

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

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TITLE: STAFFING PROFILE

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- As of 31 August 2025, the Department of Social Services' (the Department) workforce comprised of:
 - 2,894 APS staff (headcount), 93.2% of the total workforce.
 - 211 contractors (headcount), 6.8% of the total workforce.
- Of the 2,894 APS staff, 2,819 are ongoing (97.4%), and 75 are non-ongoing (2.6%).
- The Machinery of Government changes resulted in 496 staff moving to Health, Disability and Ageing (417 on 31 July 2025 and 79 on 14 August 2025) and 74 moving to the Treasury (all on 31 July 2025).
- 6.5% of staff (189 APS) identify as having Disability (APS average of 5.5%*).
- 4.8% (138 APS) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff work for the Department (APS average of 3.4%*).
- 37.9% of our APS workforce (1,096) are located outside of the ACT.

*APS employment data 31 December 2024 published 19 March 2025.

KEY INFORMATION**ASL, FTE, headcount, and contractor figures**

	31-Aug-25	30-Jun-25	30-Jun-24	30-Jun-23
ASL Budget	2,905.2	2,917.8	2,894.1	2,428.5
ASL Actual	3,029.1	3,340.0	2,835.7	2,624.5
FTE	2,692.1	3,325.3	3,134.1	2,572.2
Headcount	2,894	3,566	3,404	2,823
Contractors	211	259	266	386
Contractor %	6.8	6.8	7.2	12.0

- While ASL forecasts are not published, funding is forecast to decrease over the forward estimates. This is mainly due to a decrease in operating funding for the National Redress Scheme. The end of these programs will involve a reduction or reprioritisation in the accompanying workforce. This is normal when programs cease or change and is an essential part of responsible financial management. In addition, Budget estimates included terminating programs in the Disability and Carers stream. Many Disability and Carer programs have now transferred to the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing in line with the Administrative Arrangements Order issued on 13 May 2025.

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- Any decisions to reduce workforce are made carefully, balancing workload requirements to deliver for the Australian public, the Department's fiscal and legislative responsibilities and the priorities of government.
- Careful allocation of the Department's funding and workforce will be undertaken to ensure that we will continue to deliver on those priorities. Ongoing monitoring of the budget position will ensure emerging pressures are identified early and managed, while balancing workloads and meeting requirements to deliver for the Australian public.

Geographical Spread (APS and contractor headcount)

State	APS and contractors 31-Aug-25		APS and contractors 30-Jun-25		APS and contractors 30-Jun-24	
	ACT	1,798 (62.1%)	119 (56.4%)	2,285 (64.1%)	154 (59.5%)	2,300 (67.6%)
NSW	297 (10.3%)	43 (20.4%)	349 (9.8%)	46 (17.8%)	324 (9.5%)	18 (6.8%)
NT	37 (1.3%)	4 (1.9%)	38 (1.1%)	4 (1.5%)	37 (1.1%)	1 (0.4%)
Qld	171 (5.9%)	12 (5.7%)	204 (5.7%)	12 (4.6%)	160 (4.7%)	3 (1.1%)
SA	144 (5.0%)	7 (3.3%)	158 (4.4%)	15 (5.8%)	145 (4.3%)	10 (3.8%)
TAS	116 (4.0%)	4 (1.9%)	119 (3.3%)	6 (2.3%)	106 (3.1%)	6 (2.3%)
Vic	244 (8.4%)	12 (5.7%)	310 (8.7%)	12 (4.6%)	254 (7.5%)	7 (2.6%)
WA	87 (3.0%)	10 (4.7%)	103 (2.9%)	10 (3.9%)	78 (2.3%)	6 (2.3%)
Total	2,894	211	3,566	259	3,404	266

Staff headcount and diversity numbers

Classification*	Actual**	Indigenous	Disability	CALD
SES 1-3	74	4	7	5
EL1-2	1,073	28	63	65
APS1-6	1,704	103	115	95
Graduates and trainees	43	3	4	3
Total	2,894	138	189	168

*APS employees only

**This includes staff in their acting role and the substantive who are on leave. For example, the SES figure includes 15 EL2 acting in SES 1 positions. See SES headcount detail table below.

