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# Foreword

This Budget Paper presents information on the Australian Government's financial relations with state, territory and local governments.



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# Part 1: Australia's Federal Relations

## Overview

In 2025–26, the Australian Government will provide state and territory governments (states) with \$196.5 billion in total payments, estimated to be 25.0 per cent of total Australian Government expenditure. This includes payments of \$95.9 billion for specific purposes including for schools and hospitals, and general revenue assistance of \$100.6 billion.

Through its payments to the states, the Australian Government is:

- contributing \$141.8 billion from 2025–26 to 2028–29 for public health and hospital services under the National Health Reform Agreement
- investing \$137.3 billion from 2025–26 to 2028–29 in Better and Fairer Schools funding
- committing \$58.5 billion from 2025–26 to 2028–29 to invest in nation-building infrastructure
- contributing \$9.8 billion from 2025–26 to 2028–29 for the National Skills Agreement
- making available \$7.5 billion from 2025–26 to 2028–29 for the National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness
- committing an additional \$1.8 billion to extend energy bill relief rebates to 31 December 2025
- making available \$3.1 billion from 2025–26 to 2028–29 for the National Access to Justice Partnership
- providing an estimated \$21.8 billion from 2025–26 to 2028–29 in horizontal fiscal equalisation (HFE) transition payments (also known as the No Worse Off guarantee)
- permanently boosting the size of the GST pool distributed among the states, including by \$1.0 billion in 2025–26 (with this pool boost growing annually in line with the underlying growth of the pool).

## **Australian Government funding to the states**

The Australian Government provides substantial funding to the states in key sectors such as health, education and community services, and supports important productivity enhancing projects and reforms, such as investments in infrastructure, skills and national competition policy. In addition, the Australian Government provides general revenue assistance that states can spend according to their own budget priorities.

The states are estimated to receive total Australian Government payments of \$196.5 billion in 2025–26.

Payments to the states in 2025–26 are estimated to be 25.0 per cent of total Australian Government expenditure and 6.8 per cent of GDP.

## Payments for specific purposes

In 2025–26, the Australian Government will provide the states with \$95.9 billion in payments for specific purposes. This represents an increase of \$3.5 billion or 3.8 per cent compared with the 2024–25 estimate. This is primarily due to increased National Health Reform funding, additional one-time funding for hospital and related health services and increased Better and Fairer Schools funding. Payments for specific purposes are estimated to make up 12.2 per cent of total Australian Government expenditure in 2025–26 and 3.3 per cent of GDP.

Payments for National Health Reform funding, Better and Fairer Schools funding, the National Skills Agreement, the National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness, Energy Bill Relief, and the National Access to Justice Partnership are expected to total \$71.2 billion in 2025–26.

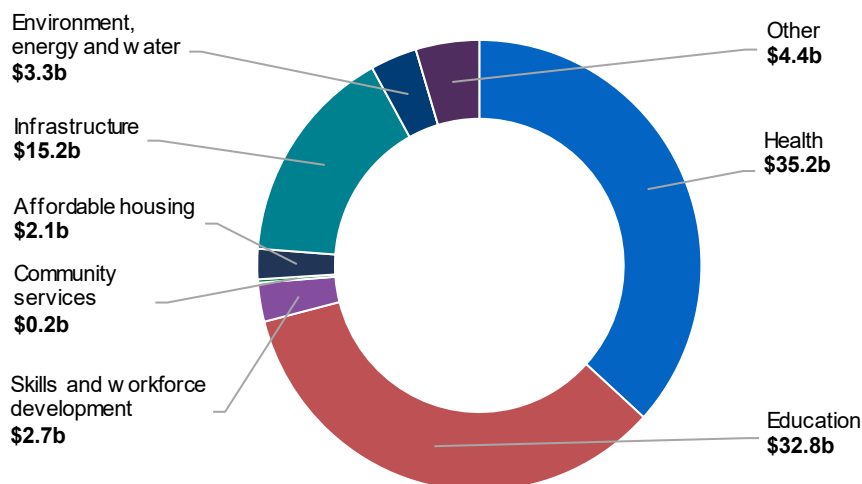
National Partnership payments are expected to be \$24.7 billion in 2025–26.

Chart 1.1 shows estimated specific purpose payments to the states in 2025–26 by sector.

Part 2 of this Budget Paper provides further information on payments to the states for specific purposes.

The conditions for payments to states for specific purposes are documented in agreements between the Commonwealth and the states. The Federation Funding Agreement (FFA) Framework sets out the governance arrangements for these agreements. Further information on the FFA Framework can be found on the Federal Financial Relations website at [www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au](http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au).

**Chart 1.1: Payments for specific purposes 2025–26, by sector**



## **General revenue assistance**

General revenue assistance, which principally comprises the states' GST entitlement, provides untied funding to support the states' delivery of services.

In 2025–26, the states are expected to receive \$100.6 billion in general revenue assistance, including \$95.2 billion for the GST entitlement. General revenue assistance to the states is estimated to represent 12.8 per cent of total Australian Government expenditure in 2025–26 and 3.5 per cent of GDP.

Part 3 of this Budget Paper contains further details of general revenue assistance to the states.

## Payments to the states

Total Australian Government payments to the states are shown in Table 1.1 and as a proportion of GDP in Table 1.2.

**Table 1.1: Australian Government payments to the states, 2024–25 to 2028–29**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
<b>2024-25</b>									
Payments for specific purposes(a)	26,468	20,305	19,847	12,356	7,048	2,190	1,433	2,279	92,343
GST-related payments(b)	26,280	23,948	18,917	7,408	9,129	3,589	1,997	4,318	95,587
Other general revenue assistance	-	-	-	648	-	-	45	-	694
<b>Total payments to the states</b>	<b>52,748</b>	<b>44,253</b>	<b>38,764</b>	<b>20,412</b>	<b>16,176</b>	<b>5,779</b>	<b>3,475</b>	<b>6,597</b>	<b>188,624</b>
<b>2025-26</b>									
Payments for specific purposes(a)	27,511	22,689	20,985	10,991	7,536	2,530	1,636	2,551	95,881
GST-related payments(b)	27,668	27,989	16,625	7,835	9,529	3,778	2,064	4,603	100,091
Other general revenue assistance	-	-	-	487	-	-	46	-	534
<b>Total payments to the states</b>	<b>55,179</b>	<b>50,678</b>	<b>37,610</b>	<b>19,313</b>	<b>17,065</b>	<b>6,309</b>	<b>3,746</b>	<b>7,154</b>	<b>196,506</b>
<b>2026-27</b>									
Payments for specific purposes(a)	26,646	22,877	21,419	9,809	7,329	2,529	1,564	2,370	94,617
GST-related payments(b)	28,843	29,351	17,548	9,317	9,939	3,930	2,162	4,821	105,910
Other general revenue assistance	-	-	-	400	-	-	47	-	447
<b>Total payments to the states</b>	<b>55,488</b>	<b>52,228</b>	<b>38,967</b>	<b>19,526</b>	<b>17,268</b>	<b>6,459</b>	<b>3,774</b>	<b>7,191</b>	<b>200,975</b>
<b>2027-28</b>									
Payments for specific purposes(a)	27,257	23,468	22,389	9,620	7,512	2,419	1,487	2,069	97,285
GST-related payments(b)	30,285	30,960	18,561	9,863	10,417	4,110	2,278	5,068	111,542
Other general revenue assistance	-	-	-	369	-	-	48	-	418
<b>Total payments to the states</b>	<b>57,542</b>	<b>54,428</b>	<b>40,950</b>	<b>19,852</b>	<b>17,929</b>	<b>6,529</b>	<b>3,813</b>	<b>7,137</b>	<b>209,245</b>
<b>2028-29</b>									
Payments for specific purposes(a)	28,752	23,254	22,954	9,738	7,251	2,297	1,454	2,224	100,519
GST-related payments(b)	31,716	32,569	19,582	10,415	10,890	4,287	2,393	5,317	117,171
Other general revenue assistance	-	-	-	293	-	-	49	-	343
<b>Total payments to the states</b>	<b>60,468</b>	<b>55,823</b>	<b>42,536</b>	<b>20,446</b>	<b>18,142</b>	<b>6,585</b>	<b>3,897</b>	<b>7,541</b>	<b>218,032</b>

- a) State allocations for a number of programs have not yet been determined. These payments are not reflected in state totals. As a result, total payments for specific purposes may not equal the sum of the state figures.
- b) Includes GST entitlement (GST pool and Commonwealth funded GST pool boost) and HFE transition payments. State allocations are dependent upon the GST relativities for each financial year. They are calculated using the Commonwealth Grants Commission's recommended 2025–26 GST relativities as the starting point. At the time of the 2025–26 Budget, the Treasurer had not yet made a determination of the 2025–26 GST relativities. The estimates do not reflect any attempt to project future GST relativities. See Part 3 for further information.

For 2025–26, total payments to the states are estimated to be 6.8 per cent of GDP. Payments for specific purposes are estimated to be 3.3 per cent of GDP and general revenue assistance is estimated to be 3.5 per cent of GDP.

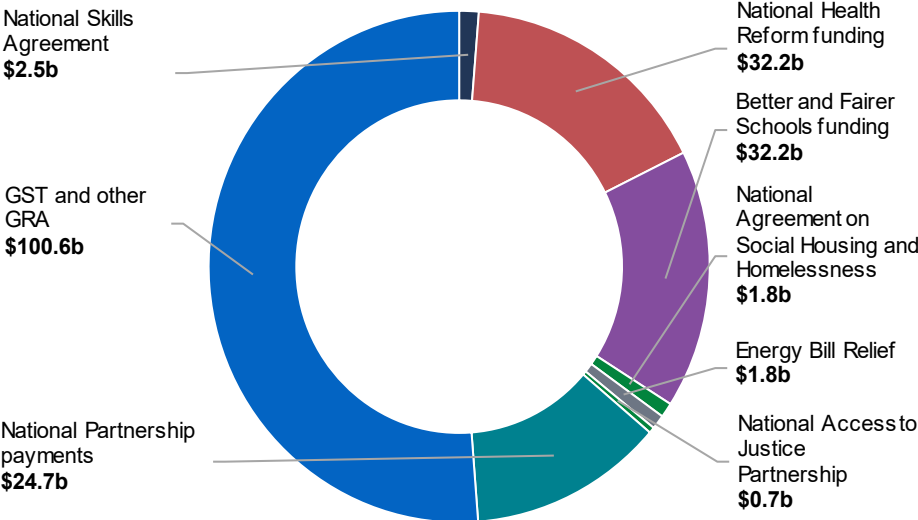
**Table 1.2: Total Australian Government payments to the states as a proportion of GDP**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<i>Payments for specific purposes</i>					
National Health Reform funding	30,217	32,221	34,244	36,469	38,840
Better and Fairer Schools funding	31,037	32,178	33,595	35,004	36,509
National Skills Agreement	2,496	2,469	2,525	2,552	2,229
National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness	1,779	1,817	1,860	1,897	1,939
Energy Bill Relief	3,546	1,775	-	-	-
National Access to Justice Partnership(a)	569	738	758	774	789
National Partnership payments(b)	22,699	24,683	21,635	20,588	20,213
Total payments for specific purposes	92,343	95,881	94,617	97,285	100,519
Per cent change from previous year	10.1	3.8	-1.3	2.8	3.3
Per cent of GDP	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.0
<i>General revenue assistance</i>					
GST-related payments(c)	95,587	100,091	105,910	111,542	117,171
Other general revenue assistance	694	534	447	418	343
Total general revenue assistance	96,280	100,625	106,358	111,960	117,513
Per cent change from previous year	5.4	4.5	5.7	5.3	5.0
Per cent of GDP	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5
<b>Total payments to the states</b>	<b>188,624</b>	<b>196,506</b>	<b>200,975</b>	<b>209,245</b>	<b>218,032</b>
Per cent change from previous year	7.7	4.2	2.3	4.1	4.2
Per cent of GDP	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.6

- a) Funding for 2024–25 is provided by the National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020–25 (NLAP), which was included in the National Partnership payments line in the 2024–25 Budget and prior budget updates. From 1 July 2025, the National Access to Justice Partnership (NAJP) provides ongoing funding to the legal assistance sector.
- b) Excludes National Partnership payments made under the National Skills Agreement, Energy Bill Relief, NLAP and NAJP, which are shown separately.
- c) Includes GST entitlement (GST pool and Commonwealth funded GST pool boost) and HFE transition payments. State allocations are dependent upon the GST relativities for each financial year. They are calculated using the Commonwealth Grants Commission's recommended 2025–26 GST relativities as the starting point. At the time of the 2025–26 Budget, the Treasurer had not yet made a determination of the 2025–26 GST relativities. The estimates do not reflect any attempt to project future GST relativities. See Part 3 for further information.



**Chart 1.2: Total Australian Government payments to the states, 2025–26**



Note: National Partnership payments made under the National Skills Agreement, Energy Bill Relief and National Access to Justice Partnership are shown separately.

Table 1.3 provides information on the Australian Government’s financial contributions to state expenditure in key sectors in 2023–24 (the latest year for which there are data to enable this calculation). It shows that Australian Government financial assistance in 2023–24 effectively supported 46.3 per cent of state expenditure.

**Table 1.3: Australian Government’s contribution to state expenditure**

	Australian Government tied payments (\$million)	State spending supported by general revenue assistance (a) (\$million)	Total state spending (\$million)	State spending supported by Australian Government payments (per cent)
<b>2023-24</b>				
Health	28,471	25,003	109,091	49.0
Education	32,220	14,473	78,887	59.2
Housing and community amenities	3,720	2,037	10,289	56.0
Transport	11,087	9,882	42,950	48.8
Economic affairs	2,106	4,534	16,726	39.7
Social protection	1,126	10,794	35,932	33.2
Other functions (b)	5,180	24,583	84,446	35.2
Payments for specific purpose	83,910			
General revenue assistance		91,306		
<b>Total</b>			<b>378,321</b>	<b>46.3</b>

Source: Australian Government, *Final Budget Outcome 2023–24* and State and Territory Final Budget Outcomes 2023–24.

Note: Australian Government payments to the states in 2023–24 are unavailable on an ABS Classification of the Functions of Government (COFOG-A) basis. These payments have been adjusted to align with COFOG-A.

- a) General Revenue Assistance (GRA) is provided to the states without conditions to spend according to their own budget priorities. For illustrative purposes, GRA is allocated to expense functions based on the ratio of discretionary spending in each function as a share of states’ total discretionary spending.
- b) ‘Other functions’ include additional functions not elsewhere itemised.

## Measures affecting payments to the states

Table 1.4 lists measures in the 2025–26 Budget that affect payments to the states. Details of the measures are available in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*, arranged by portfolio. Information on the payments affected is available in Parts 2 and 3 of this Budget Paper.

**Table 1.4: Measures affecting payments to the states**

Payment	Section of Budget Paper 3	Measure title	Section of Budget Paper 2
National Health Reform funding	Part 2 – Health	National Health Reform Agreement – 2025–26 Uplift	Payments – Health and Aged Care
Medicare Urgent Care Clinics	Part 2 – Health	Strengthening Medicare – Expanding Medicare Urgent Care Clinics	Payments – Health and Aged Care
Multidisciplinary outreach care(a)	Part 2 – Health	Implementation of Aged Care Reforms	Payments – Health and Aged Care
One-time funding for hospital and related health services	Part 2 – Health	National Health Reform Agreement – 2025–26 Uplift	Payments – Health and Aged Care
St George Illawarra Dragons Community and High Performance Centre	Part 2 – Health	Preventive Health, Wellbeing and Sport	Payments – Health and Aged Care
Support for maternity service delivery	Part 2 – Health	Strengthening Medicare – Women’s Health	Payments – Health and Aged Care
Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment – Health component	Part 2 – Health	Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment – future arrangements	Payments – Prime Minister and Cabinet
Rheumatic fever strategy	Part 2 – Health	Closing the Gap – further investments	Payments – Cross Portfolio
Australian Primary Care Prevocational Program	Part 2 – Health	Strengthening Medicare – Health Workforce	Payments – Health and Aged Care
Encouraging more clinical trials in Australia	Part 2 – Health	Medical Research and Clinical Trials	Payments – Health and Aged Care
Illicit Tobacco Compliance and Enforcement Package	Part 2 – Health	Illicit Tobacco Compliance and Enforcement Package – direct and targeted enforcement to counter profits from illicit tobacco	Payments – Cross Portfolio
Increasing specialist services for children who have displayed harmful sexual behaviours in the Northern Territory	Part 2 – Health	National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Child Sexual Abuse – continuation	Payments – Attorney General’s

**Table 1.4: Measures affecting payments to the states (continued)**

Payment	Section of Budget Paper 3	Measure title	Section of Budget Paper 2
Public dental services for adults	Part 2 – Health	Preventive Health, Wellbeing and Sport	Payments – Health and Aged Care
Better and Fairer Schools funding	Part 2 – Education	Building Australia's Future – Improving Outcomes in Australian Schools	Payments – Education
Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment – Children and schooling implementation plan	Part 2 – Education	Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment – future arrangements	Payments – Prime Minister and Cabinet
Accessible Australia	Part 2 – Community services	Support for People with Disability	Payments – Social Services
Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment – Community safety implementation plan Place-Based Community Development Place-Based Mediation and Peacemaking Remote Australia Strategies implementation plan	Part 2 – Community services	Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment – future arrangements	Payments – Prime Minister and Cabinet
Port Augusta Safety and Wellbeing Partnership	Part 2 – Community services	Closing the Gap – further investments	Payments – Cross Portfolio
Advancing Prefabricated and Modular Construction Projects	Part 2 – Affordable Housing	Housing Support	Payments – Treasury
Infrastructure Investment Program	Part 2 – Infrastructure	Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment	Payments – Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts
Hillcrest Tragedy Memorial	Part 2 – Infrastructure	Hillcrest Tragedy Memorial	Payments – Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts
National Water Grid Fund	Part 2 – Infrastructure	National Water Grid Fund – responsible investment in water infrastructure	Payments – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
Port Augusta Wharf Refurbishment	Part 2 – Infrastructure	Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment	Payments – Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

**Table 1.4: Measures affecting payments to the states (continued)**

Payment	Section of Budget Paper 3	Measure title	Section of Budget Paper 2
Energy Bill Relief	Part 2 – Environment, energy and water	Energy Bill Relief Fund Extension	Payments – Treasury
Bushfire community recovery and resilience program	Part 2 – Environment, energy and water	Disaster Support	Payments – Home Affairs
Hydrogen Highways(a)	Part 2 – Environment, energy and water	Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – savings	Payments – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
Management of established pests and weeds	Part 2 – Environment, energy and water	Agricultural Priorities	Payments – Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Assistance for the Whyalla steel industry	Part 2 – Other	Building Australia’s Future – Support for Australian Made Metals	Payments – Industry Science and Resources
Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment – Evaluation	Part 2 – Other	Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment – future arrangements	Payments – Prime Minister and Cabinet
Specialised and trauma-informed legal services for victim-survivors of sexual assault	Part 2 – Other	Strengthening Justice System Response to Sexual Violence	Payments – Attorney General’s
Support to Host Giant Pandas in South Australia	Part 2 – Other	Supporting the Giant Pandas at Adelaide Zoo	Payments – Foreign Affairs and Trade
GST entitlement	Part 3 – GST payments	Strengthening Tax Integrity	Receipts – Treasury
GST entitlement	Part 3 – GST payments	Supporting the Hospitality Sector and Alcohol Producers	Receipts – Treasury

a) Measure redirects funding allocated to states in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2024–25* to fund other Australian Government policy priorities.



## Part 2: Payments for specific purposes

### Overview

The Australian Government provides payments to state and territory governments (states) for specific purposes in policy areas for which the states have primary responsibility. These payments cover most areas of state and local government activity, including health, education, skills and workforce development, community services, housing, Indigenous affairs, infrastructure, and the environment.

- Funding for public health and hospital services under the National Health Reform Agreement is the largest specific purpose payment to the states, estimated to be \$32.2 billion in 2025–26.
- Better and Fairer Schools funding is the second largest specific purpose payment to the states, estimated to be \$32.2 billion in 2025–26, comprising funding for government schools of \$12.2 billion and non-government schools of \$19.9 billion.
- In 2025–26, the Australian Government is supporting the states in the skills and workforce development sector by providing \$2.5 billion through the National Skills Agreement.
- In 2025–26, the Australian Government is contributing an estimated \$1.8 billion under the National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness. This funding will support the effective operation of Australia’s social housing and homelessness services and help those people at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
- In 2025–26, the Australian Government is committing an additional \$1.8 billion for Energy Bill Relief.
- In 2025–26, the Australian Government is providing \$737.7 million under the National Access to Justice Partnership for improved justice outcomes for people experiencing vulnerability and financial disadvantage.

National Partnership payments to the states are the key vehicle for facilitating reforms or supporting delivery of projects and services. Funding agreements are typically entered into for a fixed period of time, reflecting the nature of the project or reform involved.

To the fullest extent possible, National Partnership payments are aligned to the achievement of milestones and are made after a state has achieved the outcomes or outputs specified in the relevant agreement. National Partnership payments are estimated to be \$24.7 billion in 2025–26.

Funding agreements and other Commonwealth–state agreements are publicly available on the Federal Financial Relations website at: [www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au](http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au). Details of the appropriation mechanisms for all payments to the states and the terms and conditions applying to them are set out in Appendix E, available online.

Further information on each of these payments is contained in this Part. Total payments to the states for specific purposes, categorised by function, are set out in Appendix B, available online.



