the passage of the *Budget Savings (Omnibus) Bill 2016* (the Omnibus Bill), including:

- additional savings of \$643.3 million over four years from 2016-17 by ceasing the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A end-of-year supplement for families with a household income in excess of \$80,000 per year from 1 July 2016;
- additional savings of \$326.7 million over four years from 2016-17 by not increasing the maximum rate of FTB Part B by \$1,000.10 for families with a youngest child aged under one year;
- restoring \$553.0 million over three years from 2017-18 (\$800.0 million over five years) for the Australian Renewable Energy Agency; and
- not proceeding with the 2014-15 MYEFO measure titled *Cessation of Social Security Benefits for Certain People Confined in a Psychiatric Institution* at a cost of \$36.9 million over four years.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 13 September 2016 issued by the Treasurer and the Minister for Finance.

Children and Parenting Support Services — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Social Services	-	-	10.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.0 million in 2017-18 to continue the delivery of Children and Parenting Support Services to children and families, including those affected by domestic violence, culturally and linguistically diverse families and Indigenous families.

Digital Literacy for Older Australians

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	1.2	4.9	5.4	5.4
Department of Social Services	-	0.6	24.8	2.5	2.5
Total — Expense	-	1.8	29.6	7.9	7.9

The Government will provide \$47.2 million over four years from 2016-17 to implement an older Australians digital inclusion and online safety strategy to support, coach and teach older Australians to improve their skills and confidence in using digital technology. This will assist older Australians to take advantage of new technology and to access government and business services, which are increasingly moving online.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Disability Employment Services — increasing employment projects

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.2 million over two years from 2016-17 to trial initiatives to increase employer demand for people with a disability. Initiatives will include grants to support innovative disability employment projects.

The Government will also provide \$1.0 million in 2016-17 to support the development of a new Disability Employment Services framework to commence when the current arrangements expire in March 2018.

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

Extending Existing Freezes on Certain Family Payment Thresholds

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Human Services	-	0.6	..	-0.5	-1.0
Department of Health	-	-	-	-	-0.6
Department of Social Services	-	-	-19.9	-47.1	-99.1
Total — Expense	-	0.6	-19.9	-47.6	-100.8
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-2.0	-4.0

The Government will achieve savings of \$161.7 million over four years from 2016-17 by maintaining the higher income thresholds of family payments at their current levels until 30 June 2020.

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The higher income free area of Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A will be maintained at \$94,316 per year, the primary earner income limit of FTB Part B will be maintained at \$100,000 per year, and the income limit for the Paid Parental Leave scheme, which includes Parental Leave Pay and Dad and Partner Pay, will be maintained at \$150,000 per year. Indexation for these thresholds will resume on 1 July 2020.

This measure extends the 2013-14 Budget measure titled *Family Payments Reform – continuing indexation pauses on upper income limits and supplements* and the 2015-16 MYEFO measure titled *Maintain the Higher Income Free Threshold for Family Tax Benefit Part A for a Further Two Years*.

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

Forced Adoption Support Services — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Social Services	-	-	1.4	1.4	1.4

The Government will provide \$5.7 million over four years from 2017-18 (including \$1.5 million in 2020-21) to continue the delivery of *Forced Adoption Support Services*, which provide specialist services to support people adversely affected by past forced adoption practices and policies.

Income Stream — automated reviews

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Human Services	-	0.3	3.6	-1.5	-0.8
Department of Social Services	-	-	-5.3	-17.9	-18.3
Total — Expense	-	0.3	-1.8	-19.4	-19.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Department of Human Services	-	-	1.8	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$38.1 million over four years from 2016-17 by automating the process to collect income stream information by the Department of Human Services, which will improve the accuracy and efficiency of Australia's social security system and reduce the regulatory burden on income stream providers (primarily financial institutions) and recipients of social security payments.

From 1 January 2018, a six monthly electronic data collection process will be introduced for income stream information from financial service providers.