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SES headcount detail

Classification	Nominal	Actual
SES 1-3	59	74

Separation rates

As at 31-Aug-25	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
15.3%	14.5%	16.9%	20.9%

Unscheduled absence

Unscheduled absence 30-Jun-25	Unscheduled absence 30-Jun-24	APS 2023-24 average	Large agency 2023-24 average
14.4	13.8	13.1	13.4

Excess Annual Leave balances

- As of 31 August 2025, 8.8% (256) of APS employees had annual leave in excess of 40 days (pro rata for part-time employees). This has reduced from 9.8% as of 31 December 2024.

Members of Parliamentary Services (MOPS)

- As of 31 August 2025, the number of employees on leave without pay to undertake employment under Members of Parliament Services (MoPS) is one.

Voluntary redundancy

To 31-Aug-25	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
\$436,366.43 (5)	\$757,247.61 (7)	\$1,052,219.14 (8)	\$365,272.84 (5)

SES incentive to retire

To 31-Aug-25	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
\$168,598.22 (1)	\$899,236.38 (6)	\$119,263 (1)	Nil

Background

- The Department actively monitors its staffing profile and key staffing metrics.
- The Department is committed to being an employer of choice.

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TITLE: GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING COSTS

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- Between 1 July 2024 and 31 August 2025, the Department of Social Services (the department) managed 3 Australian Government advertising campaigns:
 1. *Stop it at the Start* (Phase five)
 2. *Consent Can't Wait* (Phase one)
 3. *Hanging out to help out* (Volunteering)
- The department has spent a total of \$28,399,438 (GST exclusive) on advertising campaigns from 1 July 2024 to 31 August 2025, including \$24,579,238 on advertising (media) placement:
 - In the 2024-25 financial year, the department spent \$28,345,872 on advertising campaigns, including \$24,656,422 on advertising (media) placement.
 - In the 2025-26 financial year (to 31 August 2025), the department has spent \$53,566 on advertising campaigns, including -\$77,184 on advertising (media) placement processed as credits.

KEY INFORMATION

Stop it at the Start (Phase five)

- The *Stop it at the Start* campaign commenced in 2016 and aims to help break the cycle of violence by encouraging adults to reflect on their attitudes and have conversations about respect with young people aged 10-17.
- The *Stop it at the Start* campaign targets adults who influence young people aged 10-17 years, such as parents, grandparents, other family members, teachers, coaches and other important community role models.
- Phase five was in market from 17 June 2024 and 30 April 2025.
- From 1 July 2024 to 31 August 2025, \$13,198,755 (GST exclusive) was spent on the *Stop it at the Start* campaign, with \$11,860,789 (GST exclusive) spent on advertising (media) placement including:
 - In the 2024-25 financial year, the department spent \$13,220,982 on the *Stop it at the Start* campaign, including \$11,883,016 on advertising (media) placement.
 - In the 2025-26 financial year (to 31 August 2025), the department has spent -\$22,227 on the *Stop it at the Start* campaign, with this total amount being for advertising (media) placement credits.
- Funding is allocated for Phase six which is in development and is proposed to launch in 2026-27, subject to further Australian Government review.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**SB25-000401****Consent Can't Wait campaign (Phase one)**

- The *Consent Can't Wait* campaign aims to help reduce, over the long-term, the incidence of sexual violence in Australia by improving community understanding and attitudes on consent and healthy sexual relationships.
- The *Consent Can't Wait* campaign targets adults who influence young people aged 10-17, such as parents, grandparents, other family members and important role models.
- Phase one was in market from 26 May 2024 to 31 May 2025.
- From 1 July 2024 to 31 August 2025, \$12,711,176 (GST exclusive) was spent on the *Consent Can't Wait* campaign, with \$11,425,949 (GST exclusive) spent on advertising (media) placement.
 - In the 2024-25 financial year, the department spent \$12,635,410 on the *Consent Can't Wait* campaign, including \$11,480,183 on advertising (media) placement.
 - In the 2025-26 financial year (to 31 August 2025), the department has spent \$75,766 on the *Consent Can't Wait* campaign, including -\$54,234 on advertising (media) placement processed as credits.
- Funding is allocated for future phases. Pending government approvals, it is anticipated a Phase 1 maintenance burst will launch in late-2025 while Phase 2 is being developed.