**Table 2.1: Total payments for specific purposes by category, 2024–25 to 2028–29**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)
<b>2024-25</b>									
National Health Reform funding(b)	8,897	7,307	7,072	3,265	2,045	661	544	427	30,217
Better and Fairer Schools funding(c)(d)	9,260	7,795	6,770	3,273	2,269	699	462	507	31,037
National Skills Agreement	772	626	519	271	175	56	45	31	2,496
National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness	540	451	355	190	120	37	30	56	1,779
Energy Bill Relief	1,117	935	698	368	248	86	64	30	3,546
National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020-25(e)	155	109	123	69	45	19	12	37	569
National Partnership payments(f)	5,728	3,082	4,309	4,919	2,146	631	275	1,192	22,699
Total payments for specific purposes	26,468	20,305	19,847	12,356	7,048	2,190	1,433	2,279	92,343
<b>2025-26</b>									
National Health Reform funding(b)	9,472	7,774	7,534	3,464	2,178	701	579	519	32,221
Better and Fairer Schools funding(c)(d)	9,595	8,042	6,964	3,430	2,358	742	486	561	32,178
National Skills Agreement	761	626	509	269	171	54	48	30	2,469
National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness	551	461	363	194	122	38	31	57	1,817
Energy Bill Relief	579	441	353	175	135	44	32	15	1,775
National Access to Justice Partnership	193	129	158	98	58	24	15	62	738
National Partnership payments(f)	6,360	5,217	5,104	3,359	2,513	927	445	1,307	24,683
Total payments for specific purposes	27,511	22,689	20,985	10,991	7,536	2,530	1,636	2,551	95,881
<b>2026-27</b>									
National Health Reform funding(b)	10,087	8,279	8,022	3,689	2,320	747	617	484	34,244
Better and Fairer Schools funding(c)(d)	10,011	8,392	7,232	3,587	2,462	780	509	622	33,595
National Skills Agreement	781	637	511	281	171	63	47	32	2,525
National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness	564	472	372	199	125	39	32	58	1,860
Energy Bill Relief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
National Access to Justice Partnership	199	133	162	101	60	25	15	63	758
National Partnership payments(f)	5,004	4,964	5,120	1,951	2,191	875	345	1,112	21,635
Total payments for specific purposes	26,646	22,877	21,419	9,809	7,329	2,529	1,564	2,370	94,617

**Table 2.1: Total payments for specific purposes by category, 2024–25 to 2028–29 (continued)**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)
<b>2027-28</b>									
National Health Reform funding(b)	10,743	8,817	8,543	3,929	2,470	795	657	515	36,469
Better and Fairer Schools funding(c)(d)	10,456	8,757	7,506	3,705	2,559	808	527	688	35,004
National Skills Agreement	786	649	522	287	174	53	48	31	2,552
National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness	575	481	379	203	128	40	32	59	1,897
Energy Bill Relief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
National Access to Justice Partnership	203	136	166	103	61	26	15	65	774
National Partnership payments(f)	4,493	4,629	5,273	1,393	2,120	697	208	711	20,588
Total payments for specific purposes	27,257	23,468	22,389	9,620	7,512	2,419	1,487	2,069	97,285
<b>2028-29</b>									
National Health Reform funding(b)	11,441	9,390	9,098	4,184	2,631	847	700	548	38,840
Better and Fairer Schools funding(c)(d)	10,955	9,127	7,785	3,823	2,676	838	546	759	36,509
National Skills Agreement	686	574	462	244	151	45	41	26	2,229
National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness	588	492	387	208	130	41	33	61	1,939
Energy Bill Relief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
National Access to Justice Partnership	207	139	169	105	62	26	15	66	789
National Partnership payments(f)	4,875	3,532	5,052	1,174	1,601	500	119	764	20,213
Total payments for specific purposes	28,752	23,254	22,954	9,738	7,251	2,297	1,454	2,224	100,519

- a) As state allocations for several programs have not yet been determined, these payments are not included in state totals. As a result, total payments may not equal the sum of state totals. Additionally, a slippage adjustment has been applied to Infrastructure Investment Program spending (included in the National Partnerships payments line) at the national level in 2024–25 to 2027–28 to take account of historical experiences, including the timing of states claiming payments against milestones and the complexity of delivery. State totals are unaffected by the slippage assumption. The adjustment has been unwound over 2028–29 to 2033–34.
- b) National Health Reform Agreement funding estimates are based on the one-year extension to the 2020–2025 Addendum. The Commonwealth has provisioned in the aggregate budget estimates its expected increased contribution as part of the new 5-year Addendum, which is under negotiation with the states.
- c) This table does not include additional funding that may result from ongoing negotiations with states on the *Better and Fairer Schools Agreement – Full and Fair Funding 2025–2034* and its supporting bilateral agreements.
- d) Includes funding for non-government representative bodies.

- e) To be replaced by the National Access to Justice Partnership (NJAP) from 1 July 2025, which provides ongoing funding to the legal assistance sector. Funding for the National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020–25 (NLAP) was included in the National Partnership payments line in the 2024–25 Budget and prior budget updates.
  - f) Includes financial assistance grants for, and/or payments direct to, local governments, and/or payments funded through appropriations in addition to section 16 of the *Federal Financial Relations Act 2009*. Excludes National Partnership payments made under the NSA, Energy Bill Relief, NLAP and NAJP, which are shown separately.
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**Table 2.2: Payments for specific purposes by sector and category, 2024–25 to 2028–29**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<i>Health</i>					
National Health Reform funding(a)	30,217	32,221	34,244	36,469	38,840
National Partnership payments	1,294	3,013	689	663	115
<b>Total health payments</b>	<b>31,511</b>	<b>35,234</b>	<b>34,932</b>	<b>37,133</b>	<b>38,955</b>
<i>Education</i>					
Better and Fairer Schools funding(b)	31,037	32,178	33,595	35,004	36,509
National Partnership payments	682	648	660	669	690
<b>Total education payments</b>	<b>31,719</b>	<b>32,826</b>	<b>34,255</b>	<b>35,674</b>	<b>37,199</b>
<i>Skills and workforce development</i>					
National Skills Agreement	2,496	2,469	2,525	2,552	2,229
National Partnership payments(c)	144	202	218	172	178
<b>Total skills and workforce development payments</b>	<b>2,639</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>2,743</b>	<b>2,723</b>	<b>2,407</b>
<i>Community services</i>					
National Partnership payments	232	236	236	225	230
<i>Affordable housing</i>					
National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness	1,779	1,817	1,860	1,897	1,939
National Partnership payments	1,073	263	246	185	193
<b>Total affordable housing payments</b>	<b>2,852</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>2,106</b>	<b>2,083</b>	<b>2,133</b>
<i>Infrastructure</i>					
National Partnership payments(d)	15,609	15,150	14,574	14,230	14,564
<i>Environment, energy and water</i>					
Energy Bill Relief	3,546	1,775	-	-	-
National Partnership payments(d)(e)	2,179	1,482	1,296	646	346
<b>Total environment, energy and water payments</b>	<b>5,725</b>	<b>3,257</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>346</b>
<i>Contingent payments</i>					
National Partnership payments	559	..	..	..	..
<i>Other</i>					
National Access to Justice Partnership(f)	569	738	758	774	789
National Partnership payments(d)(g)	928	3,689	3,716	3,797	3,895
<b>Total other payments</b>	<b>1,498</b>	<b>4,427</b>	<b>4,474</b>	<b>4,571</b>	<b>4,684</b>
<b>Total payments for specific purposes</b>	<b>92,343</b>	<b>95,881</b>	<b>94,617</b>	<b>97,285</b>	<b>100,519</b>

- a) National Health Reform Agreement funding estimates are based on the one-year extension to the 2020–2025 Addendum. The Commonwealth has provisioned in the aggregate budget estimates its expected increased contribution as part of the new 5-year Addendum which is under negotiation with the states.
- b) This table does not include additional funding that may result from ongoing negotiations with states on the *Better and Fairer Schools Agreement – Full and Fair Funding 2025–2034* and its supporting bilateral agreements.
- c) Excludes National Partnership payments made under the National Skills Agreement, which are shown separately.
- d) Includes financial assistance grants for, and/or payments direct to, local governments, and/or payments funded through appropriations in addition to section 16 of the *Federal Financial Relations Act 2009*.
- e) Excludes National Partnership payments made under Energy Bill Relief, which are shown separately.
- f) Funding for 2024–25 is provided by the National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020–25 (NLAP), which was included in the National Partnership payments line in the 2024–25 Budget and prior budget updates. From 1 July 2025, the National Access to Justice Partnership (NAJP) provides ongoing funding to the legal assistance sector.
- g) Excludes National Partnership payments made under the NLAP and NAJP, which are shown separately.

## Health

In 2025–26, the Australian Government will provide funding of \$35.2 billion to support state health services, including \$32.2 billion in National Health Reform funding and \$3.0 billion in National Partnership payments, as detailed in Table 2.3.

**Table 2.3: Payments to support state health services<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<b>National Health Reform funding</b>	30,217.3	32,220.8	34,243.6	36,469.4	38,839.9
<b>National Partnership payments</b>					
Health services	432.6	2,171.2	284.3	225.4	27.5
Health infrastructure	601.9	553.9	222.3	269.3	1.0
First Nations health	63.1	64.6	66.3	68.0	8.5
Other health payments	196.3	223.2	116.0	100.6	78.1
<b>Total National Partnership payments</b>	<b>1,293.8</b>	<b>3,012.9</b>	<b>688.9</b>	<b>663.3</b>	<b>115.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,511.1</b>	<b>35,233.6</b>	<b>34,932.4</b>	<b>37,132.7</b>	<b>38,955.1</b>

a) Total figures include items not for publication.

## National Health Reform funding

In 2025–26, National Health Reform funding is estimated to be \$32.2 billion, with an additional \$1.8 billion for a one-off funding boost for hospital and health related services and a one-off uplift to the Northern Territory.

### National Health Reform funding

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
<b>2024-25</b>									
Hospital services(a)	8,723.6	7,164.3	6,957.6	3,204.7	2,006.9	649.4	534.3	421.6	29,662.5
Public health	173.0	142.5	114.0	60.6	38.2	11.7	9.6	5.2	554.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,896.6</b>	<b>7,306.8</b>	<b>7,071.6</b>	<b>3,265.3</b>	<b>2,045.1</b>	<b>661.1</b>	<b>543.9</b>	<b>426.8</b>	<b>30,217.3</b>
<b>2025-26</b>									
Hospital services(b)	9,288.7	7,622.2	7,412.7	3,399.6	2,137.8	689.0	569.1	513.3	31,632.4
Public health	183.1	151.5	121.1	64.6	40.2	12.2	10.2	5.4	588.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,471.8</b>	<b>7,773.7</b>	<b>7,533.8</b>	<b>3,464.2</b>	<b>2,178.0</b>	<b>701.2</b>	<b>579.3</b>	<b>518.8</b>	<b>32,220.8</b>
<b>2026-27</b>									
Hospital services	9,893.2	8,118.0	7,893.3	3,620.5	2,277.2	734.0	606.2	477.8	33,620.2
Public health	193.8	160.9	128.4	68.6	42.4	12.8	10.8	5.7	623.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,086.9</b>	<b>8,278.9</b>	<b>8,021.8</b>	<b>3,689.1</b>	<b>2,319.6</b>	<b>746.8</b>	<b>617.0</b>	<b>483.6</b>	<b>34,243.6</b>
<b>2027-28</b>									
Hospital services	10,537.6	8,646.2	8,407.0	3,856.1	2,425.7	781.8	645.6	508.9	35,809.0
Public health	205.0	170.8	136.2	72.8	44.7	13.5	11.4	6.1	660.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,742.6</b>	<b>8,817.0</b>	<b>8,543.2</b>	<b>3,928.9</b>	<b>2,470.4</b>	<b>795.3</b>	<b>657.1</b>	<b>515.0</b>	<b>36,469.4</b>
<b>2028-29</b>									
Hospital services	11,223.9	9,208.8	8,954.0	4,107.0	2,583.9	832.9	687.6	542.1	38,140.0
Public health	217.0	181.4	144.5	77.3	47.1	14.2	12.1	6.4	699.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,440.8</b>	<b>9,390.1</b>	<b>9,098.5</b>	<b>4,184.3</b>	<b>2,630.9</b>	<b>847.0</b>	<b>699.8</b>	<b>548.5</b>	<b>38,839.9</b>

a) Funding estimates incorporate the 2023–24 annual reconciliation adjustments for hospital services and the National Partnership for Priority Groups COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination (which ceased on 31 December 2023).

b) Includes a one-off uplift in funding for the Northern Territory.

National Health Reform funding is linked to growth in public hospital activity, the national efficient price and national efficient cost determined by the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority. The Australian Government funds up to 45 per cent of the efficient growth in the activity, price and cost of public hospital services, with growth in total Australian Government funding capped at 6.5 per cent a year.

National Health Reform funding estimates are routinely updated to account for reconciliation outcomes, as well as for activity estimates provided by states and the annual national efficient price and cost following determination.

On 5 February 2025, the Commonwealth and states agreed a one-year extension of the 2020–2025 Addendum to the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) to provide financial certainty for public hospitals while the Commonwealth and states continue to work together on longer term health and disability reforms. The one-year extension provides states with \$1.8 billion for a one-off funding boost for hospital and related health services through bilateral agreements and a one-off uplift to the Northern Territory.

As negotiations of a multi-year NHRA Addendum to embed the funding changes endorsed by National Cabinet in December 2023 are ongoing, the National Health Reform funding estimates are based on the current 2020–2026 NHRA Addendum. The Commonwealth has provisioned for its expected increase in funding as part of the future multi-year NHRA Addendum in the Budget.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Final entitlements to National Health Reform funding, 2023–24**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
National Health Reform(a)	8,381.5	6,853.6	6,639.3	3,054.0	1,930.7	620.8	510.8	401.5	28,392.3

a) Final entitlements for National Health Reform include entitlements for the COVID-19 public health response.

In December 2024, the Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury determined final entitlements for 2023–24 National Health Reform funding in accordance with advice from the Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool. Reconciliation adjustments have been made to state 2024–25 payment estimates based on the final 2023–24 entitlements.

## National Partnership payments for health

A total of \$3.0 billion will be provided to the states in 2025–26 under the following categories:

- health services
- health infrastructure
- First Nations health
- other health payments.

### Health services

In 2025–26, the Australian Government is estimated to provide \$2.2 billion to support the delivery of health services in the states.

**Table 2.3.1 Health services**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<b>National Partnership payments</b>					
Access to Eflornithine	15.0	5.0	-	-	-
Access to HIV treatment and prevention	15.0	27.9	28.1	12.5	12.5
Additional assistance for public hospitals	7.4	12.4	15.0	15.0	15.0
Comprehensive palliative care in aged care	10.7	11.1	-	-	-
Eliminating cervical cancer in Australia	5.5	7.2	9.0	-	-
Expansion of colonoscopy triage services	4.2	-	-	-	-
Hummingbird House	0.9	-	-	-	-
Management of Torres Strait / Papua New Guinea cross-border health issues	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	-
Medicare Urgent Care Clinics	64.9	103.5	24.5	24.9	-
Mosquito control in the Torres Strait Protected Zone	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	-
National bowel cancer screening program – participant follow-up function	9.2	9.5	9.9	10.2	-
National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre	18.1	18.4	18.8	-	-
National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Agreement – bilateral schedules	72.2	71.9	-	-	-
One-time funding for hospital and related health services	-	1,701.3	-	-	-
OzFoodNet	2.0	2.1	2.1	-	-
Palliative Care Services Navigation Pilot	3.2	3.0	-	-	-
Reducing stillbirth	4.6	4.7	-	-	-
Smoking and vaping cessation activities	5.5	5.5	4.5	-	-
Specialist dementia care	9.9	10.1	10.3	-	-
Supporting older Australian patients	168.6	153.5	138.1	138.6	-
Vaccine-preventable diseases surveillance	1.1	1.1	1.2	-	-
World-class newborn bloodspot screening program	7.9	16.2	16.0	17.3	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>432.6</b>	<b>2,171.2</b>	<b>284.3</b>	<b>225.4</b>	<b>27.5</b>



**Access to Eflornithine<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	15.0
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	5.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	<b>20.0</b>

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing funding to reimburse the cost of purchasing and transporting the medicine eflornithine (otherwise referred to as Difluroromethornithine or DFMO) for eligible patients. The funding was time-limited while the Australian sponsor, Norgine Pty Ltd, established a compassionate access scheme or expanded access program, which became available on 7 October 2024.

**Access to HIV treatment and prevention<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	5.8	4.2	2.4	1.5	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.2	15.0
2025-26	5.8	4.2	2.4	1.5	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.2	27.9
2026-27	5.8	4.2	2.4	1.5	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.2	28.1
2027-28	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	12.5
2028-29	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	12.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>96.0</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the delivery of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) care to all people living with HIV in Australia who are not eligible for Medicare.

**Additional assistance for public hospitals<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.2	2.2	7.4
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.4	12.4
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.0	15.0
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.0	15.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.0	15.0
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>5.2</b>	<b>59.7</b>	<b>64.8</b>

a) Except for the Northern Territory figure in 2024–25, funding is indicative only and will depend on final entitlements to National Health Reform funding and the bilateral agreements for that financial year.

The Australian Government will provide funding to Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory if growth in National Health Reform funding is lower than growth in CPI and population in a given year, as set out in funding agreements. The Australian Government will provide funding to the Northern Territory should the national funding cap result in a funding shortfall for the Northern Territory in accordance with the funding agreement for the given year.

**Comprehensive palliative care in aged care**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	3.5	2.8	2.1	1.0	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.1	10.7
2025-26	3.6	3.0	2.1	1.0	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.1	11.1
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>21.8</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to improve access to palliative care for older Australians living in residential aged care facilities, supporting new approaches, such as ‘in reach’ services, that will improve palliative and end-of-life care.

**Eliminating cervical cancer in Australia**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	5.5
2025-26	1.8	1.5	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.3	7.2
2026-27	2.4	2.0	1.6	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	9.0
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>21.8</b>

The Australian Government will provide special funding to improve access to and expand cervical cancer screening services.

**Expansion of colonoscopy triage services<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.4	-	0.3	4.2
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding to support and expand existing direct access colonoscopy triage models for participants of the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program who return a positive bowel cancer screening result.

**Hummingbird House**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	0.9
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.9</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding for the operation of a dedicated respite and hospice care facility for children with life-limiting conditions and their families and carers.

**Management of Torres Strait / Papua New Guinea cross-border health issues**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	5.6	-	-	-	-	-	5.6
2025-26	-	-	5.7	-	-	-	-	-	5.7
2026-27	-	-	5.8	-	-	-	-	-	5.8
2027-28	-	-	5.9	-	-	-	-	-	5.9
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23.1</b>

The Australian Government is contributing to the costs of treating Papua New Guinean nationals who travel through the Torres Strait treaty zone and access healthcare facilities in the Queensland health and hospitals network.

**Medicare Urgent Care Clinics<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	37.8	-	-	-	8.0	3.7	15.4	64.9
2025-26	-	35.3	-	-	-	10.6	3.9	17.2	103.5
2026-27	-	~	-	-	-	~	~	~	24.5
2027-28	-	~	-	-	-	~	~	~	24.9
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>73.1</b>	-	-	-	<b>18.6</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>217.9</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding to establish and operate 137 Medicare Urgent Care Clinics, including an additional 50 announced on 2 March 2025, aiming to ease the pressure on hospitals and give Australian families more options to see a healthcare professional when they have an urgent but not life-threatening need for care.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Mosquito control in the Torres Strait Protected Zone**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	0.9
2025-26	-	-	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	0.9
2026-27	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
2027-28	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>3.8</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>3.8</b>

The Australian Government is contributing to the delivery of surveillance, control and, where possible, elimination of *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes at the main population and transport hubs of the Torres Strait. The program will also increase awareness in Torres Strait communities regarding dengue fever, Zika virus and other mosquito-borne diseases.

**National bowel cancer screening program – participant follow-up function**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	2.8	2.3	1.8	1.0	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	9.2
2025-26	2.9	2.4	1.9	1.0	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	9.5
2026-27	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.1	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	9.9
2027-28	3.1	2.5	2.0	1.1	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	10.2
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>38.8</b>

The Australian Government is contributing to resourcing to follow up participants who return a positive bowel cancer screening test result and are not recorded as having attended a consultation with a health professional.

**National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.1	18.1
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.4	18.4
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.8	18.8
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>55.3</b>	<b>55.3</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to maintain the National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre at the Royal Darwin Hospital in a state of readiness to respond to major health incidents in Australia and the region.

**National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Agreement – bilateral schedules**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	6.7	39.4	7.0	2.8	9.2	3.2	3.7	0.4	72.2
2025-26	6.4	41.4	6.5	3.0	9.4	1.8	3.5	-	71.9
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>80.8</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>144.2</b>

The National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Agreement (the National Agreement) sets out the shared intention of the Commonwealth and states to work in partnership to improve the mental health of all Australians and ensure the sustainability and enhance the services of the Australian mental health and suicide prevention system.

The Australian Government's funding contributions are outlined in the bilateral schedules to the National Agreement. These include payments to the states, which are outlined in the table above, and payments made to the Department of Health and Aged Care and Primary Health Networks to commission services and activities under the bilateral schedules. For further information on funding administered by the Department of Health and Aged Care, please refer to the *2025–26 Health Portfolio Budget Statements – Program 1.2*.

### One-time funding for hospital and related health services

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	407.0	402.0	414.0	158.1	169.2	50.0	50.0	51.0	1,701.3
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>407.0</b>	<b>402.0</b>	<b>414.0</b>	<b>158.1</b>	<b>169.2</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>1,701.3</b>

The one-year extension of the 2020–2025 Addendum to the NHRA agreed by the Commonwealth and states on 5 February 2025 included an additional one-time fixed funding amount of \$1.7 billion to states in 2025–26 for hospital and related health services.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

### OzFoodNet

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	2.0
2025-26	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	2.1
2026-27	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	2.1
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>6.2</b>

The Australian Government is continuing to provide funding for a collaborative initiative with state health authorities to undertake enhanced surveillance of foodborne disease. OzFoodNet coordinates investigations into foodborne disease outbreaks, particularly those that cross state and country borders.

### Palliative Care Services Navigation Pilot

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	3.2	-	-	-	3.2
2025-26	-	-	-	-	3.0	-	-	-	3.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6.2</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the delivery of a pilot to test a palliative care services navigation model. The pilot will develop a better supported and more comprehensive approach to end-of-life care pathways, for the benefit of the patient, carers and the health system, through increasing access to and update of palliative care via a multi-channel approach.

**Reducing stillbirths<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	4.6
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	4.7
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>9.3</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding to increase the rate of stillbirth autopsies and investigations.

**Smoking and vaping cessation activities**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	2.1	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	5.5
2025-26	2.1	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	5.5
2026-27	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	4.5
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>15.5</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to scale up state Quitline capacity and quit services to support increased demand through additional workforce, training for Quitline counsellors, and enhanced use of technology. This will enable equitable access to smoking and vaping cessation advice and support regardless of location, including through minimum hours of operation and targeted approaches for high-risk populations to remedy disparities in areas of need.

**Specialist dementia care<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	9.9
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	10.1
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	10.3
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>30.4</b>

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing funding to deliver a program which provides intensive, specialised care for people with very severe behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia.

### Supporting older Australian patients

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	52.6	42.6	42.5	12.3	10.2	2.6	2.1	3.7	168.6
2025-26	46.2	30.5	42.5	15.4	10.4	2.5	2.2	3.7	153.5
2026-27	49.1	35.3	18.3	15.9	11.3	2.5	2.3	3.7	138.1
2027-28	49.1	35.8	18.3	16.0	11.0	2.4	2.3	3.7	138.6
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>196.9</b>	<b>144.2</b>	<b>121.7</b>	<b>59.6</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>598.8</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to invest in state initiatives that address long stay older patient challenges through avoided hospital admission and earlier discharge from hospital.

### Vaccine-preventable diseases surveillance

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	..	..	..	1.1
2025-26	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	..	..	..	1.1
2026-27	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.2
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>3.4</b>

The Australian Government is continuing to provide funding to improve surveillance reporting of nationally notifiable vaccine-preventable diseases. This program facilitates national monitoring, analysis and timely reporting of data to provide an evidence base for policy formulation.

### World-class newborn bloodspot screening program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	2.3	1.9	1.5	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	7.9
2025-26	4.1	3.7	3.2	2.4	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	16.2
2026-27	4.7	3.8	3.1	2.0	1.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	16.0
2027-28	5.3	4.2	3.4	2.0	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	17.3
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>57.4</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to increase the number and consistency of conditions screened through the newborn bloodspot screening program.



## Health infrastructure

In 2025–26, the Australian Government is estimated to provide \$553.9 million to support the development of health-related infrastructure.