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 — more flexible Commonwealth funding arrangements

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Social Services	-	2.3	-	-	-
Department of Health	-	0.1	-	-	-
Department of Finance	-
National Disability Insurance Agency	-	-6.0	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-3.6
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Finance</i>	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	..
<i>National Disability Insurance Agency</i>	-	-3.6	-	-	-
Total — Revenue	-	-3.7	-0.1	-0.1	..

The Government will reallocate \$2.4 million and a further \$3.6 million in in-kind contributions in 2016-17 from the *National Disability Insurance Scheme* (NDIS) to existing Commonwealth disability programs to ensure ongoing services for people who have not yet transitioned into the NDIS.

National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness — extension

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of the Treasury	-	-	115.0	-	-
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	115.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$115.0 million in 2017-18 to extend the *National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness* to 30 June 2018. The extension will provide certainty to homelessness services and enable these services to continue to support Australia's vulnerable homeless population.

The Government will continue to ensure that funding priority is given to those service providers who are assisting women and children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and affected by domestic violence.

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Pension Supplement — changes to the payment of the Pension Supplement for permanent departures overseas and temporary absences

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Human Services	-	2.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	..	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Department of Social Services	-	-	-41.0	-42.0	-43.1
Total — Expense	-	2.3	-40.9	-42.0	-43.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>	-	0.1	..	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$123.6 million over four years from 2016-17 by no longer paying the Pension Supplement to recipients who permanently reside overseas or who have been absent from Australia on a temporary basis for six weeks or longer. This recognises that the intent of the Pension Supplement is to assist with specific cost of living pressures for pensioners living in Australia. This measure will commence from 1 July 2017.

Regional and Remote Student Access to Education — additional support

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Social Services	-	1.6	15.4	31.8	39.0
Department of Human Services	-	1.0	2.0	1.2	1.3
Total — Expense	-	2.6	17.4	33.0	40.4

The Government will provide \$93.4 million over four years from 2016-17 to increase support to regional and remote students.

Funding of \$81.1 million will be provided to enable a reduction in the period students from regional and remote locations need to be employed to meet the independence criteria for Youth Allowance and ABSTUDY Living Allowance, from 18 months to 14 months. In addition, \$12.2 million will be provided over four years to increase the Assistance for Isolated Children Additional Boarding Allowance and the ABSTUDY School Fees Allowance (Group 2) by 50 per cent.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Seasonal Work Incentives for Job Seekers — trial

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Employment	-	1.1	4.1	4.2	0.1
Department of Human Services	-	1.0	1.5	1.5	0.2
Department of Social Services	-	-	6.2	6.6	-
Total — Expense	-	2.1	11.8	12.3	0.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Employment</i>	-	1.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$27.5 million for a two year trial of incentives for eligible job seekers to undertake seasonal work, commencing from 1 July 2017.

The incentives will include being able to earn up to \$5,000 each year from seasonal work without any reduction in unemployment benefits, and a travel allowance of up to \$300 a year. Eligible job seekers will be required to have been on unemployment benefits for at least three months and engaged in approved horticultural work located over 120 kilometres from their place of residence.

Welfare Payment Infrastructure Transformation — Tranche Two

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Human Services	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Finance	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Human Services</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$313.5 million over four years from 2016-17 (including \$55.3 million in capital funding in 2016-17 and 2017-18) to progress Tranche Two of the *Welfare Payment Infrastructure Transformation (WPIT)* program. WPIT will progressively replace Centrelink's ageing technology platform.

Tranche Two will transform the delivery of payments to students by implementing more efficient and automated claim and assessment processes and will develop core system capability, including a new omni-channel user interface, segmentation and risk profiling.

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

This measure builds on the 2015-16 Budget measure titled *Welfare Payment Infrastructure Transformation (WPIT) – Tranche One*.

TREASURY

Affordable Housing Implementation Taskforce — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of the Treasury	-	nfp	-	-	-

The Government will establish an Affordable Housing Implementation Taskforce (the Taskforce). The Taskforce will investigate ways to harness private sector investment through the design of a bond aggregator that would source funds in aggregate from wholesale markets and issue bonds to investors.

Further information can be found in the press release of 2 December 2016 issued by the Treasurer.

Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute — extension of funding and transfer of policy responsibility

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of the Treasury	-	-	1.4	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.4 million in 2017-18 to extend funding for the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) for a further 12 months.

The Government will also transfer policy responsibility for AHURI to the Treasury portfolio from the Social Services portfolio from 1 July 2017. This transfer will better support the Government's work with the states and territories on policies to improve housing supply and urban planning through the Council on Federal Financial Relations and reflects the wider economic importance of housing policy.

Black Economy Taskforce — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of the Treasury	-	1.1	0.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.6 million over two years from 2016-17 to establish a taskforce to develop a whole-of-government strategy and policy agenda to counter economic activity that is unreported and untaxed (black economy activity). The taskforce will examine whether new responses to the black economy are required in light of technological and economic changes.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 December 2016 issued by the Minister for Revenue and Financial Services.

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International Blockchain Standards — development

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of the Treasury	-	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1

The Government will provide a grant of \$0.4 million over four years from 2016-17 to Standards Australia to develop international blockchain standards that will provide a common language for industry, policy makers, regulators and technology developers.

Further information can be found in the press release of 15 September 2016 issued by the Treasurer.

Professional Standards for Financial Advisers

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of the Treasury	-	2.3	4.0	4.2	4.5
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	2.3	4.0	4.2	4.5

The Government will establish an independent standards body, as a Commonwealth company, to govern the professional standards of the financial advice industry as part of the Government's commitment to raise educational, training and ethical standards of financial advisors. The body will be fully funded by industry.

Further information can be found in the press release of 17 October 2016 issued by the Minister for Revenue and Financial Services.

SuperStream Program — Gateway Network Governance Body

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	0.6	0.7
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</i>	-	-	-	0.6	0.7

The Government will provide \$2.0 million over three years from 2018-19 to the SuperStream Gateway Network Governance Body (GNGB). The GNGB is an industry body formed to assume responsibility from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for governance of the gateway infrastructure that facilitates transmission of SuperStream data messages by funds and employers. This funding will be provided to the GNGB through the ATO.

The cost of this measure will be recovered through the existing Superannuation Supervisory levy, collected by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority, starting from 1 July 2018.

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Transfer of Campaign Funding — Australian Taxation Office

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-8.0	-0.1	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$8.1 million over two years from 2017-18 by not proceeding with the information campaign element of the 2015-16 Budget measure titled *Reducing red tape – reforms to the Australian Taxation Office*.

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

Working Holiday Makers — employer register and compliance

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Tourism Australia	-	2.5	5.0	2.5	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	2.0	2.0	-	-
Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman	-	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Total — Expense	-	6.0	8.5	4.0	1.5

The Government will provide \$10.0 million over four years from 2016-17 to establish a register of working holiday maker employers to assist with ongoing compliance initiatives and to address workplace exploitation of working holiday makers. An additional \$10.0 million will be provided over three years from 2016-17 for a global youth-targeted campaign to ensure Australia continues to be an attractive destination for working holiday makers.

This measure forms part of the Government's *Working Holiday Maker Reform Package*.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — new listings and price amendments

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.1 million over four years from 1 January 2017 for new listings on the *Repatriation Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits* (the Schedule) and for price amendments for a range of medicines, which are already listed on the Schedule.

The new listings and price amendments 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).

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

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

Support for Veterans and Their Families

Expense (\$m)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	1.9	4.5	4.4	3.3

The Government will provide \$14.1 million over four years from 2016-17 to support current and future veterans and their families. This includes:

- \$6.0 million to Phoenix Australia to establish the Centenary of ANZAC Centre to work with ex-service organisations and practitioners on veterans' mental health issues;
- \$3.1 million to extend access to the *Veterans and Veterans' Families Counselling Service* for high risk groups and their families;
- \$3.3 million as grants to ex-service organisations and other community organisations for a range of projects that engage and support younger veterans, particularly with their transition to civilian life;
- \$0.6 million to establish a Female Veterans' Policy Forum to better support Australia's growing female veteran community; and

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- \$1.1 million to increase the amount veterans can be reimbursed for obtaining medical reports to support their application to the Veterans' Review Board from the current \$467.50 to up to \$1,000.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.