Hanging out to help out campaign (Volunteering) (Phase one)

- The *Hanging out to help out* campaign aims to raise awareness, interest and consideration of volunteering among young people 15-18 years of age.
- The *Hanging out to help out* campaign targets young people to participate in volunteering activities prior to them entering the workforce makes a substantial difference in their participation rate for the rest of their lives.
- Phase one was in market from 20 October 2024 to 30 June 2025.
- From 1 July 2024 to 31 August 2025, \$2,489,506 (GST exclusive) was spent on the campaign, with \$1,292,500 (GST exclusive) spent on advertising (media) placement.
 - In the 2024-25 financial year, the department spent \$2,489,479 on the *Hanging out to help out* campaign, including \$1,293,223 on advertising (media) placement.
 - In the 2025-26 financial year (to 31 August 2025), the department has spent \$27 on the *Hanging out to help out* campaign, including -\$723 on advertising (media) placement processed as credits.
- Funding for additional campaign phases is not allocated.

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Total campaign expenditure from 1 July 2024 to 31 August 2025

	TOTAL expenditure	Stop it at the Start	Consent Can't Wait	Hanging out to help out
Media buy (advertising)	\$24,579,238	\$11,860,789	\$11,425,949	\$1,292,500
Developmental research	\$234,000	\$0	\$234,000	\$0
Benchmarking, tracking and evaluation	\$671,458	\$270,052	\$314,316	\$87,090
Creative development	\$524,590	\$116,811	\$172,804	\$234,975
Creative concept testing	\$102,877	\$0	\$60,000	\$42,877
Public relations	\$1,090,666	\$486,099	\$283,138	\$321,429
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander creative and public relations	\$493,215	\$182,450	\$48,765	\$262,000
CALD creative and public relations	\$604,738	\$229,860	\$135,929	\$238,948
Admin (includes pitch fees, website, accessibility, etc)	\$98,656	\$52,694	\$36,275	\$9,687
TOTAL	\$28,399,438	\$13,198,755	\$12,711,176	\$2,489,506

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TITLE: 2025 MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- A new Administrative Arrangements Order (AAO) was issued on 13 May 2025 and subsequently amended on 26 June 2025.
- Under the AAO policy responsibility for Disability and Carers function was transferred to the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing. Policy authority for the Housing and Homelessness function was transferred to the Treasury. In addition, responsibility for Services Australia moved to the Finance portfolio.
- The revised AAO was implemented via Machinery of Government (MoG) changes. These transferred approximately \$176.5 billion of appropriation over the forward estimates from the Department of Social Services to the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and \$280.4 million of appropriation over the forward estimates from the Department of Social Services to the Treasury.

KEY INFORMATION

- The AAO dated 13 May 2025 transferred out functions previously in the Department of Social Services (DSS) to the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and the Department of the Treasury.
- DSS transferred all of Outcome 3 (Disability and Carers) with the exception of Disability Employment Services and Early Childhood functions to the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.
 - Policy staff transferred on 31 July 2025, and enabling services staff transferring on 14 August 2025:
- DSS transferred the following functions to the Treasury with staff transferring on 31 July 2025:
 - All of DSS Outcome 4 (Housing) with the exception of a part of component 4.1.1 *Housing and Homelessness Service Improvement and Sector Support* relating to social impact investing
 - From DSS Outcome 2, Youth Homelessness (part of component 2.1.1 *Families and Children*).
- Departments worked together to ensure seamless service delivery and minimal disruption through the Machinery of Government process, with the process now substantively complete.
 - The MoG Changes Guide issued by the Department of Finance and the APS Commission was followed, with appropriate governance in place to support accountability, transparency and an efficient process.

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- Appropriations transferred out of DSS in the settlement of the MoG changes (\$ millions):

Receiving entity	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total
Health – Administered	39,660.350	42,119.714	45,452.376	48,964.340	176,196.780
Health – Departmental*	83.987	67.871	61.618	58.614	272.090
Total Health	39,744.337	42,187.585	45,513.994	49,022.954	176,468.870
Treasury – Administered	93.371	67.972	36.338	34.701	232.382
Treasury – Departmental	12.571	12.045	11.686	11.723	48.025
Total Treasury	105.942	80.017	48.024	46.424	280.407
Total Administered	39,753.721	42,187.686	45,488.714	48,999.041	176,429.162
Total Departmental	96.558	79.916	73.304	70.337	320.115
Grand Total	39,850.279	42,267.602	45,562.018	49,069.378	176,749.277
Health – ASL	332.7	271.6	242.4	240.7	
Treasury – ASL	52.7	58.8	57.5	57.6	
Total ASL	385.4	330.4	299.9	298.3	

*Subject to final reconciliation.