**Table 2.3.2 Health infrastructure**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<b>National Partnership payments</b>					
Bentley Hospital Surgicentre	15.6	17.5	17.5	24.5	-
Community Health, Hospitals and Infrastructure projects	160.0	114.7	6.0	40.0	-
Community Sport Initiatives and Infrastructure – Leichhardt Oval	20.0	-	-	-	-
Comprehensive Cancer Centres	307.5	278.1	115.0	122.0	-
Expansion of the Flinders Medical Centre Health and Medical Research Centre for Launceston	59.5	70.0	59.8	59.8	-
Health infrastructure projects	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	-
Northern Heart Centre in Launceston	5.1	-	-	-	-
St George Illawarra Dragons Community and High Performance Centre	22.0	48.0	20.0	20.0	-
Support for maternity service delivery	-	13.6	-	-	-
Supporting Palliative Care in Launceston	4.0	6.0	3.0	2.0	1.0
Yass Maternity Care Centre	5.0	5.0	-	-	-
	2.9	0.6	0.6	0.6	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>601.9</b>	<b>553.9</b>	<b>222.3</b>	<b>269.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>

### Bentley Hospital Surgicentre

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	15.6	-	-	-	-	15.6
2025-26	-	-	-	17.5	-	-	-	-	17.5
2026-27	-	-	-	17.5	-	-	-	-	17.5
2027-28	-	-	-	24.5	-	-	-	-	24.5
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	<b>75.1</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>75.1</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to deliver a new Bentley Hospital Surgicentre. The new Surgicentre will separate non-complex elective surgery from emergency surgery. This means fewer interruptions and fewer delays for elective surgery, and a safer and more efficient service.

### Community Health, Hospitals and Infrastructure projects

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	50.5	8.3	12.2	63.5	16.6	5.0	4.0	-	160.0
2025-26	90.0	24.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	114.7
2026-27	-	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.0
2027-28	40.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>180.5</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>320.7</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to states for vital health infrastructure and services to ensure Australians can access the care they need, where they need it.

### Community Sport Initiatives and Infrastructure – Leichhardt Oval

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	20.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to upgrade and restore the Leichhardt Oval in Sydney.

### Comprehensive Cancer Centres

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	93.0	199.5	15.0	-	-	-	307.5
2025-26	-	-	90.0	173.1	15.0	-	-	-	278.1
2026-27	-	-	100.0	-	15.0	-	-	-	115.0
2027-28	-	-	90.0	-	32.0	-	-	-	122.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>373.0</b>	<b>372.6</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>822.6</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the establishment of Comprehensive Cancer Centres in Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide.

### Expansion of the Flinders Medical Centre

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	59.5	-	-	-	59.5
2025-26	-	-	-	-	70.0	-	-	-	70.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	59.8	-	-	-	59.8
2027-28	-	-	-	-	59.8	-	-	-	59.8
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>249.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>249.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to deliver an expansion of the Flinders Medical Centre, delivering 160 extra beds for the south of Adelaide, including 128 extra beds at Flinders Medical Centre and 32 additional beds at the Repat Health Precinct.

**Health and Medical Research Centre for Launceston**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	0.4	-	-	0.4
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	0.4	-	-	0.4
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	0.4	-	-	0.4
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	0.4	-	-	0.4
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1.6</b>	-	-	<b>1.6</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to develop a medical research centre within the Launceston General Hospital in Tasmania.

**Health infrastructure projects**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	1.9	1.4	-	-	1.8	-	-	-	5.1
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>	-	-	<b>1.8</b>	-	-	-	<b>5.1</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the implementation of the Regional Cancer Treatment Centres for Radiation Therapy program in New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

**Northern Heart Centre in Launceston**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	22.0	-	-	22.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	48.0	-	-	48.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	20.0	-	-	20.0
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	20.0	-	-	20.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>110.0</b>	-	-	<b>110.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to establish the Northern Heart Centre in Launceston, delivering better health care for northern Tasmanians with heart disease. The Centre will help to take pressure off the Launceston General Hospital, freeing up hospital beds and reducing pressure on the emergency department.

**St George Illawarra Dragons Community and High Performance Centre**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	13.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.6
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.6</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>13.6</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding for the St George Illawarra Dragons Community and High Performance Centre, providing sporting facilities for elite athletes and to support community programs and pathways.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Support for maternity service delivery**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	4.0	-	-	4.0
2025-26	4.0	-	-	-	-	2.0	-	-	6.0
2026-27	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
2027-28	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
2028-29	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.0</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>6.0</b>	-	-	<b>16.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the expected increase in demand for maternity services on the New South Wales Central Coast and in Hobart, Tasmania.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Supporting Palliative Care in Launceston**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	-	-	5.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	-	-	5.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>10.0</b>	-	-	<b>10.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the construction of a new hospice, located within the Launceston General Hospital Precinct, to improve palliative care in northern Tasmania.

**Yass Maternity Care Centre**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	2.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9
2025-26	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.6
2026-27	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.6
2027-28	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.6
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.7</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>4.7</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the New South Wales Government to establish a new Women's and Family Maternity Care Centre at Yass, which will provide women residing in the Yass Valley with greater access to maternity support services closer to home.

## First Nations health

In 2025–26, the Australian Government is estimated to provide \$64.6 million to the states for programs to improve the health of First Nations people.

**Table 2.3.3 First Nations health**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<b>National Partnership payments</b>					
Addressing blood-borne viruses and sexually transmissible infections in the Torres Strait	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	-
Improving trachoma control services for First Nations Australians	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	-
Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment – Health component	7.6	7.8	8.0	8.3	8.5
Primary Health Care Services in remote Northern Territory	46.3	47.7	49.2	50.6	-
Rheumatic fever strategy	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>64.6</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>8.5</b>

### Addressing blood-borne viruses and sexually transmissible infections in the Torres Strait

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
2025-26	-	-	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
2026-27	-	-	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
2027-28	-	-	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>4.5</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>4.5</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding for disease prevention activities, testing and treatment, and sexual health checks, and to deliver a culturally appropriate sexual health education campaign.

### Improving trachoma control services for First Nations Australians

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	0.3	1.6	1.3	-	-	1.8	4.9
2025-26	-	-	0.3	1.7	1.0	-	-	1.9	4.9
2026-27	-	-	0.3	1.7	1.0	-	-	1.9	4.9
2027-28	-	-	0.3	1.7	1.0	-	-	1.9	4.9
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>1.1</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>	-	-	<b>7.6</b>	<b>19.6</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding for trachoma control activities in jurisdictions where trachoma, an infectious disease which can lead to blindness, is endemic.

**Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment – Health component**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.6	7.6
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.8	7.8
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.0	8.0
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.3	8.3
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.5	8.5
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>40.2</b>	<b>40.2</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support provision of integrated oral and hearing health services to children in remote communities in the Northern Territory.

The Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment agreement supports the Northern Territory to improve schooling for First Nations children, make communities safer and healthier, and increase access to interpreter services and job opportunities for First Nations Australians. Other components of this funding agreement are discussed in the Education, Community Services and Other sections of this Part.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Primary Health Care Services in remote Northern Territory**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46.3	46.3
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47.7	47.7
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49.2	49.2
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.6	50.6
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>193.8</b>	<b>193.8</b>

The Australian Government will provide funding for the delivery of culturally appropriate, comprehensive primary health care for First Nations people in regional and remote Northern Territory communities where there is no Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation.

**Rheumatic fever strategy<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	0.9	0.9	0.4	-	-	1.0	3.1
2025-26	-	-	~	~	~	-	-	~	3.1
2026-27	-	-	~	~	~	-	-	~	3.1
2027-28	-	-	~	~	~	-	-	~	3.1
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.4</b>	-	-	<b>1.0</b>	<b>12.3</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding to programs that register and control acute rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease in First Nations people.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.



## Other health payments

In 2025–26, the Australian Government is estimated to provide \$223.2 million to the states in other health-related National Partnership payments.

**Table 2.3.4 Other health National Partnership payments<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<b>National Partnership payments</b>					
Australian Primary Care Prevocational Program	-	4.0	10.0	14.0	16.0
Canoe Slalom World Championship 2025	0.8	0.4	-	-	-
Encouraging more clinical trials in Australia	1.5	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Essential vaccines	31.9	32.3	27.0	26.9	1.9
Expansion of the John Flynn Prevocational Doctor Program	35.5	43.9	53.6	54.3	54.8
Illicit Tobacco Compliance and Enforcement Package	-	20.0	20.0	-	-
Increasing specialist services for children who have displayed harmful sexual behaviours in the Northern Territory	1.4	1.4	-	-	-
Integration and Empowerment Services and Wanneroo Seniors Club	0.2	-	-	-	-
Lymphoedema garments and allied health therapy program	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
National Coronial Information System	0.4	-	-	-	-
Public dental services for adults	107.9	107.8	-	-	-
Registration Scheme for Personal Care Workers	10.0	-	-	-	-
Short-term workforce reforms – Kruk Review implementation	1.3	8.1	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>196.3</b>	<b>223.2</b>	<b>116.0</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>78.1</b>

a) Total figures include items not for publication.

### Australian Primary Care Prevocational Program<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	4.0
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	10.0
2027-28	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	14.0
2028-29	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	16.0
<b>Total</b>	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	<b>44.0</b>

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing funding for metropolitan primary care training rotations for junior doctors through the Australian Primary Care Prevocational Program.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

### Canoe Slalom World Championship 2025

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	0.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.8
2025-26	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.4
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.2</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding towards the event planning and delivery of the 2025 ICF Slalom World Championships.

### Encouraging more clinical trials in Australia<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.5
2025-26	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
2026-27	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
2027-28	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
2028-29	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.5</b>

a) State allocations from 2025–26 are not for publication. Funding not for publication also applies to 2024–25.

The Australian Government is providing funding to increase the number and value of clinical trials to deliver health benefits, provide jobs and improve the nation’s innovative capacity.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

### Essential vaccines

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	9.1	7.5	6.2	3.4	2.6	1.3	1.0	0.9	31.9
2025-26	9.3	7.5	6.2	3.4	2.5	1.2	1.1	1.0	32.3
2026-27	7.8	6.3	5.2	2.9	2.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	27.0
2027-28	7.8	6.3	5.2	2.9	2.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	26.9
2028-29	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>120.1</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to improve the health of Australians through the cost-effective delivery of the National Immunisation Program.

**Expansion of the John Flynn Prevocational Doctor Program<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	8.0	3.8	7.8	2.4	6.9	2.1	-	4.4	35.5
2025-26	9.1	4.3	10.0	2.8	9.0	2.9	-	5.8	43.9
2026-27	5.6	2.6	6.1	1.7	5.5	1.8	-	3.5	53.6
2027-28	~	~	~	~	~	~	-	~	54.3
2028-29	~	~	~	~	~	~	-	~	54.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>242.1</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding for rural primary care training rotations for junior doctors through the John Flynn Prevocational Doctor Program.

**Illicit tobacco market monitoring and enforcement<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	20.0
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	20.0
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>40.0</b>

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing funding to states to strengthen and increase operational capacity among regulatory authorities, targeted to the unique needs and compliance and enforcement challenges experienced in each jurisdiction.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Increasing specialist services for children who have displayed harmful sexual behaviours in the Northern Territory**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4	1.4
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4	1.4
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding for increased specialist therapeutic services for children who have displayed harmful sexual behaviours in the Northern Territory.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Integration and Empowerment Services and Wanneroo Seniors Club**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	0.2	-	-	-	-	0.2
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	<b>0.2</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>0.2</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to the Western Australian Government to facilitate funding to two Western Australian based organisations, Integration and Empowerment Services and Wanneroo Senior Citizens Club, to support delivery of services in their community for older Australians.

**Lymphoedema garments and allied health therapy program**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	..	..	..	2.0
2025-26	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	..	..	..	2.0
2026-27	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	..	..	..	2.0
2027-28	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	..	..	..	2.0
2028-29	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	..	..	..	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>10.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to contribute to improved access to specialised compression garments by eligible patients.

**National Coronial Information System**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.4
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0.4</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>0.4</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding for the administration, maintenance, and improvement of Australia’s national coronial database.

**Public dental services for adults**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	34.4	26.9	21.7	9.7	9.4	3.4	1.1	1.4	107.9
2025-26	34.4	26.9	21.7	9.7	9.4	3.4	1.0	1.4	107.8
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>215.7</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the delivery of additional dental services to adults who rely on the public dental system.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Registration Scheme for Personal Care Workers**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	1.0	1.8	1.5	0.8	2.2	0.9	1.8	10.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>10.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding for preparatory activities to establish a national aged care worker screening scheme.

**Short-term workforce reforms – Kruk Review implementation<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	1.3
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	8.1
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>9.4</b>

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government will provide funding to implement, together with states, the health-related recommendations from the Independent Review of Health Practitioner Regulatory Settings (Kruk Review).

## Education

In 2025–26, the Australian Government will provide funding of \$32.8 billion to support state education services, including \$32.2 billion in Better and Fairer Schools funding and \$647.9 million through National Partnership payments, as detailed in Table 2.4.

**Table 2.4: Payments to support state education services<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<b>Better and Fairer Schools funding(b)</b>	31,037.3	32,178.4	33,594.9	35,004.5	36,508.8
<b>National Partnership payments</b>					
Consent and respectful relationships education	22.0	20.4	8.3	8.3	-
Disadvantaged independent school students	47.1	31.4	15.7	-	-
National Student Wellbeing Program	61.4	61.4	61.4	61.4	61.4
Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment – Children and schooling implementation plan(b)	33.9	24.2	20.8	18.6	19.1
On-Country Learning	10.0	-	-	-	-
Operational Support for Manjali School	2.7	1.0	-	-	-
Preschool Reform Agreement	490.6	346.3	-	-	-
Schools Pathways Program	1.7	1.7	-	-	-
Workload Reduction Fund	12.7	7.0	-	-	-
Total National Partnership payments	682.1	647.9	660.0	669.3	690.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,719.4</b>	<b>32,826.3</b>	<b>34,254.9</b>	<b>35,673.8</b>	<b>37,198.8</b>
<i>Memorandum item – payments for non-government schools included in payments above</i>					
Better and Fairer Schools funding(b)	19,323.0	19,943.6	20,792.1	21,647.6	22,509.2
Consent and respectful relationships education	7.4	6.2	2.5	2.5	-
Disadvantaged independent school students	47.1	31.4	15.7	-	-
Operational Support for Manjali School	2.7	1.0	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,380.1</b>	<b>19,982.2</b>	<b>20,810.3</b>	<b>21,650.1</b>	<b>22,509.2</b>

a) Total figures include items not for publication.

b) Includes funding for non-government representative bodies.

## Better and Fairer Schools funding

The Australian Government's Better and Fairer Schools policy aims to improve the educational outcomes of Australian students.

In 2025–26, the Australian Government will provide \$32.2 billion in Better and Fairer Schools funding to government and non-government schools in all states. This includes recurrent funding, capital funding, Choice and Affordability Fund funding and other prescribed purpose funding.

### Better and Fairer Schools funding<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
<b>2024-25</b>									
Government schools(b)	3,439.7	2,854.8	2,608.3	1,338.0	778.4	266.5	174.9	253.8	11,714.3
Non-government schools(c)(d)(e)	5,820.5	4,940.5	4,162.1	1,935.4	1,490.9	432.9	287.0	253.6	19,323.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,260.2</b>	<b>7,795.3</b>	<b>6,770.4</b>	<b>3,273.4</b>	<b>2,269.3</b>	<b>699.4</b>	<b>461.9</b>	<b>507.3</b>	<b>31,037.3</b>
<b>2025-26</b>									
Government schools(b)	3,555.4	2,960.8	2,673.1	1,453.9	805.4	292.5	192.9	300.7	12,234.7
Non-government schools(c)(d)(e)	6,039.4	5,081.4	4,290.5	1,976.4	1,553.1	449.3	293.1	260.5	19,943.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,594.8</b>	<b>8,042.2</b>	<b>6,963.6</b>	<b>3,430.3</b>	<b>2,358.5</b>	<b>741.8</b>	<b>486.0</b>	<b>561.2</b>	<b>32,178.4</b>
<b>2026-27</b>									
Government schools(b)	3,709.9	3,081.4	2,765.0	1,543.7	835.3	311.9	205.4	350.4	12,802.8
Non-government schools(c)(d)(e)	6,301.3	5,310.6	4,466.8	2,043.6	1,627.2	467.7	303.7	271.3	20,792.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,011.1</b>	<b>8,391.9</b>	<b>7,231.7</b>	<b>3,587.3</b>	<b>2,462.5</b>	<b>779.6</b>	<b>509.1</b>	<b>621.6</b>	<b>33,594.9</b>
<b>2027-28</b>									
Government schools(b)	3,891.5	3,207.6	2,864.3	1,595.7	858.1	322.0	212.9	404.8	13,356.9
Non-government schools(c)(d)(e)	6,564.9	5,549.0	4,641.3	2,108.8	1,700.7	485.6	314.5	282.8	21,647.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,456.4</b>	<b>8,756.6</b>	<b>7,505.6</b>	<b>3,704.6</b>	<b>2,558.9</b>	<b>807.6</b>	<b>527.4</b>	<b>687.6</b>	<b>35,004.5</b>
<b>2028-29</b>									
Government schools(b)	4,126.6	3,336.2	2,966.7	1,649.6	901.8	333.5	221.2	464.0	13,999.6
Non-government schools(c)(d)(e)	6,828.6	5,790.9	4,818.1	2,172.9	1,773.8	504.6	325.0	295.3	22,509.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,955.2</b>	<b>9,127.1</b>	<b>7,784.8</b>	<b>3,822.6</b>	<b>2,675.7</b>	<b>838.0</b>	<b>546.2</b>	<b>759.3</b>	<b>36,508.8</b>

- a) This table does not include additional funding that may result from ongoing negotiations with states on the *Better and Fairer Schools Agreement – Full and Fair Funding 2025–2034* and its supporting bilateral agreements.
- b) Includes Literacy Support for Tasmanian Students and funding for the Northern Territory to accelerate evidence-based reforms to improve outcomes for vulnerable students.
- c) Includes capital funding.
- d) Includes prescribed circumstances funding.
- e) Includes funding for Choice and Affordability Fund.

The Australian Government uses a needs-based model for school funding, which delivers a consistent national approach for all schools in all states.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

### National Partnership payments for education

In addition to Better and Fairer Schools funding, the Australian Government is providing funding for state education services through National Partnership payments.

#### Consent and respectful relationships education

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	6.7	5.9	3.8	2.4	1.5	1.1	0.3	0.4	22.0
2025-26	6.7	4.8	3.8	2.4	1.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	20.4
2026-27	2.7	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	8.3
2027-28	2.7	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	8.3
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>58.8</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to the government and non-government education sectors to support consent and respectful relationships education in their schools.

#### Disadvantaged independent school students

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	15.0	7.6	14.7	5.7	2.1	0.4	0.2	1.4	47.1
2025-26	10.0	5.1	9.8	3.8	1.4	0.3	0.2	0.9	31.4
2026-27	5.0	2.5	4.9	1.9	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.5	15.7
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>94.2</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support disadvantaged independent schools as they transition to new funding arrangements.



**National Student Wellbeing Program<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	11.3	12.8	18.4	7.7	7.6	2.2	1.0	0.5	61.4
2025-26	11.3	12.8	18.4	7.7	7.6	2.2	1.0	0.5	61.4
2026-27	11.3	12.8	18.4	7.7	7.6	2.2	1.0	0.5	61.4
2027-28	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	61.4
2028-29	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	61.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>307.2</b>

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the wellbeing of students through the provision of pastoral care services in participating schools.

**Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment – Children and schooling implementation plan<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33.9	33.9
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.2	24.2
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.8	20.8
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.6	18.6
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.1	19.1
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>116.7</b>	<b>116.7</b>

a) Includes funding for non-government representative bodies.

The Australian Government is providing funding to improve school readiness; pathways for secondary students to access opportunities for employment, training and further education; student attendance; educational attainment; First Nations workforce development, including increasing the number of local First Nations employees; and teacher housing in remote and very remote schools.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**On-Country Learning**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>10.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing additional funding to schools in Central Australia to support improved student enrolment, engagement, wellbeing and learning outcomes through community driven responses.

**Operational Support for Manjali School**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	2.7	-	-	-	-	2.7
2025-26	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	1.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	<b>3.7</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>3.7</b>

The Australian Government is providing additional funding to support the operation of the Manjali Studio School, a new secondary boarding school in the Kimberley region of Western Australia for First Nations students, which opened in 2025.

**Preschool Reform Agreement<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	140.8	128.5	90.9	49.8	28.5	9.8	9.7	4.7	490.6
2025-26	98.7	90.0	65.4	36.0	20.4	6.9	6.8	3.3	346.3
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>239.5</b>	<b>218.5</b>	<b>156.3</b>	<b>85.8</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>836.9</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding to support continued universal access to 600 hours per year of preschool for children in the year before they start school. The Preschool Reform Agreement (2022–2025) aims to improve preschool participation and outcomes, including improved enrolment and attendance. Preschool funding is an ongoing commitment, with total funding amounts from 2026 onwards to be published once future funding arrangements are agreed.

**Schools Pathways Program**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	0.9	0.9	-	-	-	1.7
2025-26	-	-	-	0.9	0.9	-	-	-	1.7
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>	-	-	-	<b>3.4</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to assist in promoting the defence industry as a potential career path for young people and to encourage student participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics subjects relevant to the defence industry.

**Workload Reduction Fund**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	3.0	3.0	-	1.7	3.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	12.7
2025-26	1.0	1.0	-	-	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.3	7.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>19.7</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to states and territories to enable them to pilot new approaches to reduce teacher workloads and maximise the value of teachers' time.

## Skills and workforce development

In 2025–26, the Australian Government will provide funding of \$2.7 billion to support state skills and workforce development services, including \$2.5 billion through the National Skills Agreement, and \$202.3 million through other payments, as detailed in Table 2.5.

**Table 2.5: Payments to support state skills and workforce development services**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<b>National Skills Agreement</b>	2,495.7	2,469.0	2,524.7	2,551.6	2,229.2
<b>National Partnership payments</b>					
Degree Apprenticeship Pilot program	1.0	-	-	-	-
Fee-Free TAFE Skills Agreement(a)	76.9	166.1	207.2	171.7	178.0
Resources Centre of Excellence	1.0	-	-	-	-
Skilling the Clean Energy, Manufacturing and Construction Workforces	50.0	22.5	7.5	-	-
Turbocharging TAFE Centres of Excellence	14.7	13.8	3.1	-	-
Total National Partnership payments(b)	143.6	202.3	217.8	171.7	178.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,639.3</b>	<b>2,671.3</b>	<b>2,742.5</b>	<b>2,723.3</b>	<b>2,407.1</b>

a) The Fee-Free TAFE Skills Agreement expires on 30 June 2027, beyond which funding is subject to states signing a new agreement on Free TAFE.

b) Excludes National Partnership payments made under the National Skills Agreement, which are shown separately.

### National Skills Agreement

The National Skills Agreement (NSA) commenced on 1 January 2024, replacing the National Agreement for Skills and Workforce Development.