Background

- Functions previously in DSS Outcome 3 and remaining with the Department have been transferred to DSS Outcome 1. This includes Disability Employment Services.
- Revised outcome statements have been agreed by Government and are published in the Department's 2025-26 Corporate Plan.
- The impact of Machinery of Government changes will primarily be reflected in the Department's 2025-26 Financial Statements, as agreed with the ANAO.

Portfolio entity changes

- The following entities were also transferred out of the Social Services portfolio:
 - National Disability Insurance Agency (to the Health, Disability and Ageing portfolio)
 - Hearing Australia (to the Health, Disability and Ageing portfolio)
 - NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (to the Health, Disability and Ageing portfolio)
 - Services Australia (to the Finance portfolio).

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TITLE: PORTFOLIO AVERAGE STAFFING LEVEL (ASL)

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- Average Staffing Level (ASL) represents the average number of full-time equivalent employees receiving a salary or wages over a financial year.
- ASL figures for the current and prior budget years are published in Budget Paper No. 4, and by portfolio and agency; and also in Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS) and Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements (PAES).
- The Department of Social Services (the Department) structure, including staffing, programs and estimates have been aligned with the Machinery of Government (MoG) changes that came into effect as per the Administrative Arrangements Order (AAO) of 13 May 2025 as amended on 26 June 2025.
- As part of the AAO, both policy and services for people with disability will be administered by the Health, Disability and Ageing portfolio, and Housing and Homelessness functions will be administered by the Treasury.
- The National Disability Insurance Agency, National Disability Insurance Scheme Quality and Safeguards Commission, and Australian Hearing Services (Hearing Australia) entities will move to the Health, Disability and Ageing Portfolio, and Services Australia to the Finance Portfolio.
- These changes will be reflected in 2025-26 PAES.

KEY INFORMATION

- The ASL estimates for the Social Services Portfolio, broken down by agency, for 2024-25 and 2025-26, are published in *Budget 2025-26, Budget Paper No. 4, page 164 (extract below)*. The same details are also published in the PBS 2025-26 of the Social Services Portfolio, in the various sections covering each portfolio agency.

Social Services		
	2024-25 ASL	2025-26 ASL
Department of Social Services	2,918	2,905
Australian Institute of Family Studies	102	98
Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	18	22
National Disability Insurance Agency	8,856	10,022
NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	911	892
National Commission for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People ^a	3	10
Services Australia	30,218	29,612
Total	43,026	43,561

- a) The National Commission for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People was established as a non-corporate Commonwealth entity on 13 January 2025.

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- The historical total ASL in the General Government Sector is also in Budget Paper No. 4, **page 165**.
- Subsequent ASL changes at agency level, including those associated with the MoG will be reported in the 2025-26 PAES for the Social Services, Health, Disability and Ageing, and Finance portfolios.
- While ASL forecasts are not published, funding is forecast to decrease over the forward estimates. This is mainly due to a decrease in operating funding for the National Redress Scheme. The end of these programs will involve a reduction or reprioritisation in the accompanying workforce. This is normal when programs cease or change and is an essential part of responsible financial management. In addition, Budget estimates included terminating programs in the Disability and Carers stream. Many Disability and Carer programs have now transferred to the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing in line with the AAO issued on 13 May 2025.
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TITLE: CONSULTANCIES, CONTRACTORS AND OTHER CONTRACTS

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- Consultants are engaged where particular skills are needed to assist the Department of Social Services' (the Department's) workforce.
- Non-consultancy contracts are required to support the day-to-day activities of the Department.
- Expenditure:

	2022-23 Annual Report pg 152	2023-24 Annual Report pg 186	2024-25	2025-26 YTD 31 August 2025
Consultancy contracts				
Number of active contracts	109	113	102	51
Total expended (\$m inc GST)	12.0	21.8	18.1	3.2
Non-consultancy contracts				
Number of active contracts	731	680	513	280
Total expended (\$m inc GST)	254.6	229.0	288.1	57.6

- A list of organisations receiving the most reportable consultancy expenditure is at **Attachment A**, and non-consultancy expenditure is at **Attachment B**.
- Contract and expenditure data for 2024-25 and 2025-26, does not include details of arrangements that were transferred as part of the May 2025 Machinery of Government (MoG) changes.