#### National Skills Agreement<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	771.6	625.9	518.8	270.9	174.6	55.6	45.5	30.9	2,495.7
2025-26	760.8	625.8	508.8	269.3	170.7	54.4	47.7	30.2	2,469.0
2026-27	780.8	637.2	511.5	281.0	171.0	63.0	47.0	31.8	2,524.7
2027-28	786.2	648.7	522.4	287.2	174.0	53.3	47.5	31.0	2,551.6
2028-29	686.4	573.9	461.9	243.8	150.8	45.3	40.5	25.8	2,229.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,785.8</b>	<b>3,111.6</b>	<b>2,523.5</b>	<b>1,352.1</b>	<b>841.1</b>	<b>271.5</b>	<b>228.2</b>	<b>149.7</b>	<b>12,270.2</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

Through the NSA, the Australian Government will provide flexible funding to support state training systems and deliver national priorities. Funding for the NSA includes National Partnership payments for seven Specific Policy Initiatives: Closing the Gap, Ensuring Access to Foundation Skills Training, TAFE Centres of Excellence, National TAFE Network, Measures to Strengthen the VET Workforce, Enhanced VET Data and Evidence and Improved Completions – Especially for Priority Groups.

## National Partnership payments for skills and workforce development

In addition to the National Skills Agreement, the Australian Government is providing funding through National Partnership payments as detailed below.

### Degree Apprenticeship Pilot program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	1.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>1.0</b>	-	-	-	<b>1.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to build the pipeline of highly skilled, work ready graduates, to meet the expanding needs of the South Australian defence industry. Degree Apprenticeships are designed to bridge the gap between academic learning (university degree) and workplace skills (vocational education and training), providing participants with hands on experience and formal qualifications whilst earning a salary.

### Fee-Free TAFE Skills Agreement<sup>(a)(b)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	19.4	17.1	13.9	10.5	7.3	1.7	4.0	2.9	76.9
2025-26	51.7	42.9	34.1	17.9	11.4	3.6	2.9	1.6	166.1
2026-27	38.5	32.3	25.5	13.4	8.5	2.7	2.2	1.2	207.2
2027-28	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	171.7
2028-29	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	178.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>109.6</b>	<b>92.3</b>	<b>73.5</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>799.8</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

b) The Fee-Free TAFE Skills Agreement expires on 30 June 2027, beyond which funding is subject to states signing a new agreement on Free TAFE.

The Australian Government is providing funding for the Fee-Free TAFE Skills Agreement, which commenced on 1 January 2023, for the delivery of fee-free TAFE and VET places to support training in areas of high demand and skills need. The Fee-Free TAFE Skills Agreement also includes funding for a TAFE Technology Fund to improve workshops, laboratories, and IT facilities across the country.

The Australian Government will also provide ongoing funding from 2026–27 for at least 100,000 Free TAFE places per year from 2027.

### Resources Centre of Excellence

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>1.0</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the Isaac Regional Council’s initiative to establish a future Resources Centre of Excellence in Moranbah and for the North Bowen Basin Mines Rescue Station and Training Centre.

### Skilling the Clean Energy, Manufacturing and Construction Workforces<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	50.0
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	22.5
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	7.5
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	<b>80.0</b>

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing \$80.0 million to support skilling the clean energy, manufacturing and construction workforces. \$50.0 million will support new and upgraded TAFE facilities to ensure they are equipped and ready to deliver cutting-edge training in clean energy qualifications and support more students to undertake this training. \$30.0 million will support existing initiatives and new measures that will rapidly upskill teachers, trainers and assessors.

### Turbocharging TAFE Centres of Excellence<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	2.1	~	2.5	2.0	3.3	0.4	2.9	~	14.7
2025-26	1.8	~	2.5	3.0	1.8	0.3	1.9	~	13.8
2026-27	1.3	~	-	-	-	0.1	-	~	3.1
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.3</b>	~	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>4.8</b>	~	<b>31.6</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing \$31.6 million to fast-track TAFE Centres of Excellence in addition to the \$325.0 million provided under the five-year National Skills Agreement. This funding will support partnerships between TAFEs, Jobs and Skills Councils, industry and universities to establish TAFE Centres of Excellence; design and teach world leading curriculum; and provide students with cutting edge skills.

## Community services

In 2025–26, the Australian Government will provide funding of \$235.7 million to support state community services as detailed in Table 2.6.

**Table 2.6: Payments to support state community services**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<b>National Partnership payments</b>					
Accessible Australia(a)	5.9	4.1	1.3	-	-
Alcohol Treatment Services in the Northern Territory	12.3	-	-	-	-
Extra high visibility police and law enforcement operations	14.2	4.7	-	-	-
Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses Agreement					
Family, domestic and sexual violence responses	72.3	70.0	71.7	73.0	74.7
500 community sector and frontline workers	52.4	54.5	55.6	56.9	58.2
Innovative approaches to addressing perpetrator behaviour	6.2	5.3	5.3	-	-
Far North Queensland Connect Project	4.6	-	-	-	-
Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment					
Community safety implementation plan	52.6	66.3	69.5	65.3	68.6
Place-Based Community Development	-	9.3	10.5	14.2	11.5
Place-Based Mediation and Peacemaking	-	2.6	2.7	3.7	4.8
Remote Australia strategies implementation plan	5.7	8.5	8.8	9.0	9.3
Outcomes Fund	1.7	7.0	6.2	3.0	3.1
Port Augusta Safety and Wellbeing Partnership	3.0	3.0	-	-	-
Social Impact Investments					
Vulnerable Priority Groups	0.5	0.5	4.8	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>231.5</b>	<b>235.7</b>	<b>236.4</b>	<b>225.2</b>	<b>230.3</b>

a) Accessible Australia expands the Changing Places Implementation initiative from 2024–25.

## National Partnership payments for community services

The Australian Government provides National Partnership payments to the states for community services, as detailed below.

### Accessible Australia<sup>(a)(b)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	0.1	~	~	~	0.2	~	0.1	~	5.9
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	4.1
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	1.3
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>11.3</b>

a) Accessible Australia expands the Changing Places Implementation initiative from 2024-25.

b) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding for eligible accessible infrastructure and amenities that improve access to built and natural environments for people living with disability. This initiative expands the Changing Places initiative, announced in October 2022, to include funding for additional accessible infrastructure projects in national parks, beaches and play spaces nationwide.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

### Alcohol Treatment Services in the Northern Territory

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.3	12.3
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>12.3</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to the Northern Territory Government to support First Nations communities to make decisions about alcohol treatment services that best suit their needs.



**Extra high visibility police and law enforcement operation**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.2	14.2
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.7	4.7
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>18.9</b>	<b>18.9</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to deliver additional policing and other community safety support measures in Alice Springs. This funding will be delivered through an 18-month extension of the national partnership agreement between the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Government for the Strengthening Community Safety in Central Australia program.

**Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses Agreement**

The Australian Government is providing funding to support service providers to deliver critical family, domestic and sexual violence services to support those who need it most including women and children. It will also support the recruitment of 500 new frontline and community family, domestic and sexual violence sector workers nationally, and deliver innovative approaches to address perpetrator behaviour.

**Family, domestic and sexual violence responses**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	22.0	17.7	14.9	8.4	5.2	1.6	1.2	1.3	72.3
2025-26	21.2	17.2	14.5	8.2	5.0	1.5	1.2	1.3	70.0
2026-27	21.7	17.6	14.9	8.4	5.1	1.5	1.2	1.3	71.7
2027-28	22.1	17.9	15.1	8.6	5.2	1.6	1.2	1.3	73.0
2028-29	22.6	18.3	15.5	8.8	5.3	1.6	1.3	1.4	74.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>109.5</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>74.9</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>361.8</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to states to invest in services to support women and children who are experiencing or are at risk of violence, and to trial new initiatives to support women and children experiencing violence. The funding will enable states to respond to high levels of demand for domestic, family and sexual violence services, and will ensure these continue to support those who need it most.

**500 community sector and frontline workers<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	15.6	10.6	11.7	5.2	3.9	2.6	0.8	2.1	52.4
2025-26	16.2	11.0	12.2	5.4	4.0	2.7	0.8	2.2	54.5
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	55.6
2027-28	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	56.9
2028-29	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	58.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>277.7</b>

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing funding for new frontline and community sector workers to support women and children experiencing family, domestic, and sexual violence. This initiative will generate 500 new jobs for community organisations nationally.

**Innovative approaches to addressing perpetrator behaviour**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	6.2
2025-26	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	5.3
2026-27	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	5.3
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>16.7</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to states to develop innovative approaches to address family, domestic, and sexual violence perpetrator behaviour. These approaches, which may include technological solutions such as electronic monitoring, will help hold perpetrators to account, prevent them from reoffending, and improve protection for victim-survivors.

**Far North Queensland Connect Project**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	4.6	-	-	-	-	-	4.6
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4.6</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to Queensland to explore a model to integrate care and support services, strengthen local community workforces, and build inclusive communities across Far North Queensland. The initiative aims to increase National Disability Insurance Scheme plan utilisation, workforce capability and efficient integration of resources.

## Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment

The Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment agreement supports the Northern Territory to improve schooling for First Nations children, make communities safer and healthier, and increase access to interpreter services and job opportunities for First Nations Australians. Other components of this agreement are discussed in the Health, Education and Other sections of this Part.

### Community safety implementation plan

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52.6	52.6
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66.3	66.3
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69.5	69.5
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65.3	65.3
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68.6	68.6
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>322.4</b>	<b>322.4</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to the Northern Territory to make remote communities safer, improve child and family safety, and address alcohol-related harm.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

### Place-Based Community Development

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.3	9.3
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.5	10.5
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.2	14.2
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.5	11.5
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>45.6</b>	<b>45.6</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to the Northern Territory to enable First Nations communities to engage in shared decision making and deliver services that are culturally responsive and accessible for community members.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Place-Based Mediation and Peacemaking**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	2.6
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7	2.7
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.7	3.7
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.8	4.8
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>13.8</b>	<b>13.8</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to the Northern Territory to support a range of initiatives based in cultural authority and leadership to prevent and respond to violence in remote communities.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Remote Australia strategies implementation plan**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.7	5.7
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.5	8.5
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.8	8.8
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.0	9.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.3	9.3
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>41.3</b>	<b>41.3</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to the Northern Territory Government to support a sustainable, professional and qualified Aboriginal interpreter service.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Outcomes Fund**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	1.0	-	-	0.8	-	-	-	1.7
2025-26	2.5	2.9	-	-	1.6	-	-	-	7.0
2026-27	2.5	2.0	-	-	1.8	-	-	-	6.2
2027-28	-	1.0	-	-	2.0	-	-	-	3.0
2028-29	-	1.0	-	-	2.1	-	-	-	3.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>7.8</b>	-	-	<b>8.2</b>	-	-	-	<b>21.0</b>

The Australian Government committed \$100.0 million over 10 years from 2024–25, including \$21.0 million from 2024–25 to 2028–29, for the Outcomes Fund to support social impact investing projects addressing entrenched disadvantage. The Outcomes Fund will make payments to states and service providers to deliver agreed outcomes. The Fund will focus on outcomes supporting families and children, people facing concentrated unemployment and people facing or experiencing homelessness.

**Port Augusta Safety and Wellbeing Partnership**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	3.0	-	-	-	3.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	3.0	-	-	-	3.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>6.0</b>	-	-	-	<b>6.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the Port Augusta Safety and Wellbeing Partnership. The Partnership aims to better coordinate investment in community services between the Australian Government and South Australia to improve the safety and wellbeing of people in Port Augusta and Davenport.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

## Social Impact Investments

The Australian Government has committed to work with states on social impact investment trials to support vulnerable priority groups and people at risk of homelessness.

### Vulnerable Priority Groups<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	-	-	0.5
2025-26	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	-	-	0.5
2026-27	~	~	~	~	1.6	~	~	~	4.8
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	~	~	~	~	<b>2.7</b>	~	~	~	<b>5.8</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding to states to trial social impact investments which aim to assist vulnerable priority groups.

## Affordable housing

In 2025–26, the Australian Government will provide funding of \$2.1 billion for state affordable housing services, consisting of \$1.8 billion through the National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness and \$263.1 million through National Partnership payments, as detailed in Table 2.7.

**Table 2.7: Payments to support state affordable housing services**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<b>National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness</b>	1,779.3	1,816.6	1,860.2	1,897.5	1,939.2
<b>National Partnership payments</b>					
Advancing Prefabricated and Modular Construction Projects	-	24.6	24.7	-	-
HomeBuilder	164.9	11.1	-	-	-
Housing Australia Future Fund – Remote Indigenous Housing	100.0	-	-	-	-
Housing Support Program	485.0	15.0	-	-	-
Improving housing and essential services on Northern Territory Homelands	80.0	40.0	40.0	-	-
Northern Territory Remote Housing	241.7	170.1	177.6	185.4	193.5
Social Impact Investments					
People at risk of homelessness	1.3	2.3	3.5	-	-
Total National Partnership payments	1,072.9	263.1	245.8	185.4	193.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,852.2</b>	<b>2,079.7</b>	<b>2,106.0</b>	<b>2,082.8</b>	<b>2,132.7</b>

### National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	539.6	451.0	355.4	190.5	119.7	37.4	30.1	55.6	1,779.3
2025-26	550.9	460.5	362.9	194.5	122.2	38.2	30.8	56.7	1,816.6
2026-27	564.2	471.6	371.6	199.1	125.1	39.1	31.5	58.1	1,860.2
2027-28	575.4	481.0	379.0	203.1	127.6	39.9	32.1	59.3	1,897.5
2028-29	588.1	491.6	387.3	207.6	130.4	40.8	32.9	60.6	1,939.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,818.2</b>	<b>2,355.7</b>	<b>1,856.2</b>	<b>994.7</b>	<b>625.1</b>	<b>195.3</b>	<b>157.4</b>	<b>290.2</b>	<b>9,292.8</b>

Under the National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness (NASHH), the Australian Government is providing \$9.3 billion over five years from 1 July 2024 to the states. This funding helps people who are experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness and supports the effective operation of Australia’s social housing and homelessness services sectors.

Annual funding under the NASHH is around \$1.8 billion per year. The Government is contributing \$400 million per year in dedicated homelessness funding, which states are required to match.

## National Partnership payments for affordable housing

The Australian Government will provide a total of \$263.1 million in 2025–26 through National Partnership payments to support state affordable housing services. Further details are provided below.

### Advancing Prefabricated and Modular Construction Projects<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	24.6
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	24.7
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	<b>49.3</b>

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government will provide funding to states to expand existing prefabricated and modular housing initiatives to build more homes and support innovative methods of construction. This initiative supports the Government’s target of 1.2 million new homes by 2029 under the National Housing Accord.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

### HomeBuilder<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	164.9
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	11.1
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	<b>176.0</b>

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

HomeBuilder was announced on 4 June 2020 to respond to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the residential construction sector by encouraging eligible Australians to build a new home or substantially renovate an existing home. Applications for the program closed on 14 April 2021.

On 27 April 2023, the Government announced an extension to the HomeBuilder deadline for submitting supporting documentation from 30 April 2023 to 30 June 2025.



**Housing Australia Future Fund – Remote Indigenous Housing**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	25.0	25.0	25.0	-	-	25.0	100.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>25.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>	-	-	<b>25.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding for repairs, maintenance and improvements to housing in remote Indigenous communities.

**Housing Support Program<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	485.0
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	15.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	<b>500.0</b>

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is encouraging the increase of housing supply by providing funding for enabling infrastructure, community amenity and planning capability through a competitive application process.

**Improving housing and essential services on Northern Territory Homelands**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80.0	80.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.0	40.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.0	40.0
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>160.0</b>	<b>160.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to the Northern Territory Government to deliver urgent repairs and maintenance to housing and essential infrastructure on Northern Territory homelands.

**Northern Territory Remote Housing**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	241.7	241.7
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	170.1	170.1
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	177.6	177.6
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	185.4	185.4
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	193.5	193.5
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>968.3</b>	<b>968.3</b>

The Australian Government is supporting the delivery of housing to remote Northern Territory communities to reduce overcrowding and improve housing outcomes. The investment is matched by the Northern Territory Government and includes a comprehensive remote property and tenancy management program, with cyclical repairs and maintenance to improve housing quality and liveability.

**Social Impact Investments**

The Australian Government has committed to work with states on social impact investment trials to support vulnerable priority groups and people at risk of homelessness.

**People at risk of homelessness<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
2025-26	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
2026-27	2.6	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	3.5
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.1</b>	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	<b>7.0</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding to states to trial social impact investments which aim to help people at risk of homelessness.

## Infrastructure

In 2025–26, the Australian Government will provide funding of \$15.2 billion to support state infrastructure projects, as detailed in Table 2.8.

**Table 2.8: Payments to support state infrastructure services**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<b>National Partnership payments</b>					
Infrastructure Investment Program					
Active Transport Fund	10.0	15.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Black Spots Program	131.6	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0
Developing Northern Australia					
Northern Australia Roads	34.8	103.4	138.1	22.8	-
Major Projects Business Case Fund	44.9	93.9	82.3	44.0	6.5
Rail investment component	3,973.5	2,929.0	2,755.1	3,114.2	3,180.3
Road investment component	7,269.0	8,453.1	8,868.9	8,761.3	8,774.2
Roads to Recovery	649.4	821.1	954.6	989.0	981.6
Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program	196.2	310.0	250.0	215.0	215.0
Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan	197.9	183.0	88.2	-	-
Total Infrastructure Investment Program	12,507.2	13,058.5	13,312.2	13,321.3	13,332.6
<b>Other payments</b>					
Adelaide City Deal	11.1	18.6	6.0	35.0	30.0
Albury Wodonga Regional Projects	36.5	24.0	10.0	-	-
Armstrong Creek Stadium	5.5	-	0.5	-	-
Australian Opal Centre – Lightning Ridge	3.1	-	-	-	-
Barkly Regional Deal	15.5	5.6	-	-	-
Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games	97.2	215.1	288.4	618.0	1,002.1
Busselton Jetty Village and Marine Discovery Centre	7.4	-	-	-	-
Cairns Regional Development	1.5	88.3	82.3	55.4	-
Central Australia Plan – Community Infrastructure Package	16.8	14.1	16.5	-	-
Darwin Cyclone Tracy Memorial	0.6	-	-	-	-
Geelong City Deal	57.1	37.3	12.8	-	-
Growing Regions Program	607.1	-	-	-	-
Hillcrest Tragedy Memorial	-	0.9	-	-	-
Hobart and Launceston – urban renewal co-investments	8.0	95.6	136.4	60.0	-
Hunter region – supporting clean energy	11.9	40.0	48.1	-	-
Launceston City Deal	7.5	2.0	2.1	-	-
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure	572.5	265.1	-	-	-
National Capital Functions Program	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8
National Water Grid Fund	537.6	489.1	291.6	114.8	176.9
Perth Aboriginal Cultural Centre	10.0	20.0	20.0	-	-
Perth City Deal	77.2	77.7	2.1	1.6	-

**Table 2.8: Payments to support state infrastructure services (continued)**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Other payments (continued)					
Pilbara Ports Common User Upgrades	115.0	313.0	77.0	20.0	20.0
Port Augusta Wharf Refurbishment	-	9.9	2.1	-	-
Queensland Holocaust Museum and Education Centre	-	3.5	-	-	-
Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program	253.6	136.4	15.2	-	-
Regional Roads Australia Mobile Program – Pilot Program	22.5	25.1	1.4	1.1	-
South East Queensland City Deal	158.2	73.2	103.8	1.0	1.0
Swan Active Ellenbrook	5.0	5.0	15.0	-	-
Thriving Suburbs Program	354.7	-	-	-	-
Townsville City Deal	32.5	24.0	3.5	-	-
Upgrades to the Qtopia Sydney Museum	1.5	-	-	-	-
Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program	51.7	50.5	50.5	-	-
Warburton Mountain Bike Destination Project	3.0	-	-	-	-
WA Telecommunications Resilience Program Pilot	2.0	-	-	-	-
Western Sydney City Deal	6.2	-	-	-	-
Whyalla Airport Upgrades	10.0	6.2	-	-	-
Total other payments	3,101.5	2,041.8	1,186.8	908.7	1,231.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,608.7</b>	<b>15,150.3</b>	<b>14,574.1</b>	<b>14,230.0</b>	<b>14,564.4</b>
<i>Memorandum item – payments direct to local governments included in payments above</i>					
Infrastructure Investment Program					
Roads to Recovery	615.5	757.5	899.6	946.9	946.9
Other payments					
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure	572.5	265.1	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,187.9</b>	<b>1,022.7</b>	<b>899.6</b>	<b>946.9</b>	<b>946.9</b>

## National Partnership payments for infrastructure

The Australian Government provides National Partnership payments to the states for infrastructure, as detailed below.

### Infrastructure Investment Program

The Australian Government provides funding to the states, territories and local governments for road and rail infrastructure through the Infrastructure Investment Program under the Federation Funding Agreement Schedule on Land Transport Infrastructure Projects. The Australian Government has a 10-year funding allocation for this program.

The Infrastructure Investment Program assists economic and social development regionally and nationally by providing funding to improve the standard of land transport infrastructure.

In November 2023, the Australian Government released its Infrastructure Policy Statement setting out the three strategic themes of productivity and resilience, liveability and sustainability to guide its future investment decisions.

The Government works with states, territories and local governments to prioritise the delivery of projects in line with market capacity.

More information is available in Budget Paper No. 1, *Budget Strategy and Outlook 2025–26, Statement 1: Budget Overview*.

The Infrastructure Investment Program includes several components that involve payments to the states, detailed in the tables below.

### Active Transport Fund

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	3.1	2.6	2.0	1.1	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.1	10.0
2025-26	4.7	3.9	3.1	1.6	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.1	15.0
2026-27	7.8	6.5	5.1	2.7	1.7	0.5	0.4	0.2	25.0
2027-28	7.8	6.5	5.1	2.7	1.7	0.5	0.4	0.2	25.0
2028-29	7.8	6.5	5.1	2.7	1.7	0.5	0.4	0.2	25.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding for the upgrade and construction of new bicycle paths in Australian communities. The funding stream will increase the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, support reduced emissions and improve productivity, health and community liveability.

### Black Spots Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	38.8	33.4	26.5	14.6	9.2	3.3	3.4	2.3	131.6
2025-26	44.4	40.5	29.5	16.8	10.4	3.9	2.0	2.5	150.0
2026-27	44.4	40.5	29.5	16.8	10.4	3.9	2.0	2.5	150.0
2027-28	44.3	35.8	32.4	18.4	11.1	3.6	2.0	2.4	150.0
2028-29	44.3	35.8	32.4	18.4	11.1	3.6	2.0	2.4	150.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>216.2</b>	<b>185.9</b>	<b>150.2</b>	<b>84.9</b>	<b>52.3</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>731.6</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding for safety works under the Black Spots Program in places where there have been serious crashes or where serious crashes are likely to occur.