KEY INFORMATION

Expenditure trends

- In 2024-25, the Department's total expenditure for consultancies was \$18.1 million (excluding MoG impact), as opposed to \$21.8 million in 2023-24.
- Contracts and expenditure relating to the transfer of functions under the May 2025 MoG have been excluded. This includes 23 new consultancy contracts with expenditure of \$3.8 million and 10 ongoing consultancy contracts with expenditure of \$1.8 million.
- The August 2025 year to date expenditure of \$3.2 million relates to 51 active consultancy contracts.
- The Department has robust processes governing the use of consultants and complies with the Commonwealth's financial framework and parliamentary reporting processes in doing so. This includes the requirement to demonstrate value for money, and that contracts have imbedded the requirement for knowledge sharing with departmental staff.

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- A table of expenditure for these firms is set out in **Attachment C**.
- In relation to PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC):
 - The Department of Finance has advised agencies that it has concluded its examination of the ethical soundness of PwC Australia. As a result of this examination, the mutual agreement under which PwC Australia did not bid for new Commonwealth work has ceased, effective from 15 July 2025.
 - Prior to this announcement, and while PwC Australia was undergoing investigation in responses to breaches of confidentiality, the Department did not enter into any new arrangements.

Australian Government Consulting

- The Department has engaged Australian Government Consulting (AGC) through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. This arrangement is not considered a consultancy.
- AGC is supporting the development of the Department's Impact Strategy and the development and implementation of the Department's Delivery Unit.
- In 2025, the AGC project consists of 2 phases:
 - Phase 1: development of the Department's Impact Strategy costed at \$260,000 has been completed.
 - Phase 2: Delivery Unit Support and Impact Strategy Rollout costed at \$228,497, includes two components:
 - Support the implementation of the Impact Strategy, costed at \$50,325.
 - Support the establishment and initial operations of the Department's Delivery Unit, costed at \$178,172.
 - To date, AGC has not invoiced nor been paid for any of the Phase 2 work.

Background

- In March 2025, the Department lowered its delegations for consultancy expenditure, with consultancy expenditure over \$1 million requiring Deputy Secretary approval. Consultancy expenditure commitment delegation up to \$1 million requires Group Manager approval, while up to \$200,000 may be obtained via Branch Manager approval.
- The majority of contracts are established using existing panel arrangements.
- The Department has maintained steady levels of engagement and expenditure with the Big 4 accounting firms, as well as Boston Consulting, McKinsey, Accenture and Scyne Advisory as detailed in **Attachment C**.

AusTender Contracts listing

- A listing of active contracts valued at \$10,000 and over and published on AusTender with an end date on or after 1 July 2024 by Contract Number ID is at **Attachment D**.
- Following the May 2025 MoG announcements, contracts that were active with both Housing and Homelessness, and Disability and Carers functions were transferred to the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing respectively. **Attachment D** also includes contracts that have not been transferred to the gaining agencies due to the contract concluding.

Attachment A

Consultancy arrangements

Organisations receiving a share of reportable consultancy contract spend 2024-25 (Source: departmental procurement records)	Total spend (\$ million, GST incl.)	Proportion of 2024-25 total spend (%)
<p>Nous Group Pty Ltd</p> <p><i>Evaluation of the Individual Placement and Support Program and Digital Work and Study Service (CN4037696)</i></p> <p><i>Evaluation of the Strong and Resilient Communities Inclusive Communities (CN4163253)</i></p> <p><i>Implementation and Supporting the Delivery of the National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children (CN4098986)</i></p> <p><i>Disability Royal Commission Support Services (CN4028056)</i></p> <p><i>Reconnect Review (CN4025381)</i></p> <p><i>Review of National Model of Care (CN4047210)</i></p>	2.2	12.4%
<p>Scyne Advisory Pty Ltd</p> <p><i>Strategic Procurement Adviser (CN4092073)</i></p>	1.8	10.1%
<p>Ernst & Young</p> <p><i>Actuary Services for the Leaving Violence Payment Program (CN4128188)</i></p> <p><i>Implementation review for Safe and Supported: The National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2021-2031 (CN4092867)</i></p> <p><i>Review of the Disability Employment Services Budget Model (CN4029329)</i></p> <p><i>Actuary Services for the Disability Employment Services Performance Framework (CN4029241)</i></p> <p><i>Disability Employment Services New Performance Framework Design (CN4025236)</i></p>	1.8	9.8%
<p>Department of Treasury (Australian Government Actuary)</p> <p><i>Actuary Services – Investment Approach (CN3622478)</i></p>	1.6	8.7%