## Developing Northern Australia

### Northern Australia Roads

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	6.3	23.8	-	-	-	4.7	34.8
2025-26	-	-	1.1	14.4	-	-	-	88.0	103.4
2026-27	-	-	11.6	37.3	-	-	-	89.3	138.1
2027-28	-	-	-	2.8	-	-	-	20.0	22.8
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>18.9</b>	<b>78.1</b>	-	-	-	<b>202.0</b>	<b>299.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory for infrastructure projects that are essential to the movement of people and freight to support economic development in the region. Projects include links to roads connecting communities and regional towns to ports and airports.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

### Major Projects Business Case Fund

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	7.5	6.8	17.1	2.5	1.0	-	10.0	-	44.9
2025-26	13.4	9.8	20.7	16.0	5.5	5.0	17.5	6.0	93.9
2026-27	10.0	5.0	31.3	10.5	2.5	4.0	17.5	1.5	82.3
2027-28	-	5.0	12.5	13.5	4.5	3.5	5.0	-	44.0
2028-29	-	-	0.5	-	-	6.0	-	-	6.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>82.0</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>271.5</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the development of business cases for road and rail infrastructure projects. Funding supports a range of business case development activities, including supporting joint state, territory and Australian Government planning processes.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Rail investment component<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	1,190.4	597.2	411.5	2,157.9	10.1	32.0	73.9	-	3,973.5
2025-26	745.0	1,397.3	547.1	565.5	19.6	51.6	125.7	-	2,929.0
2026-27	396.7	1,627.4	909.5	111.0	41.9	35.2	85.2	-	2,755.1
2027-28	658.0	1,654.0	809.8	5.0	58.6	33.6	14.2	-	3,114.2
2028-29	715.4	1,172.1	900.4	-	34.0	-	-	-	3,180.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,705.5</b>	<b>6,447.9</b>	<b>3,578.3</b>	<b>2,839.4</b>	<b>164.1</b>	<b>152.4</b>	<b>298.9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,952.0</b>

a) State totals do not sum to the national total. A slippage adjustment has been applied to Infrastructure Investment Program spending at the national level in 2024–25 to 2027–28 to take account of historical experiences, including the timing of states claiming payments against milestones and the complexity of delivery. State totals are unaffected by the slippage assumption. The adjustment has been unwound over 2028–29 to 2033–34.

The rail investment component of the Infrastructure Investment Program delivers the Australian Government’s rail investment. It targets nationally significant projects that will improve the efficiency and safety of Australia’s rail network.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Road investment component<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	2,258.2	961.0	2,055.8	1,407.8	1,192.3	216.3	68.7	274.5	7,269.0
2025-26	2,470.6	1,666.0	2,026.7	1,136.5	1,576.1	297.1	73.5	426.2	8,453.1
2026-27	2,315.5	1,922.8	2,242.6	901.6	1,617.4	356.2	103.6	463.3	8,868.9
2027-28	2,100.4	1,683.4	2,500.8	599.7	1,536.8	311.6	82.3	224.0	8,761.3
2028-29	2,557.7	1,104.7	2,035.7	474.4	1,160.7	234.3	25.1	345.4	8,774.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,702.5</b>	<b>7,337.8</b>	<b>10,861.5</b>	<b>4,519.9</b>	<b>7,083.3</b>	<b>1,415.4</b>	<b>353.3</b>	<b>1,733.3</b>	<b>42,126.5</b>

a) State totals do not sum to the national total. A slippage adjustment has been applied to Infrastructure Investment Program spending at the national level in 2024–25 to 2027–28 to take account of historical experiences, including the timing of states claiming payments against milestones and the complexity of delivery. State totals are unaffected by the slippage assumption. The adjustment has been unwound over 2028–29 to 2033–34.

The road investment component of the Infrastructure Investment Program delivers most of the Australian Government’s investment in road infrastructure. It targets nationally significant projects that will improve the efficiency and safety of Australia’s road network. Funding is provided for road construction projects and network maintenance, as well as transport development, innovation projects and grants to land transport research bodies.

A portion of Australian Government funding for road infrastructure is sourced from the additional net revenue received from the reintroduction of fuel excise indexation in 2014.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Roads to Recovery<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	181.1	132.2	132.2	95.0	58.4	21.2	10.4	18.9	649.4
2025-26	222.8	162.8	162.7	117.0	75.6	26.0	30.9	23.3	821.1
2026-27	264.6	193.3	193.2	138.9	84.5	30.9	21.5	27.6	954.6
2027-28	278.5	203.5	203.4	146.2	88.4	32.6	7.4	29.1	989.0
2028-29	278.5	203.5	203.4	146.2	88.4	32.6	-	29.1	981.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,225.6</b>	<b>895.2</b>	<b>895.0</b>	<b>643.3</b>	<b>395.3</b>	<b>143.2</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>127.9</b>	<b>4,395.7</b>

a) These figures include payments direct to local governments.

The Australian Government is providing funding for the Roads to Recovery program for road construction and maintenance projects at a local level. Funding recipients have a set program allocation for each five-year program cycle and choose the projects on which they will spend their funding based on local priorities.

**Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	60.8	36.3	31.6	35.9	21.6	6.9	-	3.1	196.2
2025-26	99.9	53.5	67.0	38.5	29.5	14.5	4.6	2.5	310.0
2026-27	80.6	43.1	54.1	31.0	23.8	11.7	3.7	2.0	250.0
2027-28	69.3	37.1	46.5	26.7	20.5	10.0	3.2	1.7	215.0
2028-29	69.3	37.1	46.5	26.7	20.5	10.0	3.2	1.7	215.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>379.8</b>	<b>207.0</b>	<b>245.7</b>	<b>158.8</b>	<b>115.8</b>	<b>53.1</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>1,186.2</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding for the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP) for projects to address current and emerging priorities in road infrastructure needs. The SLRIP consolidated the previous Bridges Renewal Program and Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program into a single application-based ongoing funding stream.

**Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	197.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	197.9
2025-26	183.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	183.0
2026-27	88.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88.2
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>469.1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>469.1</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to enhance capacity and improve transport infrastructure in Sydney’s western suburbs. This is in addition to the funding for the Western Sydney International Airport at Badgerys Creek.



## Other payments

### Adelaide City Deal

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	11.1	-	-	-	11.1
2025-26	-	-	-	-	18.6	-	-	-	18.6
2026-27	-	-	-	-	6.0	-	-	-	6.0
2027-28	-	-	-	-	35.0	-	-	-	35.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	30.0	-	-	-	30.0
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>100.7</b>	-	-	-	<b>100.7</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support projects in Adelaide and the surrounding region, including the development of a new innovation and cultural precinct in the city centre.

### Albury Wodonga Regional Projects

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	17.0	19.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	36.5
2025-26	17.5	6.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.0
2026-27	10.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>26.0</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>70.5</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support projects in the Albury Wodonga region that deliver economic and education benefits and improve the liveability of the community.

### Armstrong Creek Stadium

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	5.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>6.0</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>6.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding towards the construction of a sports centre at Armstrong Creek, Victoria. The facility will provide for a range of community indoor sports to service local demand and allow for hosting of state and regional tournaments.

### Australian Opal Centre – Lightning Ridge

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	3.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.1
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.1</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>3.1</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding towards a new Australian Opal Centre as an international tourist attraction and world hub for opal-related knowledge, certification, education, training, research, heritage, arts and travel.

### Barkly Regional Deal

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.5	15.5
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.6	5.6
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>21.1</b>	<b>21.1</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to deliver a range of economic, social and cultural initiatives in the Barkly region, including a purpose-built boarding facility in Tennant Creek.

### Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	97.2	-	-	-	-	-	97.2
2025-26	-	-	215.1	-	-	-	-	-	215.1
2026-27	-	-	288.4	-	-	-	-	-	288.4
2027-28	-	-	618.0	-	-	-	-	-	618.0
2028-29	-	-	1,002.1	-	-	-	-	-	1,002.1
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>2,220.8</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2,220.8</b>

The Australian Government is providing up to \$3.4 billion for infrastructure investment to support the delivery of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. This includes up to \$2.5 billion for Brisbane Arena, and up to \$935.0 million for new and upgraded venue infrastructure across Queensland. The Australian Government’s co-investment will support local jobs and create a lasting legacy by meeting local community needs for venue assets in the region.

**Busselton Jetty Village and Marine Discovery Centre**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	7.4	-	-	-	-	7.4
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	<b>7.4</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>7.4</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding towards the construction of a Marine Discovery Centre at Busselton, Western Australia.

**Cairns Regional Development**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
2025-26	-	-	88.3	-	-	-	-	-	88.3
2026-27	-	-	82.3	-	-	-	-	-	82.3
2027-28	-	-	55.4	-	-	-	-	-	55.4
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>227.5</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>227.5</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding towards the delivery of two major construction projects in Cairns. This includes a major expansion to the Cairns Marine Precinct and a new Central Queensland University campus in the Cairns CBD.

**Central Australia Plan – Community Infrastructure Package**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.8	16.8
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.1	14.1
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.5	16.5
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>47.4</b>	<b>47.4</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding towards the delivery of community infrastructure projects that improve regional development, economic, social and cultural outcomes across the Central Australia Region.

### Darwin Cyclone Tracy Memorial

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.6	0.6
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support construction of a memorial to honour those who died and those whose lives were irrevocably changed by Cyclone Tracy, which impacted the city of Darwin in December 1974.

### Geelong City Deal

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	57.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	57.1
2025-26	-	37.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	37.3
2026-27	-	12.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.8
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>107.3</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>107.3</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support projects including the Shipwreck Coast Master Plan, Great Ocean Road projects and projects in the Geelong city centre.

### Growing Regions Program<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	123.6	79.1	214.9	114.1	35.0	27.5	-	6.1	607.1
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>123.6</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>214.9</b>	<b>114.1</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>27.5</b>	-	<b>6.1</b>	<b>607.1</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding to deliver investment in infrastructure across Australia's regional, rural and remote areas. The program provides funding to local government entities and incorporated not-for-profit organisations for capital works projects that will enhance liveability, bolster social cohesion and support local amenity throughout Australia's regions.

**Hillcrest Tragedy Memorial**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	0.9	-	-	0.9
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>0.9</b>	-	-	<b>0.9</b>

The Australian Government will provide funding towards a memorial to commemorate the victims of the Hillcrest Primary School tragedy.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Hobart and Launceston – urban renewal co-investments**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	8.0	-	-	8.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	95.6	-	-	95.6
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	136.4	-	-	136.4
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	60.0	-	-	60.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>300.0</b>	-	-	<b>300.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to deliver urban renewal projects in Hobart and Launceston, with \$240.0 million to help unlock the potential of the Macquarie Point precinct in Hobart and \$65.0 million for a stadium redevelopment in Launceston.

**Hunter region – supporting clean energy**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	11.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.9
2025-26	40.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.0
2026-27	48.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48.1
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>100.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the Hunter region and the Port of Newcastle to become hydrogen ready.

### Launceston City Deal

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	7.5	-	-	7.5
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	2.0	-	-	2.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	2.1	-	-	2.1
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>11.6</b>	-	-	<b>11.6</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support projects in Launceston to improve liveability and innovation, increasing incomes and reducing levels of disadvantage. This includes funding to reduce pollution and improve the health of the Tamar River.

### Local Roads and Community Infrastructure<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	181.0	129.9	103.7	74.3	40.9	17.4	4.3	21.0	572.5
2025-26	79.0	53.6	53.2	35.6	20.9	8.2	6.8	7.9	265.1
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>260.0</b>	<b>183.6</b>	<b>156.9</b>	<b>109.9</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>837.6</b>

a) These figures include payments direct to local governments.

The Australian Government is providing funding to support local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies.

### National Capital Functions Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6	-	1.6
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7	-	1.7
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7	-	1.7
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8	-	1.8
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8	-	1.8
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>8.6</b>	-	<b>8.6</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to the ACT Government for delivery of services that fulfil Commonwealth responsibilities of diplomatic and treaty obligations and relevant legislative provisions.

**National Water Grid Fund<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	81.6	45.3	110.9	21.8	51.1	63.0	~	154.9	537.6
2025-26	36.5	43.9	100.0	35.5	30.1	82.9	~	149.1	489.1
2026-27	15.1	43.0	102.8	20.8	5.2	85.2	~	10.3	291.6
2027-28	0.4	24.8	20.0	23.4	1.2	45.1	~	-	114.8
2028-29	-	15.7	-	-	-	47.0	~	-	176.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>133.5</b>	<b>172.7</b>	<b>333.6</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>87.5</b>	<b>323.2</b>	~	<b>314.3</b>	<b>1,610.0</b>

a) State allocations are indicative estimates only to be determined on the signing of agreements. State allocations may not sum to total due to unallocated funds.

The Australian Government is providing \$2.7 billion over 12-years from 2023–24 to expand investment in nationally significant, transformational water infrastructure projects to assist in developing regional communities.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Perth Aboriginal Cultural Centre**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	10.0	-	-	-	-	10.0
2025-26	-	-	-	20.0	-	-	-	-	20.0
2026-27	-	-	-	20.0	-	-	-	-	20.0
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	<b>50.0</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>50.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding towards the construction of an Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Perth, Western Australia. The centre will be a place of cultural celebration and significance that will provide spaces for art, performance, education, research and community.

**Perth City Deal**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	77.2	-	-	-	-	77.2
2025-26	-	-	-	77.7	-	-	-	-	77.7
2026-27	-	-	-	2.1	-	-	-	-	2.1
2027-28	-	-	-	1.6	-	-	-	-	1.6
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	<b>158.5</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>158.5</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support a range of projects in Perth, including the Edith Cowan University Cultural and Creative Industries Education CBD Campus.

**Pilbara Ports Common User Upgrades**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	115.0	-	-	-	-	115.0
2025-26	-	-	-	313.0	-	-	-	-	313.0
2026-27	-	-	-	77.0	-	-	-	-	77.0
2027-28	-	-	-	20.0	-	-	-	-	20.0
2028-29	-	-	-	20.0	-	-	-	-	20.0
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	<b>545.0</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>545.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support common-user upgrades of Pilbara-based ports, Dampier and Lumsden Point, to expand export and import capacity.

The Dampier Port upgrades will build capacity for critical mineral and renewables export. The Lumsden Point Port upgrades will support increased demand for minerals key to battery and electric vehicle markets and the import of equipment required to grow the hydrogen and renewable energy industry.

**Port Augusta Wharf Refurbishment**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	9.9	-	-	-	9.9
2026-27	-	-	-	-	2.1	-	-	-	2.1
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>12.0</b>	-	-	-	<b>12.0</b>

The Australian Government will provide funding to upgrade the heritage-listed Port Augusta Wharf, improving accessibility and safety. The Port Augusta Wharf Refurbishment will improve the load-rating of the wharf for pedestrians and light vehicles, provide easier access for boats and other watercraft, and boost recreation and tourism.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Queensland Holocaust Museum and Education Centre**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	3.5	-	-	-	-	-	3.5
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>3.5</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>3.5</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding towards the establishment of a permanent Queensland Holocaust Museum and Education Centre which will provide a facility to remember and teach the lessons of the Holocaust and allow for the collection and preservation of historic objects.



**Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	48.3	44.4	5.2	49.7	2.2	6.7	-	4.4	253.6
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	-	4.2	136.4
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	-	0.3	15.2
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>49.7</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>405.1</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding to bring together governments and communities to fund the design, development and delivery of multi-purpose precincts across regional, rural and remote Australia.

**Regional Roads Australia Mobile Program – Pilot Program<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	2.5	3.0	~	4.0	2.5	2.5	~	4.0	22.5
2025-26	7.1	4.6	~	3.6	2.3	2.3	~	1.7	25.1
2026-27	0.5	0.1	~	-	0.3	0.3	~	-	1.4
2027-28	-	0.3	~	0.4	-	-	~	0.3	1.1
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding for a pilot program to help expand mobile coverage on regional highways and major roads.

**South East Queensland City Deal**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	158.2	-	-	-	-	-	158.2
2025-26	-	-	73.2	-	-	-	-	-	73.2
2026-27	-	-	103.8	-	-	-	-	-	103.8
2027-28	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
2028-29	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>337.1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>337.1</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support projects in the South East Queensland (SEQ) region that deliver jobs, greater digital and transport connectivity and more liveable communities, including the construction of the Kangaroo Point Green Bridge and infrastructure provided through the SEQ Innovation Economy Fund.

**Swan Active Ellenbrook**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	5.0	-	-	-	-	5.0
2025-26	-	-	-	5.0	-	-	-	-	5.0
2026-27	-	-	-	15.0	-	-	-	-	15.0
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	<b>25.0</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>25.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding towards the construction of a facility that meets community demand by integrating aquatic, sport, health, wellbeing, and community elements within one leisure facility at Ellenbrook, Western Australia.

**Thriving Suburbs Program<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	62.3	130.9	12.0	79.9	34.2	2.4	-	-	354.7
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>130.9</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>79.9</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>	-	-	<b>354.7</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding to deliver investment through construction of new community infrastructure, or expansion or upgrades to existing infrastructure for wider community benefit. The program provides funding to local government entities and incorporated not-for-profit organisations for capital works projects that enhance liveability, strengthen social cohesion and support local amenity in urban, suburban and peri-urban communities across Australia’s Greater Capital City Statistical Areas.

**Townsville City Deal**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	32.5	-	-	-	-	-	32.5
2025-26	-	-	24.0	-	-	-	-	-	24.0
2026-27	-	-	3.5	-	-	-	-	-	3.5
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>60.0</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>60.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support projects in Townsville, including the Royal Flying Doctor Service ‘super hub’ and Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct.

**Upgrades to the Qtopia Sydney Museum**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.5</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1.5</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding towards further upgrades to Sydney's Qtopia museum, a dedicated space at the site of the former Darlinghurst Police Station, created as a centre for celebrating and educating on LGBTQIA+ history and culture.

**Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	9.1	4.0	-	33.3	-	-	-	51.7
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	50.5
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	50.5
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>152.7</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding to bring together governments and communities to fund the design, development and delivery of multi-purpose precincts that showcase best-practice investment in urban infrastructure.

**Warburton Mountain Bike Destination Project**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3.0</b>

The Australian Government will contribute funding to develop over 100 kilometres of mountain bike trails on the hills surrounding the town of Warburton.

**WA Telecommunications Resilience Program Pilot**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	2.0	-	-	-	-	2.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	<b>2.0</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>2.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding for upgrades to telecommunications infrastructure resilience in regional Western Australia.

**Western Sydney City Deal**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	6.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.2
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.2</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>6.2</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding in Western Sydney to deliver improved community facilities and urban amenities, and to cut development costs and boost housing supply.

**Whyalla Airport Upgrades**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	10.0	-	-	-	10.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	6.2	-	-	-	6.2
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>16.2</b>	-	-	-	<b>16.2</b>

The Australian Government will provide funding to support delivery of upgrades to strengthen the Whyalla Airport runway to enable larger, heavier aircraft to land safely.

## Environment, energy and water

In 2025–26, the Australian Government will provide funding of \$1.5 billion in National Partnership payments to support state environment, energy and water projects. In addition, \$1.8 billion in Energy Bill Relief will be provided through the states. This is detailed in Table 2.9.

**Table 2.9: Payments to support state environment, energy and water services<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<b>Energy Bill Relief</b>	3,545.7	1,774.8	-	-	-
<b>National Partnership payments</b>					
Environment and energy	1,515.0	765.8	593.8	444.5	345.1
Water services and infrastructure	664.2	716.2	702.6	201.7	1.0
Total National Partnership payments	2,179.2	1,482.0	1,296.4	646.2	346.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,724.9</b>	<b>3,256.9</b>	<b>1,296.4</b>	<b>646.2</b>	<b>346.1</b>

a) Total figures include items not for publication.

### Energy Bill Relief

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	1,117.1	935.0	698.1	367.7	248.1	86.5	63.7	29.6	3,545.7
2025-26	579.3	441.4	353.0	174.9	135.4	43.7	32.2	14.9	1,774.8
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,696.4</b>	<b>1,376.4</b>	<b>1,051.1</b>	<b>542.6</b>	<b>383.6</b>	<b>130.2</b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>5,320.6</b>

In the 2024–25 Budget, the Australian Government expanded the Energy Bill Relief Fund into 2024–25 to provide \$3.5 billion in cost-of-living relief to over ten million Australian households and around one million small businesses.

In the 2025–26 Budget, the Australian Government is committing an additional \$1.8 billion to extend energy bill relief rebates to 31 December 2025. The rebates will continue to provide cost-of-living relief to households and small businesses with active electricity accounts.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

## National Partnership payments for environment, energy and water

A total of \$1.5 billion will be provided to the states in 2025–26 under the following categories:

- environment and energy
- water services and infrastructure.

### Environment and energy

In 2025–26, the Australian Government is estimated to provide \$765.8 million to support the delivery of environment and energy projects in the states.

**Table 2.9.1 Environment and energy services and infrastructure<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<b>National Partnership payments</b>					
Bolstering Australia's Biosecurity System – Protecting Australia from escalating exotic animal disease risks	2.2	1.4	-	-	-
Boosting HPAI biosecurity response capability	9.0	3.0	-	-	-
Building resilience to manage fruit fly	4.3	6.7	-	-	-
Bushfire community recovery and resilience program	-	17.7	-	-	-
Capacity Investment Scheme	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
CarbonNet	5.0	-	-	-	-
Community Solar Banks Program	71.4	17.0	-	-	-
Critical Minerals National Productivity Initiative	2.5	5.4	-	-	-
Disaster Ready Fund	200.0	-	-	-	-
Environment Restoration Fund	0.8	-	-	-	-
Environmental management of the former Rum Jungle Mine site	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund	17.6	11.7	-	-	-
Future Drought Fund					
Farm business resilience	13.5	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Regional drought resilience planning	5.4	16.6	17.4	15.2	14.8
Household Energy Upgrades Fund (Social Housing)	62.6	114.8	106.1	-	-
Household Energy Upgrades Fund (Social Housing) – Expansion	-	50.0	122.8	156.7	160.0
Hydro Tasmania's Tarraleah Hydro Power Station Redevelopment	30.4	11.8	-	-	-
Hydrogen energy supply chain project	3.8	-	-	-	-
Implementation of the live sheep exports by sea phase out	1.0	16.3	15.6	10.5	0.2
Investing in Australia's First Nations					
Culture and World Heritage	0.1	1.6	-	-	-
Macquarie Wharf 6 (Port of Hobart)	-	47.0	47.0	47.0	47.0
Management of established pests and weeds	4.3	5.8	-	-	-

**Table 2.9.1 Environment and energy services and infrastructure<sup>(a)</sup> (continued)**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<b>National Partnership payments</b>					
Marine Parks Management – Northern Territory Marine Parks	0.9	0.9	-	-	-
Marinus Link	27.5	-	-	-	-
National Hydrogen Technology Skills Training Centre	-	2.0	4.0	4.0	-
National Plant Health Surveillance Program	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3
North Queensland strata title resilience pilot program	38.6	-	-	-	-
Partnering to implement the National Soil Action Plan	8.1	6.0	3.8	2.0	-
Pest and disease preparedness and response programs	224.3	148.7	111.0	64.0	34.6
Protecting Our Communities (Disaster Resilience) Program	25.4	-	-	-	-
Recycling Modernisation Fund					
Plastics technology stream	28.7	14.3	3.1	-	-
Recycling Infrastructure	63.1	41.1	8.2	-	-
Reef 2050 Plan					
Paddock to Reef Monitoring, Modelling and Reporting Program	7.9	4.6	-	-	-
Sustainable Fisheries	18.0	18.0	-	-	-
Saving Native Species	1.6	0.6	-	-	-
Strengthen Australia's frontline biosecurity capability and domestic preparedness	6.0	-	-	-	-
Support Forestry Strategy Development	1.2	0.6	-	-	-
Temporary cap on the price of coal	nfp	-	-	-	-
Transforming Digital Environmental Assessments	5.6	-	-	-	-
Urban Rivers and Catchments Program	31.7	25.7	16.3	12.7	1.0
World Heritage Sites	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	-
Yellow crazy ants control	6.4	6.3	2.9	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,515.0</b>	<b>765.8</b>	<b>593.8</b>	<b>444.5</b>	<b>345.1</b>

a) Total figures include items not for publication.

**Bolstering Australia’s Biosecurity System – Protecting Australia from escalating exotic animal disease risks<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	0.7	0.6	-	-	-	1.0	2.2
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	1.4
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	~	~	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	~	~	~	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding to build regional resilience through bolstering response and preparedness capability to manage biosecurity risks across the animal, plant and aquatic sectors in northern Australia. The funding supports targeted actions by developing an inter-jurisdictional plant biosecurity network that will enhance detection and response capacity within northern Australia to combat new detections of pests and diseases. The network will proactively enhance Australian Government partnerships with industry and First Nations people and strengthen links between partners as part of our strategy for defending northern Australia from biosecurity risks.

**Boosting HPAI biosecurity response capability**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.9	9.0
2025-26	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	3.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>12.0</b>

The Australian Government is committed to working with states and territories to enhance Australia’s High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI) preparedness and response capability. The Australian Government is providing funding for states to boost biosecurity response capability through the procurement of specialist equipment for biosecurity surveillance and response, to assist in the event of outbreaks in the production sector and/or Australian wildlife. Specialist equipment may include items such as mobile laboratories, biosecurity trailers, long distance drones and depopulation equipment.



**Building resilience to manage fruit fly**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	1.3	1.2	-	1.8	-	-	-	4.3
2025-26	-	-	-	-	6.7	-	-	-	6.7
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	-	<b>8.5</b>	-	-	-	<b>11.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to build the resilience of Australia’s fruit fly management system. This investment will reduce the significant impact of fruit flies by helping to stop their spread, driving down pest pressure in vulnerable areas and growing horticulture exports by providing critical post-harvest treatment and market access research infrastructure.

**Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Program<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	17.7
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	<b>17.7</b>

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Program (BCRRP) will support a small number of critical bushfire recovery and resilience projects that were not able to be completed under the former Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Program. Details of the BCRRP are under development and funds will be made available subject to agreement with relevant states.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Capacity Investment Scheme**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	nfp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp
2025-26	nfp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp
2026-27	nfp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp
2027-28	nfp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp
2028-29	nfp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp
<b>Total</b>	<b>nfp</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>nfp</b>

The Australian Government is providing support for additional clean dispatchable energy capacity projects, such as battery storage projects, through an expansion of the NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap 2023 Round 2 – Firming Infrastructure Tender. The partnership with NSW is designed to improve reliability outcomes of the energy system in NSW by bringing on additional clean dispatchable capacity sooner whilst

ensuring that support is consistent with the objectives and scope of the national Capacity Investment Scheme.

**CarbonNet**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>5.0</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>5.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support CarbonNet’s Stage 3 activities, focused on establishing a commercial carbon capture and storage network in Victoria’s Gippsland Basin. The funding will enable CarbonNet to undertake key regulatory works and complete the Front End Engineering Design for onshore and offshore infrastructure.

**Community Solar Banks Program<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	31.0	12.2	~	3.7	~	~	0.9	4.7	71.4
2025-26	-	2.0	~	~	~	~	-	-	17.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>88.4</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding to support community-scale solar and clean energy technologies for 25,000 households unable to access the benefits of these technologies. The Community Solar Banks Program will have a particular focus on those who live in low-income households and people in apartments and rental accommodation.

**Critical Minerals National Productivity Initiative<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	~	~	~	1.5	~	~	~	~	2.5
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	5.4
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>7.9</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is helping the critical minerals sector, by collaborating with states to identify potential common user facilities for critical minerals processing.

**Disaster Ready Fund**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	42.1	37.7	29.7	38.3	20.5	7.7	7.6	16.3	200.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>200.0</b>

The Australian Government is helping communities to prepare for natural disasters through the Disaster Ready Fund. The Disaster Ready Fund provides a dedicated ongoing source of funding for natural disaster resilience and risk reduction initiatives. The Australian Government is providing \$200.0 million in 2024-25 under Round 2 of the Disaster Ready Fund to support disaster mitigation priorities. This will fund projects that build resilience to, prepare for, or reduce the risk of, future natural hazard impacts.

**Environment Restoration Fund**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	0.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.8
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.8</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to improve water quality and manage erosion in coasts and waterways, support the recovery and recycling of waste, and protect threatened species and their habitats.

**Environmental management of the former Rum Jungle Mine site**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp	nfp
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp	nfp
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp	nfp
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp	nfp
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp	nfp
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>nfp</b>	<b>nfp</b>

The Australian Government is continuing to fund the program of work established to improve the management of the former Rum Jungle Mine site. This funding is to progress rehabilitation at the former Rum Jungle Mine site in the Northern Territory by prioritising early works.

### Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	2.2	2.7	1.4	2.6	0.1	0.5	8.0	-	17.6
2025-26	1.0	0.3	3.6	1.9	-	-	5.0	-	11.7
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29.3</b>

The Australian Government is investing funding through the Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund to support infrastructure that will increase Australia’s processing capacity and diversion of organic waste from landfill for productive use on Australia’s soils.

### Future Drought Fund

The Future Drought Fund provides secure, continuous funding for resilience initiatives to help Australian farms and communities prepare for impacts of drought, along with other climate risks.

#### Farm business resilience<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	2.0	1.4	1.6	0.8	6.7	0.2	-	~	13.5
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	20.0
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	20.0
2027-28	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	20.0
2028-29	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	20.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>93.5</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is working with states to provide farm businesses with learning opportunities to build skills and capabilities to plan for and manage all kinds of risk, including drought and other climate risks. Funding is provided from the Future Drought Fund.

#### Regional drought resilience planning<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	0.7	-	0.6	0.3	3.1	0.1	-	0.7	5.4
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	16.6
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	17.4
2027-28	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	15.2
2028-29	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	14.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>69.4</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is working with states to support group partnerships of regional organisations, local government, communities and industry to develop regional drought resilience plans. Plans include actions identified by the region to prepare for and manage future drought risks. Implementation funding is provided for eligible activities in

approved plans, and regions are supported to govern and improve their plans. Funding is provided from the Future Drought Fund.

#### Household Energy Upgrades Fund (Social Housing)<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	22.8	4.9	22.4	2.3	4.1	3.1	1.5	1.4	62.6
2025-26	30.5	19.4	22.5	10.9	5.9	3.4	2.2	2.5	114.8
2026-27	30.6	20.8	13.1	18.3	7.9	~	2.5	1.1	106.1
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>283.4</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding to support energy performance upgrades to social housing, co-funded and delivered in partnership with states. Co-funding will target a range of high value energy upgrades to deliver energy and cost saving benefits to households in both public and community social housing.

#### Household Energy Upgrades Fund (Social Housing) – Expansion<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	50.0
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	122.8
2027-28	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	156.7
2028-29	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	160.0
<b>Total</b>	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	<b>489.4</b>

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing funding to expand the existing Household Energy Upgrades Fund (Social Housing) to improve energy efficiency and access to solar and batteries to households in both public and community social housing, in partnership with states.

#### Hydro Tasmania's Tarraleah Hydro Power Station Redevelopment

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	30.4	-	-	30.4
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	11.8	-	-	11.8
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>42.2</b>	-	-	<b>42.2</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support upgrade works on the Tarraleah hydro power scheme redevelopment in Tasmania's Central Highlands – a cornerstone project of the Battery of the Nation initiative.

**Hydrogen energy supply chain project**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	3.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>3.8</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>3.8</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the pre-commercialisation phase of the Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain (HESC) project. The project aims to transport liquid hydrogen produced through the gasification of brown coal in Victoria’s Latrobe Valley to Japan. The outcomes of the project’s pre-commercialisation phase will inform further decisions for the HESC consortium and partners.

**Implementation of the live sheep exports by sea phase out**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	1.0
2025-26	-	-	-	16.3	-	-	-	-	16.3
2026-27	-	-	-	15.6	-	-	-	-	15.6
2027-28	-	-	-	10.5	-	-	-	-	10.5
2028-29	-	-	-	0.2	-	-	-	-	0.2
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	<b>43.5</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>43.5</b>

The Australian Government will provide \$43.5 million to expand onshore processing supply chain capacity and activities to foster community wellbeing and strengthen community resilience as part of the transition support package for the phase out of live sheep exports by sea.

**Investing in Australia’s First Nations Culture and World Heritage**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	0.1	-	-	-	0.1
2025-26	-	-	-	1.5	0.1	-	-	-	1.6
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	-	-	-	<b>1.8</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to protect First Nations heritage and improve engagement with First Nations people to support their heritage. This funding aims to support the addition of First Nations heritage values to World Heritage and National Heritage listed areas, and progression of the World Heritage listing of Murujuga Cultural Landscape, the Flinders Ranges, Cape York Peninsula, the West Kimberley, Parramatta Female Factory, and the Trades Halls transnational listing.

**Macquarie Wharf 6 (Port of Hobart)**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	47.0	-	-	47.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	47.0	-	-	47.0
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	47.0	-	-	47.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	47.0	-	-	47.0
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>188.0</b>	-	-	<b>188.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing a funding contribution to the redevelopment of Macquarie Wharf 6 in the Port of Hobart to provide a long term, fit-for-purpose home berth with shore power for the Australian Antarctic Division’s icebreaker, RSV Nuyina. These works will also support other Commonwealth, Antarctic and commercial vessels.

**Management of established pests and weeds<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.3	4.3
2025-26	~	0.5	~	0.2	~	0.2	~	~	5.8
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>10.1</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

This program supports states to build the skills and capacity of land managers, communities and industry to better manage established pest animals and weeds, and undertake on-ground reduction and prevention activities for established pests and weeds.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Marine Parks Management – Northern Territory Marine Parks**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.9	0.9
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.9	0.9
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>

The Australian Government is funding a partnership between the Director of National Parks and the Northern Territory Government to support integrated management across contiguous Commonwealth and Northern Territory marine parks.

**Marinus Link**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	27.5	-	-	27.5
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>27.5</b>	-	-	<b>27.5</b>

The Australian Government committed \$75.0 million over three years from 2022–23 to progress the design and approvals phase of the Marinus Link project (including associated on-island transmission augmentation known as the North West Transmission Developments) to a final investment decision planned for 2025.

**National Hydrogen Technology Skills Training Centre**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
2026-27	-	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0
2027-28	-	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>10.0</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>10.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding of \$10 million over three years from 2025–26 to establish a National Hydrogen Technology Skills Training Centre in Victoria. The training centre will provide a focal point for hydrogen workforce development, benefiting both those seeking to learn new competencies and those seeking to teach the new techniques required for the hydrogen sector.

**National Plant Health Surveillance Program<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	..	0.1	1.0
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	1.2
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	1.2
2027-28	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	1.3
2028-29	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>6.0</b>

a) State allocations have yet to be determined.

The Australian Government is providing funding to support Australia’s plant biosecurity system through the National Plant Health Surveillance Program. The program focuses on early detection of national priority plant pests that can enter and establish in Australia. The program is implemented through effective collaboration with all Australian jurisdictions and aims to minimise the impact of pest incursions on agricultural industries, environmental assets and communities through timely pest detection, and provide surveillance data that supports trade and market access.



**North Queensland strata title resilience pilot program**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	38.6	-	-	-	-	-	38.6
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>38.6</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>38.6</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support strata title properties in North Queensland to undertake disaster mitigation works to improve resilience. The Queensland Government will implement and administer the initiative.

**Partnering to implement the National Soil Action Plan**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	2.1	0.8	1.0	1.6	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.9	8.1
2025-26	-	1.6	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.2	0.5	6.0
2026-27	-	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.7	3.8
2027-28	-	-	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.3	2.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>20.0</b>

The Australian Government will provide \$20.0 million to support state initiatives that make progress against the Four Priority Actions of the first National Soil Action Plan (2023–28). The Australian Government will provide national coordination and leadership to drive progress against the nationally agreed Priority Actions, while working in partnership with the states to deliver programs and initiatives that are tailored to regional soil needs and conditions.

**Pest and disease preparedness and response programs<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	45.7	48.7	88.5	21.9	7.0	-	6.6	5.9	224.3
2025-26	15.3	-	129.2	3.6	-	-	-	0.6	148.7
2026-27	20.0	-	90.9	-	-	-	-	0.1	111.0
2027-28	-	-	64.0	-	-	-	-	-	64.0
2028-29	-	-	34.6	-	-	-	-	-	34.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>81.0</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>407.2</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>582.6</b>

a) State allocations are indicative estimates only. Funding is conditional on agreed national responses to pest or disease incursions.

The Australian Government is supporting agricultural producers and protecting Australia's unique environment by contributing to the eradication of exotic animal, plant and environmental pests and diseases.

This program protects Australia's enviable animal and plant pest and disease status, enabling continued access to export markets. It also protects Australia's unique environment and the tourism industries it supports, with direct positive effects on rural communities, businesses and employees.

**Protecting Our Communities (Disaster Resilience) Program**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	6.6	0.1	2.8	5.2	0.1	0.6	-	10.0	25.4
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>25.4</b>

The Australian Government is delivering important disaster resilience projects across Australia that were identified by communities to improve their disaster resilience and announced ahead of the 2022 Federal Election. The program is being delivered in two tranches. Tranche 2, which commenced in 2023–24, provides \$29.4 million for 16 projects nationally, administered through the states.

**Recycling Modernisation Fund**

The Australian Government is providing funding for improved recycling outcomes by addressing critical infrastructure and technology gaps in Australia’s waste management and resource recovery system.

Funding is being provided via a number of streams including a main Recycling Modernisation Fund stream, a Regional and Remote stream, a National Paper Solutions stream and a Plastics Technology stream.

**Plastics technology stream**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	2.4	5.7	0.5	1.2	18.8	-	-	-	28.7
2025-26	1.8	8.9	1.8	0.5	1.2	-	-	-	14.3
2026-27	2.2	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.1
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46.0</b>

The Australian Government is investing in advanced recycling technologies to build Australia’s recycling capability for hard-to-recycle plastics and address low plastics recycling rates. This will drive progress on the National Packaging Targets and deliver food grade recycled plastic for packaging.

**Recycling Infrastructure**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	5.0	3.5	26.1	16.5	4.7	1.5	3.0	2.8	63.1
2025-26	8.1	3.7	11.2	12.0	1.6	0.2	2.0	2.3	41.1
2026-27	8.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.2
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>112.4</b>

The Australian Government is investing in waste recovery, processing and recycling infrastructure to respond to the ban on the export of waste paper, plastic, glass and tyres, agreed by all Australian governments in March 2020. Funding has been provided towards a national solution for paper recycling, projects that address regional and remote recycling challenges, and to help overcome the urban–regional divide, and projects that increase Australia’s waste processing and recycling capacity and support Australia’s circular economy.

**Reef 2050 Plan**

The Australian Government is investing in implementation of the Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan (Reef 2050 Plan) as part of its broader commitment to protect the Great Barrier Reef and secure reef jobs.

**Paddock to Reef Monitoring, Modelling and Reporting Program**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	7.9	-	-	-	-	-	7.9
2025-26	-	-	4.6	-	-	-	-	-	4.6
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12.5</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to the Queensland Government to support stronger paddock to reef monitoring, modelling and reporting. This will enhance Australia’s understanding of the impacts of investments in land and sea country restoration and measures to further prevent degradation. It will also better enable governments to track progress towards all water quality targets, produce report cards and provide information and tools for efficient targeting of investments to the highest priority areas and actions.

**Sustainable Fisheries**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	18.0	-	-	-	-	-	18.0
2025-26	-	-	18.0	-	-	-	-	-	18.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>36.0</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>36.0</b>

The Australian Government will provide funding to decrease risks to threatened and protected species listed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and position reef fisheries at the forefront of best practice and sustainability.

**Saving Native Species**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	1.6	-	-	-	1.6
2025-26	-	-	-	-	0.6	-	-	-	0.6
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>2.2</b>	-	-	-	<b>2.2</b>

The Australian Government is supporting South Australia to create a new safe haven on Flinders Island for nationally threatened bird and mammal species, to protect and enhance the island’s unique ecosystems.

**Strengthen Australia’s frontline biosecurity capability and domestic preparedness**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	2.9	1.0	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.2	..	0.1	6.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>6.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the delivery of on-farm and off-farm traceability improvements, including to support states transition to a national system for the individual electronic identification (eID) of sheep and goats, to be delivered and co-funded by state governments and industry.

**Support Forestry Strategy Development<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	1.2
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.6
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	<b>1.8</b>

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government will provide \$1.8 million to assist states to participate in a review of the 1992 National Forest Policy Statement to ensure it meets Australia's contemporary forest management objectives.

**Temporary cap on the price of coal**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	nfp	-	nfp	-	-	-	-	-	nfp
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>nfp</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>nfp</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>nfp</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the New South Wales and Queensland governments to implement a temporary cap of \$125 per tonne on the price of coal used for electricity generation.

**Transforming Digital Environmental Assessments**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	0.9	0.9	0.9	-	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.8	5.6
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>5.6</b>

The Australian Government is building on previous work to implement programs, tools and mechanisms to harmonise and share biodiversity data among Commonwealth and state governments. Under this program, states will transform and share biodiversity data with the new National Biodiversity Data Repository that, among other activities, will support states to share environmental assessment processes and co-design environmental assessment portals.

**Urban Rivers and Catchments Program<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	4.4	8.2	4.3	5.1	6.2	1.5	1.2	0.9	31.7
2025-26	4.6	6.0	2.6	3.9	4.2	2.3	0.9	1.1	25.7
2026-27	3.3	2.2	1.9	3.5	1.3	2.2	0.9	1.1	16.3
2027-28	3.3	1.1	1.1	2.6	1.0	2.3	0.0	0.6	12.7
2028-29	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>87.4</b>

a) Totals include unallocated funding.

The Australian Government is providing funding to improve local waterways through an Urban Rivers and Catchments Program. Funding over six years from 2022–23 will restore natural habitats for aquatic species, improve water quality and improve community access to nature, open green space and biodiversity. Projects will be delivered by local government, water utilities and non-government organisations, with funding to be provided via the states.

**World Heritage Sites**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	0.8	-	3.1	0.4	0.1	5.1	-	-	9.6
2025-26	0.8	-	3.1	0.4	0.1	5.1	-	-	9.6
2026-27	0.8	-	3.1	0.4	0.1	5.1	-	-	9.6
2027-28	0.8	-	3.1	0.4	0.1	5.1	-	-	9.6
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38.4</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to address critical threats such as feral animals and weeds, and changed fire regimes, to conserve and restore the biodiversity of World Heritage sites, and for Executive Officers and Advisory Committees who support the provision of advice to government on the protection of World Heritage sites.

**Yellow crazy ants control**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	6.4	-	-	-	-	-	6.4
2025-26	-	-	6.3	-	-	-	-	-	6.3
2026-27	-	-	2.9	-	-	-	-	-	2.9
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15.6</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to ensure a more concerted approach to yellow crazy ant eradication activities in Townsville and adjacent to the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area in Cairns.

## Water services and infrastructure

In 2025–26, the Australian Government is estimated to provide \$716.2 million to support the delivery of water services and infrastructure in the states.

**Table 2.9.2 Water services and infrastructure<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<b>National Partnership payments</b>					
Great Artesian Basin Water Security Program	3.2	8.5	10.6	9.7	-
Implementing water reform in the Murray–Darling Basin	12.9	12.3	10.2	6.1	-
Improving compliance in the Murray–Darling Basin	8.6	9.0	4.3	-	-
Restoring the upper Murrumbidgee River program	5.0	7.3	6.0	1.0	1.0
Sustainable rural water use and infrastructure program	413.4	383.9	321.7	-	-
Water for the Environment Special Account					
Implementation of Constraints Measures	12.5	23.0	72.0	-	-
Off-farm Efficiency Program	8.0	-	-	-	-
Resilient Rivers Water Infrastructure Program	150.5	151.5	140.0	55.0	-
Sustainable Communities Program	15.1	55.1	72.2	56.6	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>664.2</b>	<b>716.2</b>	<b>702.6</b>	<b>201.7</b>	<b>1.0</b>

a) Total figures include items not for publication.

**Great Artesian Basin Water Security Program<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	1.9	-	1.3	-	-	-	3.2
2025-26	~	-	5.8	-	1.2	-	-	-	8.5
2026-27	~	-	7.9	-	1.2	-	-	-	10.6
2027-28	~	-	7.5	-	1.2	-	-	-	9.7
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32.0</b>

a) Totals include unallocated funding.

The Australian Government is providing funding under the Great Artesian Basin Water Security Program (extension to the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative) to continue the capping of uncontrolled bores and piping open bore drains to reduce water loss and recover groundwater pressure. In addition to infrastructure works, this program also funds education and communication programs and studies to assist with new water management arrangements.

**Implementing water reform in the Murray–Darling Basin<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	8.3	nfp	2.1	-	1.7	-	0.8	-	12.9
2025-26	7.7	nfp	2.1	-	1.7	-	0.8	-	12.3
2026-27	6.4	nfp	1.7	-	1.4	-	0.7	-	10.2
2027-28	3.9	nfp	1.0	-	0.8	-	0.4	-	6.1
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>nfp</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41.5</b>

a) A portion of funding is not for publication due to ongoing Basin Plan negotiations.

The Australian Government is providing funding to Murray–Darling Basin jurisdictions (New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and the Australian Capital Territory) for new and ongoing activities required to implement water reform associated with the Basin Plan.

**Improving Compliance in the Murray–Darling Basin<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	4.0	1.6	2.4	-	~	-	-	-	8.6
2025-26	4.9	0.7	1.9	-	~	-	-	-	9.0
2026-27	0.9	0.9	0.6	-	~	-	-	-	4.3
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21.9</b>

a) Totals include unallocated funding.

The Australian Government will provide funding to improve the automated measurement of water use and the subsequent transmission of the data to regulators. This will provide more timely and accurate data on water use, and increase public confidence in the use of water across the Murray–Darling Basin and compliance with sustainable limits.

**Restoring the upper Murrumbidgee River program**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	3.2	-	-	-	-	-	1.8	-	5.0
2025-26	4.7	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	-	7.3
2026-27	3.8	-	-	-	-	-	2.2	-	6.0
2027-28	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	1.0
2028-29	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20.3</b>

The Australian Government will provide funding to New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory for activities that will improve the health of the upper Murrumbidgee River. This includes projects that will address the decline in river health, and science and monitoring activities.