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Organisations receiving a share of reportable consultancy contract spend 2024-25 (Source: departmental procurement records)	Total spend (\$ million, GST incl.)	Proportion of 2024-25 total spend (%)
<i>Actuary Services – Financial Statements (CN3842793)</i>		
<p>Whereto Research Based Consulting Pty Ltd <i>Evaluation of Healthy MaTE (CN4098083)</i> <i>Disability Employment Services Reforms Market Research (CN4094302)</i> <i>Leave Violence Program Developmental Research (CN4092118)</i> <i>Evaluation of the Support for Trafficked People Program (CN4064714)</i> <i>Evaluation of the National Partnership on Family Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses (CN4047237)</i> <i>Escaping Violence Payment Trial (CN3845904)</i> <i>Child Family Domestic Violence Consultation (CN4152617)</i></p>	1.3	7.3%
<p>ARTD Pty Ltd <i>Evaluation of the Social Enterprise Development Initiative and Social Impact Investing Trials (CN4156701)</i> <i>Evaluation of Supported Employment Policy (CN4113769)</i> <i>Evaluation of the Partners in Prevention of Sexual Violence Project (CN4105277)</i> <i>Evaluation of 1800RESPECT (CN4085132)</i> <i>Evaluation of Disability Employment Tourism Local Navigator Pilot and Disability Employment Career Pathways Pilot (CN3984545)</i></p>	1.0	5.3%
<p>KPMG <i>Review of Service Officer and Rate Card (CN4138419)</i> <i>Independent Assurer for Disability Employment Services Reforms ICT (CN4106328)</i> <i>Development of medium and high cost options to establish a single point of access, along with up to date and relevant child and parent information on supports (CN4069634)</i></p>	0.9	5.2%

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Organisations receiving a share of reportable consultancy contract spend 2024-25 (Source: departmental procurement records)	Total spend (\$ million, GST incl.)	Proportion of 2024-25 total spend (%)
<i>Review of the Grants Hub Process Automation Operating Model and Assurance Controls (CN4053881)</i> <i>Next National Plan Outcomes Framework (CN3812916)</i>		
Total of the Largest Shares	10.6	58.8%

Attachment B

Non-consultancy arrangements

Organisations receiving a share of reportable non-consultancy contract spend in 2024-25	Total expended (\$ million GST incl.)	Proportion of 2024-25 total expended (%)
Telstra Health Pty Ltd <i>1800 Respect Counselling and Support Services</i>	63.8	22.1%
Jones Lang LaSalle (ACT) Pty Ltd <i>National Property Management Services (leasing, cleaning repairs and maintenance) under the WoAG arrangements</i>	45.4	15.8%
Mediabrand Australia Pty Ltd <i>Consent Campaign Advertising</i> <i>Stop it at the Start Advertising</i> <i>Volunteering Awareness Advertising</i>	32.7	11.4%
The University of Melbourne <i>The Household Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia Survey</i> <i>Independent Analysis of Best Practice in Early Child Intervention to Develop a New Best Practice Framework</i>	24.8	3.6%
Karlka Recruiting Group Pty Ltd <i>Contractors for the:</i> <i>- Redress Independent Decision Makers</i> <i>- Community Grants Hub</i>	13.0	4.5%
Total of the Largest Shares	179.7	62.4%

Note: Contracts and expenditure relating to the transfer of functions under May 2025 MoG have been excluded. This includes 35 new non-consultancy contracts with expenditure of \$3.3 million and 54 ongoing non-consultancy contracts with expenditure of \$24.7 million.

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**'Big 4' accounting firms and select other consultants
(consultancy and non-consultancy)**

Supplier	2023-24		2024-25		2025-26 (as at 31 Aug. 2025)	
	Number of contracts	\$ million expended (GST incl.)	Number of contracts	\$ million expended (GST incl.)	Number of contracts	\$ million expended (GST incl.)
Deloitte	9	1.8	7	1.7	2	0.1
Ernst & Young	5	1.2	6	1.9	2	0.2
KPMG	5	0.4	7	1.2	3	0.3
PwC	1	0.3	-	-	-	-
Total - Big 4 only¹	20	3.7	20	4.8	7	0.6
PwC Indigenous Consulting	0	-0.2 ²	-	-	-	-
Accenture	1	0.3	1	0.2	1	0.3 ³
Boston Consulting	-	-	-	-	-	-
McKinsey ⁴	1	0.0	-	-	-	-
Scyne Advisory	1	0.1	3	2.3	2	0.4
TOTAL	23	3.9	24	7.3	10	1.0
Nous Group	8	2.3	10	3.5	4	0.9

¹ Big 4 total includes Deloitte, Ernst & Young, KPMG and PwC.