**Sustainable rural water use and infrastructure program<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	280.8	72.0	2.7	-	57.8	-	-	-	413.4
2025-26	287.5	72.2	1.0	-	23.3	-	-	-	383.9
2026-27	289.7	29.8	~	-	2.2	-	-	-	321.7
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>858.0</b>	<b>174.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83.3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,119.0</b>

a) State allocations are indicative estimates only and to be determined on the signing of agreements.

The Australian Government funds several measures under this program to support delivery of the Murray–Darling Basin Plan, including water recovery investment for ‘bridging the gap’ to Sustainable Diversion Limits. The program also funds implementation of supply measures, support for communities throughout the Murray–Darling Basin and efforts to improve the health of wetlands and freshwater ecosystems.

**Water for the Environment Special Account**

The Water for the Environment Special Account (WESA) sets aside Commonwealth funding to pay for projects that contribute to enhancing the environmental outcomes that can be achieved by the Basin Plan. This may include improving the water efficiency of irrigation infrastructure, purchasing water for the environment, or addressing any detrimental social or economic impact associated with a project or water purchase.

**Implementation of Constraints Measures<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	~	2.8	-	-	~	-	-	-	12.5
2025-26	~	~	-	-	~	-	-	-	23.0
2026-27	~	~	-	-	~	-	-	-	72.0
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>107.5</b>

a) Totals include unallocated funding.

The Australian Government is providing funding to New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia to ease or remove physical and operational constraints that restrict the delivery of water to environmental assets. Measures are being implemented in and along the Murray, Murrumbidgee and Goulburn rivers of the Murray–Darling Basin. Funding for constraints measures is also provided under the Sustainable Rural and Water Use and Infrastructure Program.

**Off-farm Efficiency Program**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	8.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.0</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>8.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding for state-led efficiency measures in the Murray–Darling Basin under the WESA. This will improve the efficiency of water delivery infrastructure and increase the volume of environmental water in the Murray–Darling Basin, leading to improved river health, agricultural activity and generating benefits for the local and regional communities. This program is being replaced by the Resilient Rivers Water Infrastructure Program to deliver against the *Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Act 2023*.

**Resilient Rivers Water Infrastructure Program<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	44.1	1.0	~	-	8.5	-	~	-	150.5
2025-26	11.0	0.3	~	-	6.6	-	~	-	151.5
2026-27	12.3	~	~	-	9.9	-	~	-	140.0
2027-28	~	~	~	-	~	-	~	-	55.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>497.0</b>

a) Totals include unallocated funding.

The Australian Government will provide funding for state-led water management, water delivery and efficiency measures to recover water towards Murray–Darling Basin Plan recovery targets in the WESA. This investment reduces water losses and improves water management by upgrading infrastructure leading to improved river health, agricultural activity and generating benefits for the local and regional communities. This program replaces the Off-farm Efficiency Program to deliver against the *Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Act 2023*.

**Sustainable Communities Program<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	8.1	nfp	nfp	-	7.0	-	-	-	15.1
2025-26	48.1	nfp	nfp	-	7.0	-	-	-	55.1
2026-27	64.2	nfp	nfp	-	8.0	-	-	-	72.2
2027-28	55.6	nfp	nfp	-	1.0	-	-	-	56.6
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>176.0</b>	<b>nfp</b>	<b>nfp</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>199.0</b>

a) A portion of funding is not for publication due to ongoing Basin Plan negotiations.

The Australian Government will provide funding for community adjustment assistance to minimise socio-economic impacts of water purchase towards the Murray–Darling Basin Plan recovery target of 450 gigalitres per year of additional environmental water. Further information on this program will be released in due course.

## Contingent payments

Contingent payments arise where the Australian Government has committed to provide compensation when an event occurs or has otherwise guaranteed a state's financial position. Payments to the states will only arise if the relevant event occurs.

**Table 2.10: Contingent payments to the states**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<b>National Partnership payments</b>					
Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements	558.4	-	-	-	-
Hepatitis C settlement fund	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>558.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>

### National Partnership payments for contingent services

#### Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements – expense estimates<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	7.0	20.5	82.1	-	-	29.1	-	-	558.4
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>82.1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>558.4</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government provides funding under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) to assist the states in relief and recovery efforts following natural disasters. The Government recognises a liability equal to the present value of future payments expected to be made to the states under the DRFA. The liability is based on state data estimates. It includes both known and future estimated expenditure for relief and recovery measures prior to states submitting a claim to the Australian Government.

The total cost of relief and recovery from disaster events may not be completely realised for some years. The Government has provisioned \$1.2 billion in the Contingency Reserve to fund these future costs.

Current estimates for the DRFA are based on the information available about past events, at the time of preparation of this Budget. These estimates do not include other, as yet unquantifiable, disaster support payments that will be provided through the DRFA. More information on the economic impact of ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred is available in Budget Paper No. 1, *Budget Strategy and Outlook 2025–26, Statement 1: Budget Overview*.

Estimated expenditure related to all natural disasters is regularly reviewed and revised by the states as new information becomes available, and this, or the occurrence of future natural disasters, can significantly affect the estimated DRFA liability and payments. More information is available in Budget Paper No. 1, *Budget Strategy and Outlook 2025–26, Statement 8: Statement of Risks*.

#### Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements – cash estimates<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	390.7	371.3	1,330.9	11.7	54.7	18.5	-	-	2,177.9
2025-26	375.3	262.5	1,869.8	24.6	22.7	4.3	0.2	49.3	2,608.7
2026-27	5,242.6	111.1	339.6	501.0	199.2	32.9	-	6.3	6,885.2
2027-28	268.5	1.5	71.9	8.1	9.8	-	-	-	359.8
2028-29	185.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	185.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,462.3</b>	<b>746.3</b>	<b>3,612.2</b>	<b>545.3</b>	<b>286.5</b>	<b>55.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>12,216.6</b>

a) The total 2026-27 and 5-year estimates include funding yet to be allocated.

Estimated cash payments for the DRFA illustrate when the Australian Government expects to reimburse the states for costs incurred in relation to past disasters. Revisions to the estimates since MYEFO are based on updated data received from the states.

#### Hepatitis C settlement fund<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.1
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.1
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.1
2027-28	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.1
2028-29	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.1
<b>Total</b>	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	<b>0.5</b>

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is contributing to out-of-court settlement costs for eligible people who contracted Hepatitis C as a result of blood transfusions in Australia between 1985 and 1991.

## Other payments

The Australian Government makes payments to the states to support a range of other services, as detailed in Table 2.11.

**Table 2.11: Payments to support other state services**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<b>National Access to Justice Partnership(a)</b>					
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander					
Legal Services	106.4	160.7	164.3	167.6	170.9
Community Legal Centres	67.9	104.5	109.9	112.1	114.4
Coronial inquiries and expensive and complex cases	2.7	-	-	-	-
Domestic Violence Units and Health Justice					
Partnerships	14.9	-	-	-	-
Family advocacy and support services	28.3	-	-	-	-
Family Violence Prevention Legal Services	-	70.4	71.9	73.4	74.8
Frontline support to address workplace sexual harassment	11.2	-	-	-	-
Increased legal assistance funding for vulnerable women	32.9	-	-	-	-
Legal Aid Commissions	274.9	341.4	350.2	357.2	364.4
Legal assistance family law pilot program	3.6	-	-	-	-
State and territory legal assistance administration	4.9	7.8	8.0	8.2	8.3
Support Criminal Justice Reform through Coronial Inquiries	5.4	-	-	-	-
Supporting increased child sexual abuse prosecutions	1.7	-	-	-	-
Supporting people with mental health conditions to access the justice system	14.5	-	-	-	-
Women's Legal Services	-	52.9	54.0	55.1	56.3
Total National Access to Justice Partnership	569.4	737.7	758.4	773.6	789.1
<b>National Partnership payments</b>					
Assistance for the Whyalla steel industry	178.0	32.0	-	-	-
Commonwealth Community Safety Order Scheme (CSO)	7.1	-	-	-	-
Commonwealth High Risk Terrorist Offender Regime	25.8	14.2	-	-	-
Countering Violent Extremism initiatives					
High Risk Extremist De-radicalisation Program	3.3	-	-	-	-
Living Safe Together Intervention Program	5.6	-	-	-	-
National Support and Intervention Program	-	23.8	25.0	26.1	26.8
Step Together Project	-	3.0	1.9	2.0	-

**Table 2.11: Payments to support other state services (continued)**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<b>National Partnership payments</b>					
Delivering high priority RFIs under CSO scheme	0.6	-	-	-	-
Family law information sharing	11.1	14.8	15.0	15.3	3.2
Financial assistance for police officers	55.0	17.0	-	-	-
Financial assistance to local governments					
Financial Assistance Grant program	509.2	3,452.7	3,588.1	3,724.0	3,863.3
Supplementary funding to South Australia for local roads	20.0	20.0	-	-	-
Focussed Deterrence and Domestic Violence					
Threat Assessment Centre pilots	-	8.9	9.1	9.4	-
Greek Orthodox Church Restoration Project	6.3	16.3	2.5	-	-
Implementation of Mandatory Country of Origin Labelling for Seafood	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	-
Indigenous Tourism Fund	5.8	11.2	-	-	-
Legal assistance for floods in QLD and NSW	3.0	3.0	-	-	-
National Competition Policy	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
National Firearms Register	30.1	30.5	28.6	12.7	-
National Labour Hire	4.0	-	-	-	-
National Tourism Icons Package	0.9	3.0	2.6	-	-
Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal					
Investment – Evaluation	0.7	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.1
Provision of fire services	29.3	30.5	31.5	-	-
Restoring integrity to our protection system	28.8	-	-	-	-
Scotdesco Water Security Project	0.3	-	-	-	-
Sinking fund on state debt	..	..	..	..	..
Specialised and trauma-informed legal services for victim-survivors of sexual assault	2.6	6.3	9.4	4.8	-
Support to Host Giant Pandas in South Australia	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
<b>Total National Partnership payments</b>	<b>928.5</b>	<b>3,689.2</b>	<b>3,715.9</b>	<b>3,797.0</b>	<b>3,895.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,497.8</b>	<b>4,426.9</b>	<b>4,474.4</b>	<b>4,570.6</b>	<b>4,684.2</b>

a) Funding for 2024–25 is provided by the National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020–25, which was included in the National Partnership payments line in Budget 2024–25 and prior budget updates. From 1 July 2025, the National Access to Justice Partnership provides ongoing funding to the legal assistance sector.

**National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020–25**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	154.8	108.9	123.3	69.2	45.4	19.0	12.2	36.5	569.4
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>154.8</b>	<b>108.9</b>	<b>123.3</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>569.4</b>

From 1 July 2020 over 5-years, the National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020–25 provides funding to all states for legal assistance services delivered by legal aid commissions, community legal centres and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services.

Table 2.11 lists all programs funded under the National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020–25.

**National Access to Justice Partnership**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	193.2	129.0	158.5	98.4	58.2	23.9	14.5	61.9	737.7
2026-27	198.7	133.1	162.4	101.1	59.9	25.0	14.9	63.3	758.4
2027-28	202.7	135.8	165.7	103.1	61.1	25.5	15.2	64.6	773.6
2028-29	206.7	138.5	169.0	105.2	62.3	26.0	15.5	65.8	789.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>801.4</b>	<b>536.5</b>	<b>655.6</b>	<b>407.8</b>	<b>241.5</b>	<b>100.5</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>255.6</b>	<b>3,058.9</b>

The Australian Government is providing ongoing funding from 1 July 2025 to all states via the National Access to Justice Partnership for legal assistance services delivered by legal aid commissions, community legal centres, women’s legal services, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services, and family violence prevention and legal services.

Table 2.11 lists all programs funded under the National Access to Justice Partnership.



## National Partnership payments for other services

### Assistance for the Whyalla steel industry

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	178.0	-	-	-	178.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	32.0	-	-	-	32.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>210.0</b>	-	-	-	<b>210.0</b>

The Australian Government is working with the South Australian Government to fund the administration, including ongoing operations, of the Whyalla Steelworks and to support eligible business creditors that remain out-of-pocket for debts owed during the administration period.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

### Commonwealth Community Safety Order (CSO)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	7.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.1
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.1</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>7.1</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to states to assist in implementing the CSO scheme, through which the Immigration Minister can apply to the Supreme Court in the relevant jurisdiction for the making of supervision or detention orders in line with the *Criminal Code Act 1995*, in relation to certain non-citizens who pose a risk of harm to the community.

### Commonwealth High Risk Terrorist Offender Regime<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	16.1	9.4	~	~	~	~	~	~	25.8
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	14.2
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>9.4</b>	~	~	~	~	~	~	<b>40.0</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding to states to assist in protecting the Australian community from the threat posed by convicted high risk terrorist offenders.

### Countering Violent Extremism initiatives

The Australian Government is providing funding to states to strengthen national efforts to counter violent extremism (CVE).

#### High Risk Extremist De-radicalisation Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	3.3
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to states to enhance their capability to deliver interventions to high risk violent extremists in custody and in the community and support their disengagement from violent extremism.

#### Living Safe Together Intervention Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	5.6
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>5.6</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to expand the national Living Safe Together Intervention Program online and into regional and rural Australia. The program provides tailored intervention services to individuals at risk of radicalising to violent extremism.

#### National Support and Intervention Program<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	23.8
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
2027-28	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	26.1
2028-29	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	26.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>101.6</b>

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing funding to support states to deliver a consolidated CVE Intervention Program that supports individuals at-risk of radicalising to violent extremism, whether they are in the community or in custodial settings. The National Support and Intervention Program supersedes the Living Safe Together Intervention Program and the High-Risk Rehabilitation and Reintegration Program.

**Step Together Project**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
2026-27	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.9
2027-28	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.8</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>6.8</b>

The Australian Government is partnering with the NSW Department of Communities and Justice to nationalise the ‘Step Together’ program. The program provides a helpline, online referral tool and digital support service that allows people in the community to receive support from qualified case managers in real-time. It is a resource for friends and families of individuals showing signs of violent extremism, and provides information and support to protect those who may be vulnerable.

**Delivering high priority RFIs under CSO scheme**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	0.2	0.3	0.1	..	-	-	..	-	0.6
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.6</b>

The Australian Government is providing one-off funding to states to assist in responding to Requests for Information (RFIs) in support of applications for Community Safety Orders.

**Family law information sharing<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	1.5	1.0	1.4	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2	11.1
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	14.8
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	15.0
2027-28	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	15.3
2028-29	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	3.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>59.3</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is supporting the placement of state child protection and policing officials in the family law courts across Australia. These co-located officials are facilitating information sharing between the family law, child protection and family violence systems. They are also fostering a more coordinated response to safety issues, to promote the safety and wellbeing of families and children.

**Financial assistance for police officers**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	55.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55.0
2025-26	17.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>72.0</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>72.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to the NSW Government to reimburse NSW police officers adversely impacted by the method of payment of insurance premiums under the former Police Blue Ribbon Insurance scheme.

**Financial assistance to local governments****Financial Assistance Grant program**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
<b>2024-25</b>									
General purpose assistance	110.3	90.3	72.3	38.3	24.4	7.5	6.2	3.3	352.7
Local road component	45.4	32.3	29.3	23.9	8.6	8.3	5.0	3.7	156.5
Total financial assistance to local governments(a)	155.7	122.6	101.6	62.2	33.0	15.8	11.2	7.0	509.2
<b>2025-26</b>									
General purpose assistance	745.9	614.4	491.4	261.3	164.5	50.2	41.6	22.3	2,391.5
Local road component	307.9	218.8	198.8	162.3	58.3	56.2	34.0	24.9	1,061.2
Total financial assistance to local governments	1,053.8	833.2	690.2	423.6	222.8	106.5	75.6	47.1	3,452.7
<b>2026-27</b>									
General purpose assistance	773.6	639.9	511.5	272.7	169.9	51.6	43.1	23.0	2,485.3
Local road component	320.0	227.4	206.6	168.6	60.6	58.4	35.4	25.8	1,102.8
Total financial assistance to local governments	1,093.6	867.3	718.1	441.3	230.5	110.0	78.5	48.8	3,588.1
<b>2027-28</b>									
General purpose assistance	801.8	665.7	531.5	283.7	175.3	53.0	44.7	23.7	2,579.5
Local road component	332.1	236.0	214.5	175.0	62.9	60.7	36.7	26.8	1,144.6
Total financial assistance to local governments	1,133.9	901.7	745.9	458.7	238.2	113.7	81.4	50.5	3,724.0
<b>2028-29</b>									
General purpose assistance	830.7	692.1	551.9	294.9	180.9	54.6	46.4	24.5	2,675.9
Local road component	344.5	244.8	222.5	181.6	65.3	62.9	38.1	27.8	1,187.4
Total financial assistance to local governments	1,175.2	936.9	774.4	476.4	246.2	117.5	84.5	52.4	3,863.3

a) Funding of \$2.8 billion was brought forward from 2024–25 and paid in 2023–24 in recognition of the workforce, supply chain and cashflow pressures that local governments face, hence the figures in 2024–25 are lower than in other years.

The Financial Assistance Grant program consists of two components: a general purpose component and a local road component. The general purpose component is the larger component and is distributed between states on a per-capita basis, while the local road component is distributed between states according to fixed historical shares.

Funding under the Financial Assistance Grant program is paid through state governments to local governments. State grants commissions determine the intrastate distribution of the grants between local governments. Both funding components are untied and can be spent according to each local government's own priorities.

The Australian Government will continue to work with states in relation to the financial support of the local government sector, including advancing funding earlier than would usually occur.

#### Supplementary funding to South Australia for local roads

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	20.0	-	-	-	20.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	20.0	-	-	-	20.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>40.0</b>	-	-	-	<b>40.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing supplementary funding to South Australia for local roads.

#### Focused Deterrence and Domestic Violence Threat Assessment Centre pilots<sup>(a)</sup>

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	8.9
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	9.1
2027-28	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	9.4
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	<b>27.4</b>

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing funding to pilot two new innovative models to engage law enforcement and community services to intervene in high-risk and serial family violence offending. The two models, focused deterrence and Domestic Violence Threat Assessment Centres, involve multi-agency partnerships that support the identification and case management of perpetrators, including those who may be on an intimate partner homicide trajectory.

**Greek Orthodox Church Restoration Project**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	6.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.3
2025-26	16.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.3
2026-27	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>25.0</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>25.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing up to \$25 million funding towards major restoration works at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia site at Cleveland Street, Redfern, New South Wales.

**Implementation of Mandatory Country of Origin Labelling for Seafood<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.4
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.4
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.4
2027-28	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.4
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	<b>1.6</b>

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government will provide funding to introduce a new Country of Origin Fish Labelling Standard for seafood sold in hospitality settings.

**Indigenous Tourism Fund<sup>(a)</sup>**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	3.0	0.9	-	-	-	1.9	5.8
2025-26	~	~	~	2.1	~	~	~	1.1	11.2
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	~	~	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	~	~	~	<b>3.0</b>	<b>17.0</b>

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding to co-invest with states on strategic projects that increase the supply of First Nations tourism experiences and create supply chain opportunities for First Nations tourism businesses. This program uses the Indigenous Tourism Fund to leverage and co-invest in significant First Nations tourism projects that align with strategic priorities of states and deliver long-term benefits for the First Nations tourism sector in each jurisdiction.

**Legal assistance for floods in QLD and NSW**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	1.8	-	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
2025-26	1.8	-	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to community legal centres in New South Wales and Queensland, in areas that were affected by the 2019–20 bushfires and the 2022 floods. This funding will help meet the increase in demand for legal assistance services to individuals, small businesses, and primary producers following these unprecedented natural disasters.

**National Competition Policy**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
2025-26	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
2026-27	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
2027-28	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
2028-29	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<b>Total</b>	<b>nfp</b>	<b>nfp</b>	<b>nfp</b>	<b>nfp</b>	<b>nfp</b>	<b>nfp</b>	<b>nfp</b>	<b>nfp</b>	<b>nfp</b>

The Australian Government is working with states to support delivery and ongoing development of consistent and complementary reforms that will create a more seamless and competitive Australian economy.

**National Firearms Register**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	2.8	3.9	3.5	0.5	3.9	4.7	4.5	6.2	30.1
2025-26	3.6	3.0	3.8	1.0	2.7	5.9	5.0	5.5	30.5
2026-27	3.0	3.0	1.0	3.7	2.7	4.7	6.3	4.2	28.6
2027-28	1.0	1.0	0.6	1.7	2.4	1.5	2.9	1.6	12.7
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>101.8</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding over four years to states to implement the National Firearms Register, a signature community and police safety initiative.

### National Labour Hire

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>4.0</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>4.0</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to progress a harmonised approach to national labour hire reform.

### National Tourism Icons Package

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	0.6	-	-	0.3	-	-	0.9
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	3.0	-	-	3.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	-	-	2.6
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>0.6</b>	-	-	<b>5.9</b>	-	-	<b>6.5</b>

The National Tourism Icons Package provides a catalyst for developing tourism within each region, creating jobs, and helping to diversify local economies. Projects are the construction of the Wangetti Trail in Queensland and upgrading tourist facilities at Freycinet in Tasmania.

### Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment – Evaluation

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.7	0.7
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	1.1
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	1.1
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6	1.6
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	1.1
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.5</b>

The Australian Government will provide funding to the Northern Territory Government to evaluate existing Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment activities to strengthen the evidence base for future investment.

The Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment agreement supports the Northern Territory to improve schooling for First Nations children, make communities safer and healthier, and increase access to interpreter services and job opportunities for First Nations Australians. Other components of this funding agreement are discussed in the Health, Education and Community Services sections of this Part.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.



**Provision of fire services**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	7.0	3.9	4.9	2.5	1.7	0.2	6.1	2.9	29.3
2025-26	7.3	4.1	5.1	2.7	1.7	0.2	6.3	3.1	30.5
2026-27	7.5	4.2	5.3	2.7	1.8	0.3	6.5	3.2	31.5
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>91.3</b>

The Australian Government is contributing to the provision of standard fire services to Australian Government-owned property in states.

**Restoring integrity to our protection system**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	12.2	9.4	3.0	1.8	1.2	0.3	0.6	0.3	28.8
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>28.8</b>

The Australian Government is funding the delivery of efficient and effective legal assistance services to individuals seeking to appeal Permanent Protection Visa decisions made by the Department of Home Affairs and/or the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (and its successor body, the Administrative Review Tribunal).

**Scotdesco Water Security Project**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	0.3	-	-	-	0.3
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.3</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to contribute towards the investigation and delivery of a permanent solution to drinking water for the remote community of Scotdesco in South Australia.

**Sinking fund on state debt**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	..
2025-26	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	..
2026-27	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	..
2027-28	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	..
2028-29	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	..
<b>Total</b>	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	..

The Australian Government is contributing to the Debt Retirement Reserve Trust Account on behalf of New South Wales and Victoria in accordance with the *Financial Agreement Act 1994*. Monies standing to the credit of the account are applied to repurchase state debt that is governed by this legislation.