² A recovery payment was received in 2023-24 due to cessation of contract CN3579462.

³ The contract number CN4157444 has been paid in full, with an expenditure of \$26,903.

⁴ The contract number CN3946134 has been paid in full, with an expenditure of \$26,400.

Contract Notice Published
By Contract Number ID (CN ID)

End date: from 1-Jul-2024
As at: 30-Sep-25

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750 \$7,272,057,202.38

CN ID	Supplier Name	Procurement ESSENTIALS Description	AusTender Description	AusTender Category	Procurement Method	Start Date	End Date	Value (AUD)	Agency Ref. ID	Consultancy	Stream	Group	Branch
CN2965832	Northern Land Council	BBF Improved Standards - Manyallaluk lease	BBF Improved Standards - Manyallaluk lease - MoG from Education - CN2128321	Project administration or planning	Limited Tender	1/07/2014	16/08/2032	\$157,912.48	90005631		Transferred to the Dept of Education	N/A	N/A
CN2965842	Northern Land Council	BBF Improved Standards - BBF Minjilang lease	BBF Improved Standards - BBF Minjilang Lease - MoG from Education - CN2128311	Project administration or planning	Limited Tender	1/07/2014	16/08/2032	\$90,727.90	90005632		Transferred to the Dept of Education	N/A	N/A
CN2965852	Northern Land Council	BBF Improved Standards - BBF Peppimenarti lease	BBF Improved Standards - BBF Peppimenarti Lease - MoG from Education - CN2128281	Project administration or planning	Limited Tender	1/07/2014	17/08/2032	\$149,299.07	90005633		Transferred to the Dept of Education	N/A	N/A
CN2965872	Northern Land Council	BBF Improved Standards - Wadeye Lot 650 lease	BBF Improved Standards - Wadeye Lot 650 Lease - MoG from Education - CN2128301	Project administration or planning	Limited Tender	1/07/2014	16/08/2032	\$206,721.79	90005634		Transferred to the Dept of Education	N/A	N/A
CN2965892	Northern Land Council	BBF Improved Standards - BBF Wadeye Residential Lease	BBF Improved Standards - BBF Wadeye Residential Lease - MoG from Education - CN2128291	Project administration or planning	Limited Tender	1/07/2014	17/08/2032	\$80,391.81	90005635		Transferred to the Dept of Education	N/A	N/A
CN2965922	Northern Land Council	20 year lease - Arnhem land Aboriginal land trust, Nothern	Arnhem Land Aboriginal Land Trust - 20 year lease - MoG from Education - CN2777752	Project administration or planning	Limited Tender	1/07/2014	17/08/2032	\$81,911.94	90005638		Transferred to the Dept of Education	N/A	N/A
CN2965932	Aputula Store	BBF Improved Standards - Jikmingann	BBF Aputula 20 year lease - MoG from Education - CN2167562	Project administration or planning	Limited Tender	1/07/2014	18/06/2032	\$141,685.05	90005651		Transferred to the Dept of Education	N/A	N/A
CN3018642	Trust Company Ltd	Property lease	Property Lease - Enid Lyons Building, ACT	Lease and rental of property or building	Open Tender	22/09/2017	21/09/2032	\$348,875,680.29	01-046		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN3019502	Tuggeranong Trust	90005845 Fit-out for National Office building	Property & facilities services	Building support services	Open Tender	18/03/2015	30/06/2032	\$714,896.60	90005881		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN3096502	Northern Land Council	BBF improved Standards	Property Lease	Land leases	Limited Tender	12/03/2015	30/06/2033	\$67,364.00	90005990		Transferred to the Dept of Education	N/A	N/A
CN3277928	Northern Land Council	BBF Improved Standards - Warruwi lease	Property Lease	Lease and rental of property or building	Limited Tender	18/08/2012	17/08/2032	\$65,000.00	90006603		Transferred to the Dept of Education	N/A	N/A
CN3323638	Sentinel Regional Office Pty Ltd ATF Sentinel Regional Office Trust	Property lease	Property Lease - Jacana House, Level 2 and 3	Lease and rental of property or building	Open Tender	1/07/2015	17/01/2025	\$17,628,972.52	03-011		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN3335890	WorkFocus Australia Pty Ltd	JobAccess Gateway Service Delivery	Contractors	Corporate objectives or policy development	Open Tender	15/04/2016	31/12/2024	\$44,024,720.42	90007585		Disability & Carers	NDIS Markets & Safeguards	Quality & Safeguards Policy