**Specialised and trauma-informed legal services for victim-survivors of sexual assault**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	0.9	-	0.9	-	-	0.9	-	2.6
2025-26	0.6	1.2	0.6	1.2	0.6	0.6	1.2	0.6	6.3
2026-27	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	9.4
2027-28	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	4.8
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>23.1</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to pilot new service models across Australia to provide victim-survivors of sexual assault with greater access to specialised and trauma-informed legal support and guidance in navigating the justice system.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

**Support to Host Giant Pandas in South Australia**

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	0.8	-	-	-	0.8
2025-26	-	-	-	-	0.8	-	-	-	0.8
2026-27	-	-	-	-	0.8	-	-	-	0.8
2027-28	-	-	-	-	0.8	-	-	-	0.8
2028-29	-	-	-	-	0.8	-	-	-	0.8
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>3.8</b>	-	-	-	<b>3.8</b>

The Australian Government is providing funding to the South Australian Government to host two giant pandas in the Adelaide Zoo.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

## Part 3: General revenue assistance

### Overview

General revenue assistance is provided to state and territory governments (states), without conditions, to spend according to their own budget priorities. In 2025–26, the states are expected to receive \$100.6 billion from the Australian Government in total general revenue assistance, which is estimated to represent 25.0 per cent of total Australian Government expenditure in that year. This consists of the GST entitlement of \$95.2 billion (comprising the GST pool and the Commonwealth funded GST pool boost), horizontal fiscal equalisation (HFE) transition payments of \$4.9 billion (also known as the No Worse Off guarantee) and \$533.5 million of other general revenue assistance.

Total GST-related payments to the states (GST entitlements plus HFE transition payments) are estimated to increase from \$100.1 billion in 2025–26 and reach \$117.2 billion by 2028–29.

2025–26 is the fifth year in the six-year transition to the updated GST distribution system, which will ensure that no state will have a per capita GST share lower than the fiscally stronger of New South Wales or Victoria. It is also the second year that the GST relativity floor of 0.75 is in effect, which means a state’s GST share cannot fall below this level. During this transition, the Australian Government has guaranteed, through legislation, that each state will not receive less than they would have under the previous GST distribution system by using, if necessary, HFE transition payments.

In December 2023, the Australian Government agreed to extend this guarantee for three years until 2029–30. At the Council on Federal Financial Relations meeting on 29 November 2024, the Commonwealth and all states other than Western Australia agreed the Extension of the No Worse Off Guarantee funding agreement, which formalised the extension of the guarantee.

Estimated general revenue assistance provided to the states by the Australian Government is shown in Table 3.1. Table 1.1 in Part 1 shows a breakdown by state.

**Table 3.1: General revenue assistance**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
GST-related payments					
GST entitlement	90,278.2	95,151.0	100,276.5	105,907.5	111,568.9
HFE transition payments(a)	5,308.5	4,940.4	5,633.9	5,634.6	5,602.0
Total GST-related payments	95,586.7	100,091.4	105,910.4	111,542.1	117,170.8
Other general revenue assistance(b)	693.5	533.5	447.4	417.8	342.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>96,280.2</b>	<b>100,624.9</b>	<b>106,357.8</b>	<b>111,959.8</b>	<b>117,513.5</b>

a) Estimates of the HFE transition payments for 2026–27 and later years are based on the Commonwealth Grants Commission’s recommended 2025–26 GST relativities and adjusted to take into account the transition to the new HFE system. The 2026–27, 2027–28 and 2028–29 HFE transition payments are assumed to be 90 per cent, 85 per cent and 80 per cent respectively of that implied using the 2025–26 GST relativities. At the time of the 2025–26 Budget, the Treasurer had not yet made a determination of the 2025–26 GST relativities.

b) More detail about other general revenue assistance payments is provided in Table 3.7.

## GST payments

Under the *Federal Financial Relations Act 2009*, the states are entitled to receive payments from the Australian Government equivalent to the revenue raised from the GST in any given financial year, subject to some minor adjustments. From 2021–22, the states' GST entitlements are boosted each year by additional Australian Government funding as described below.

The Australian Government makes monthly payments (advances) to the states throughout the year based on GST estimates for that year. Estimates of the GST are used because the actual amount of GST revenue for the financial year is unknown until after the end of the financial year. Once the amount of GST revenue is known, the Treasurer makes a determination of the GST entitlement for that year. A balancing adjustment is made to each state's payment to ensure they receive the GST to which they are entitled. These balancing adjustments (referred to as the 'prior year balancing adjustment') are made in the following financial year.

### Calculating the GST payments

Adjustments and additions are made to GST revenue to calculate the amount of GST paid to the states in any given year. In particular, adjustments are made to move from GST revenue (an accrual concept) to GST receipts (cash) as GST receipts are the basis for the GST paid to the states.

- Some GST revenue accrued during a financial year is not remitted to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) by 30 June of that year because it is not due to be paid until Business Activity Statements (BAS) are lodged in the following financial year. For taxpayers other than Australian Government agencies, this accrued amount is included in GST revenue but not in GST receipts.
- Penalties owed to the ATO, other than general interest charge (GIC) penalties, are not included in the GST to be paid to the states as defined in the *Federal Financial Relations Act 2009*.
- Some GST collected by Australian Government agencies is not remitted to the ATO by 30 June in each financial year because it is not due to be paid until the next BAS is lodged. This amount is included in Australian Government receipts but is not included in GST payments to the states until it is remitted to the ATO.
- From 2021–22, the Australian Government is boosting the states' GST entitlement each year with additional funding. Since 2021–22, the Australian Government has injected \$600.0 million annually into the GST pool, with this amount growing in line with the underlying growth of the GST. Since 2024–25, the Australian Government has further boosted the GST pool by an additional \$250.0 million annually. This additional funding is distributed to the states in the same way as GST revenue.

In 2023–24, the states' GST entitlement was \$759.7 million higher than the advances paid during that year. A prior year balancing adjustment has been made to states' GST payments in 2024–25 to reflect this.

Table 3.2 reconciles GST revenue, GST entitlement and GST payments to the states.

**Table 3.2: Reconciling GST revenue, GST entitlement and GST payments to the states**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
GST revenue	94,420	99,300	104,560	110,540	116,550
<i>less</i> Change in GST receivables	5,020	5,066	5,251	5,672	6,069
GST receipts	89,400	94,234	99,309	104,868	110,481
<i>less</i> Non-GIC penalties collected	100	110	120	110	120
<i>less</i> GST collected by Commonwealth agencies but not yet remitted to the ATO	0	4	-1	-2	1
<i>plus</i> GST pool boost	978	1,031	1,087	1,148	1,209
GST entitlement	90,278	95,151	100,277	105,908	111,569
<i>plus</i> Prior year balancing adjustment	-760				
GST payments to the States(a)	89,519	95,151	100,277	105,908	111,569

a) These GST payment estimates do not take into account the ATO's GST administration costs, which will be deducted from GST payments to the states throughout the year on a monthly basis. They also do not take into account the HFE transition payments.

Table 3.3 reconciles the GST entitlement estimates since the 2024–25 MYEFO. The reconciliation accounts for policy decisions and parameter and other variations. The GST entitlement in 2025–26 has been revised up by \$1.0 million since the 2024–25 MYEFO.

**Table 3.3: Reconciliation of the GST entitlement estimates since the 2024–25 MYEFO**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
GST entitlement at 2024-25 MYEFO	90,631	95,150	100,387	105,967
Changes between 2024-25 MYEFO and 2025-26 Budget				
Effect of policy decisions	-	6	48	91
Effect of parameter and other variations	-353	-5	-158	-151
Total variations	-353	1	-110	-60
GST entitlement at 2025-26 Budget	90,278	95,151	100,277	105,908

The states' GST entitlement is expected to reach \$111.6 billion by 2028–29. Since the 2024–25 MYEFO, the GST entitlement has been revised down by \$500.0 million over the five years from 2024–25 to 2028–29.

Excluding new policy decisions, the GST entitlement has been revised down by \$5.1 million in 2025–26 and by \$902.6 million over the five years from 2024–25 to 2028–29, driven by the change in GST receipts. GST receipts have been downgraded over the forward estimates, primarily reflecting weaker-than-expected price pressures in the dwelling construction industry.

New tax policy measures announced since the 2024–25 MYEFO are expected to increase GST entitlement by \$6.1 million in 2025–26 and by \$402.6 million over the five years from 2024–25 to 2028–29.

**Table 3.4: Policy decisions since the 2024–25 MYEFO that affect the GST entitlement**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Strengthening Tax Integrity	-	6	48	91	258
Supporting the Hospitality Sector and Alcohol Producers	-	..	..	..	..
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>258</b>

Detailed information on policy decisions taken since the 2024–25 MYEFO is included in Budget Paper No. 2.

### Distribution of the GST among the states

The Australian Government distributes the GST among the states based on the GST relativities recommended by the Commonwealth Grants Commission (the CGC).

The detailed calculation for the distribution of the GST entitlement in 2025–26 is shown in Table 3.5. This method of calculation is prescribed in the *Federal Financial Relations Act 2009*. At the time of the 2025–26 Budget, the Treasurer had not yet made a determination of the 2025–26 GST revenue sharing relativities. The GST relativities in Table 3.5 use those recommended by the CGC for 2025–26.

**Table 3.5: Calculation of GST entitlements**

	Estimated 31 December population (1)	GST relativities (2)	Adjusted population (1) x (2)	Share of adjusted population	Share of GST pool \$million
<b>2025-26</b>					
NSW	8,646,188	0.86034	7,438,661	26.7%	25,436
VIC	7,164,738	1.06722	7,646,352	27.5%	26,146
QLD	5,732,492	0.84571	4,848,026	17.4%	16,578
WA	3,055,180	0.75000	2,291,385	8.2%	7,835
SA	1,904,131	1.38876	2,644,381	9.5%	9,042
TAS	577,124	1.84053	1,062,214	3.8%	3,632
ACT	483,960	1.17223	567,312	2.0%	1,940
NT	257,839	5.15112	1,328,160	4.8%	4,542
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,821,652</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>27,826,491</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>95,151</b>

In 2018, the Australian Government reformed the system of HFE to provide a fairer way to distribute the GST among the states. From 2021–22, the system began its transition to a more stable and predictable equalisation standard that will reduce volatility in states' GST payments.

To support the states' transition to the new system, the Australian Government provided an additional \$5.2 billion in transitional GST top-up payments over the three years to 2021–22 to ensure that no state had an effective GST relativity below 0.7, or 4.66024 for the Northern Territory. At the time of the 2018 reforms, it was estimated that \$1.8 billion in top-up payments would be required over those three years.

From 2022–23, the new HFE system included a relativity floor of 0.7, permanently increasing to 0.75 in 2024–25. Further, the Australian Government has guaranteed that each state will receive at least the cumulative better of the old or the new HFE system for the nine years from 2021–22 to 2029–30. The HFE transition payments associated with this guarantee are outlined in Table 3.1.

The CGC does not forecast GST relativities beyond the budget year. The distribution of GST among the states and any resulting transitional payments beyond the budget year is calculated based on a technical assumption that uses the CGC's recommended 2025–26 GST relativities as the starting point, adjusted to reflect the transition to the updated distribution system.

In 2026–27, 2027–28, and 2028–29, the transitional payments are assumed to be 90 per cent, 85 per cent and 80 per cent respectively, of what would be expected using the 2025–26 GST relativities. Commodity prices are projected to fall from their current levels which will cause GST relativities to revert towards their historical averages. However, the three-year lag in the CGC's relativity calculations means that the reversion will be more gradual than previously anticipated. The estimates (shown in Table 3.1) do not reflect any attempt to project future GST relativities.

The Australian Government is expected to provide an estimated \$21.8 billion in HFE transition payments from 2025–26 to 2028–29 to support the transition to the new HFE system.

## GST administration

States compensate the Australian Government for the costs incurred by the ATO for administering the GST, including by the Department of Home Affairs. In practice, this is achieved by the Australian Government reducing the monthly GST payments to the states by the GST administration costs.

The GST administration budget for the ATO is estimated to be \$693.0 million for 2025–26, as shown in Table 3.6.

**Table 3.6: Reconciliation of the GST administration budget**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Administration budget at 2024-25 Budget	709	722	724	482	na
Total variations from 2024-25 Budget to 2024-25 MYEFO	-	-29	-33	-25	na
Administration budget at 2024-25 MYEFO	709	693	691	457	na
Changes from 2024-25 MYEFO to 2025-26 Budget					
<i>Parameter variations</i>	-	-1	-1	..	10
<i>Other variations (a)</i>	-60	1	7	..	-
Total variations	-60	..	7	..	10
Administration budget at 2025-26 Budget (b)	649	693	697	457	456
less Prior year adjustment	-33	-	-	-	-
<b>equals State government payments</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>456</b>

a) Other variations include reduction in forecasts primarily due to expected lower indirect cost attributions to GST.

b) Decreases in estimates from 2027–28 reflect the end of GST Compliance Program announced at the 2023–24 Budget.

## Other general revenue assistance

Like GST, other general revenue assistance is provided to the states, without conditions, to spend according to their own budget priorities.

**Table 3.7: Other general revenue assistance**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
ACT municipal services	45.4	46.3	47.5	48.4	49.5
Royalty payments	648.1	487.2	400.0	369.4	293.2
<b>Total other general revenue assistance</b>	<b>693.5</b>	<b>533.5</b>	<b>447.4</b>	<b>417.8</b>	<b>342.7</b>



## Australian Capital Territory municipal services

The Australian Government provides general revenue assistance to the Australian Capital Territory to assist in meeting the additional municipal costs that arise from Canberra’s role as the national capital. The payments also compensate the Australian Capital Territory for additional costs resulting from the national capital planning influences on the provision of water and sewerage services.

## Royalty payments

### Western Australia

The Australian Government provides general revenue assistance to Western Australia from royalties collected under the *Offshore Petroleum (Royalty) Act 2006* in respect of the North West Shelf oil and gas project off the coast of Western Australia. The Australian Government collects these royalties because it has jurisdiction over offshore areas.

Royalties are shared between the Australian Government (approximately one third) and Western Australia (approximately two thirds). These revenue sharing arrangements are set out in the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.

### Compensation for reduced royalties

The Australian Government provides general revenue assistance to compensate Western Australia for the loss of royalty revenue resulting from the removal of the exemption of condensate from crude oil excise in the *2009–10 Budget*.

## Mirror tax arrangements

The Australian Government introduced mirror tax arrangements in 1998 to ensure that the states were not financially disadvantaged by the High Court decision in *Allders International Pty Ltd v Commissioner of State Revenue (Victoria)*, which invalidated state taxes on Commonwealth places. These arrangements mirror certain state taxes, including payroll taxes, land taxes and stamp duties, with respect to Commonwealth places. The states collect these mirror taxes on behalf of the Australian Government and bear the administrative costs of collection.

All mirror tax revenues are credited to the Australian Government and simultaneously appropriated to the states with no net impact on the Australian Government’s budget position as shown in Table 3.8.

**Table 3.8: Mirror taxes accrued on behalf of the states**

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Mirror taxes	961	1,005	1,062	1,120	1,179
less Transfers to state governments	961	1,005	1,062	1,120	1,179
Australian Government budget impact	-	-	-	-	-

## Appendix A: Parameters and further information

This appendix provides information on the parameters used in producing this Budget Paper.

Budget Paper No. 1, *Budget Strategy and Outlook 2025–26, Statement 2: Economic Outlook* provides information on the forecasting approach used in the 2025–26 Budget.

### Population

Population data are used to distribute funding between the state and territory governments (states) and in the calculation of annual growth factors.

#### Estimates of state populations

The Centre for Population in the Department of the Treasury (the Centre) constructs state population projections with demographic data and forecasts regarding fertility, mortality, net overseas migration and net interstate migration.

The Centre estimates population and the components of change on a financial year basis. The projected population for the mid-point of the financial year (31 December, Table A.1) is the simple average of the population at the beginning and end of the financial year (Table A.2).

**Table A.1: Population by state, at 31 December (million)**

million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)	Australia
2024(b)	8.541	7.045	5.638	2.998	1.887	0.576	0.477	0.256	27.418	27.423
2025	8.646	7.165	5.732	3.055	1.904	0.577	0.484	0.258	27.822	27.827
2026	8.741	7.272	5.813	3.102	1.918	0.579	0.490	0.260	28.176	28.181
2027	8.835	7.376	5.891	3.146	1.932	0.581	0.497	0.261	28.519	28.524
2028	8.931	7.482	5.970	3.191	1.945	0.583	0.503	0.263	28.868	28.873
2029	9.027	7.589	6.050	3.237	1.959	0.586	0.509	0.266	29.222	29.227

a) 'Total' is the sum of the states and territories shown, and excludes Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Norfolk Island.

b) Estimate for 2023–24, from ABS National, state & territory population, June 2024.

**Table A.2: Population by state, at 30 June (million)**

million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)	Australia
2023-24(b)	8.484	6.981	5.586	2.965	1.878	0.575	0.474	0.255	27.200	27.205
2024-25	8.597	7.109	5.690	3.030	1.896	0.576	0.481	0.257	27.636	27.641
2025-26	8.695	7.221	5.775	3.080	1.912	0.578	0.487	0.259	28.007	28.012
2026-27	8.788	7.324	5.852	3.123	1.925	0.580	0.493	0.260	28.346	28.351
2027-28	8.882	7.429	5.930	3.168	1.938	0.582	0.500	0.262	28.692	28.697
2028-29	8.979	7.535	6.010	3.213	1.952	0.585	0.506	0.265	29.044	29.049

a) 'Total' is the sum of the states and territories shown, and excludes Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Norfolk Island.

b) Estimate for 2023–24, from ABS National, state and territory population, June 2024.

### Fertility

The projected fertility rates are based on analysis undertaken and commissioned by the Centre (Table A.3). Nationally, the total fertility rate is forecast to be 1.44 babies per woman in 2024–25 before rising to 1.62 by 2031–32. Projected state fertility rates broadly move in line with the national fertility rate.

**Table A.3: Total fertility rate, for years ending 30 June**

	2023-24(a)	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Total fertility rate, Australia	1.49	1.44	1.47	1.49	1.52	1.54

a) Estimate for 2023–24, from ABS National, state and territory population, June 2024.

### Mortality

Projected life expectancy at birth is based on the Australian Government Actuary mortality improvement factors and the 2019–21 Australian Bureau of Statistics life tables (Table A.4). Life expectancies have been adjusted until 2028–29 to account for the impact of COVID-19 on excess mortality. Life expectancies are then assumed to improve at the same average annual rate that has been observed over the past three decades. Projected state mortality rates broadly move in line with the national mortality rate.

**Table A.4: Projected life expectancy at birth, for years ending 30 June**

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Male life expectancy at birth, Australia	81.5	81.8	82.1	82.3	82.6	82.8
Female life expectancy at birth, Australia	85.4	85.7	85.9	86.1	86.3	86.5

### Net overseas migration

The Centre forecasts net overseas migration (Table A.5). The forecasts incorporate official statistics prepared by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, as well as information provided by the Department of Home Affairs, including data on international arrivals and departures, offshore visa grants, and the number of temporary visa holders in Australia.

**Table A.5: Net overseas migration, for years ending 30 June**

	2023-24 (a)	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Net overseas migration, Australia	446,000	335,000	260,000	225,000	225,000	225,000

a) Estimate for 2023–24, from ABS National, state and territory population, June 2024.

### Interstate migration

The Centre projects net interstate migration (Table A.6), using historical interstate movements data supplied by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

**Table A.6: Net interstate migration by state, for years ending 30 June**

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT
2023-24(a)	-30,900	700	29,900	9,700	-1,600	-2,600	-1,600	-3,800
2024-25	-28,300	1,800	26,500	7,800	-2,200	-1,800	-700	-3,000
2025-26	-24,300	2,800	23,200	4,200	-2,900	-700	-200	-2,200
2026-27	-21,000	3,700	20,400	1,400	-3,400	200	300	-1,500
2027-28	-20,800	3,800	20,200	1,100	-3,400	200	300	-1,500
2028-29	-20,900	3,700	20,200	1,100	-3,300	300	300	-1,400

a) Estimate for 2023–24, from ABS National, state & territory population, June 2024.

### Wage cost indices

Table A.7 shows estimated growth in the wage cost indices used in this Budget Paper, rounded to the nearest quarter of a per cent.

**Table A.7: Wage cost indices**

Per cent	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Wage cost index – 1	3 1/4	2	2 1/2	2	2 1/4
Wage cost index – 3	3 1/2	2 1/4	2 3/4	2	2 1/4
Wage cost index – 6	3 1/2	2 1/4	3	2 1/4	2 1/4

### Data sources

The information in Appendix B and Appendix C of this Budget Paper is consistent with the ABS Government Finance Statistics reporting framework for the public sector.

Australian Government data are sourced from the Australian Government Consolidated Financial Statements, Australian Government Final Budget Outcomes, and ABS Government Finance Statistics. See Budget Paper No. 1, *Budget Strategy and Outlook 2025–26 Statement 9: Australian Government Budget Financial Statements*, and *Statement 10: Historical Australian Government Data*, for more information.

## Further information

A range of publications provide information that is relevant to analysing federal financial relations data, including:

- *National, state and territory population*
- *2024 Population Statement*, Centre for Population
- *Taxation Revenue, Australia*
- *Government Finance Statistics, Australia*
- *Australian System of Government Finance Statistics – Concepts, Sources and Methods*
- Information Paper: *Developments in Government Finance Statistics*
- Information Paper: *Accruals Based Government Finance Statistics*

Commonwealth Grants Commission publications provide information about the distribution of GST revenue. In relation to the 2025–26 financial year, the most relevant publication is the report *GST Relativities 2025–26*.



## Notes

(a) The following definitions are used in this Budget Paper:

- Budget year refers to 2025–26, while the forward years refer to 2025–26, 2026–27, 2027–28 and 2028–29.
- One billion is equal to one thousand million.

(b) Except where otherwise indicated, payments to the states in this Budget Paper are reported in expense terms, not cash terms.

(c) Figures in tables and the text have generally been rounded. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components reflect rounding unless otherwise noted.

- Estimates of \$100,000 and over are generally rounded to the nearest tenth of a million.
- Estimates midway between rounding points are rounded up.
- Percentage changes in tables are based on the underlying unrounded amounts.

(d) Tables use the following notations:

-	nil
na	not applicable
\$m	millions of dollars
\$b	billions of dollars
nfp	not for publication
*	unquantifiable
..	not zero, but rounded to zero
~	allocation not yet determined

(e) This Budget Paper uses the following conventions.

- The Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory of Australia are referred to as ‘the territories’.
- References to the ‘states’ or ‘each state’ include state governments and territory governments.

- Local governments are instrumentalities of state governments. Consequently, payments made to the state government sector include payments made to the local government sector unless otherwise specified.

- The following abbreviations are used, where appropriate:

NSW      New South Wales

VIC      Victoria

QLD      Queensland

WA      Western Australia

SA      South Australia

TAS      Tasmania

ACT      Australian Capital Territory

NT      Northern Territory

GST      Goods and Services Tax

- (f) The term ‘Commonwealth’ refers to the Commonwealth of Australia. The term is used when referring to the legal entity of the Commonwealth of Australia.

The term ‘Australian Government’ is used when referring to the Government of, and the decisions and activities made by the Government on behalf of, the Commonwealth of Australia.

Appendix B, *Total Payments to the States by Function*; Appendix C, *Supplementary Tables*; Appendix D, *Debt Transactions*; and Appendix E, *Appropriations and Conditions* are available online at: [www.budget.gov.au](http://www.budget.gov.au).

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