CN3411248	Jade Software Corporation Pty Ltd	Jade Investigator Support	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Software	Limited Tender	1/04/2017	30/03/2026	\$68,343.45	90008748		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Audit and Assurance
CN3449591	Winc Australia Pty Limited	Stationary & Office Supplies	Stationery and Office Supplies	Stationery	Limited Tender	7/09/2017	31/12/2024	\$1,550,000.00	60002906		Departmental Overheads	Departmental Wide Misc Costs	DSS Human Resources OH
CN3515869	Jones Lang LaSalle (ACT) Pty Ltd	JLL Management Fees 2018 - 2024	Property management services	Property management services	Open Tender	2/07/2018	30/06/2025	\$46,438,840.37	90010342		Departmental Overheads	Property Expenses	Property Services Overheads
CN3520190	Mediabrand Australia Pty Ltd	Non-campaign - master media advertising - blanket PO for non - campaign	Advertising	Advertising	Open Tender	1/07/2018	30/09/2024	\$3,572,434.31	90010461		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN3537140	The Trust Company Limited ATF Yarra Assets Trust	Property lease	Property lease - 11 Waymouth Street, Adelaide	Lease and rental of property or building	Open Tender	1/07/2018	30/06/2025	\$5,168,132.20	07-004		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN3544160	Calbourne Nominees Pty Ltd as Trustee for the Pyramid Property Trust and Hurstbat Pty Ltd	Property lease	Property Lease - level 2, 99 Bathurst Street, Hobart	Lease and rental of property or building	Open Tender	1/09/2018	31/08/2028	\$7,098,920.05	18-04		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN3544217	One CCW Pty Ltd as trustee for the 45 SGT Unit Turst	Property lease	Property Lease - level 2, St Georges Terrace, Perth	Lease and rental of property or building	Open Tender	1/10/2018	30/09/2025	\$3,500,374.90	18-03		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN3561024	Hertz Australia (Hertz)	Motor Vehicle lease costs	Vehicle Rental Services	Vehicle rental	Open Tender	29/11/2018	30/06/2025	\$570,000.00	F166563		Departmental Overheads	Departmental Wide Misc Costs	DSS Human Resources OH
CN3594898	The University of Melbourne	HILDA Waves 20-25	Data services	Data services	Open Tender	27/11/2019	30/06/2027	\$84,575,825.70	90011381		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN3596498	Triangle Consulting	Carers Star Licence	Corporate objectives services	Business administration services	Limited Tender	1/08/2019	11/10/2024	\$54,400.00	90011444		Disability & Carers	Disability & Carer Programs	Carers & Early Childhood
CN3622478	Dept of Treasury	Actuarial Services - Investment Approach	Project Management - Actuarial Services for Priority Investment Approach	Strategic planning consultation services	Limited Tender	30/08/2019	30/09/2025	\$8,836,350.00	90011857	Yes	Social Security	System, Strategy & Seniors	Strategy & Analysis
CN3707132	Kartika Recruiting Group Pty Ltd	Redress Independent Decision Makers	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Limited Tender	10/08/2020	10/02/2025	\$30,255,162.67	90012750		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Operations & Outcomes
CN3734149	KPMG Australia	KPMG Essential reporting model	Financial services	Accounting services	Open Tender	4/12/2020	3/12/2024	\$61,050.00	90013006		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Services
CN3747309	Accenture Australia Pty Ltd	ICSS Outcomes Measurement - Contractor	Contractor - Labour Hire	Project management	Open Tender	23/02/2021	31/10/2024	\$841,644.06	90013092		Disability & Carers	Disability & Carer Programs	Carers & Early Childhood
CN3782095	Reed International Books Australia	Online legal research tool	Legal services	Legal services	Limited Tender	1/08/2021	31/07/2025	\$306,062.36	90013299		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN3784263	Seer Data & Analytics Pty Ltd	SPSP data infrastructure	Data services	Data services	Open Tender	24/06/2021	23/06/2025	\$536,305.00	90013558		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Community Partnerships
CN3786515	Iron Mountain Australia Group Pty Ltd	Iron Mountain - Services	ICT services	File archive storage	Open Tender	1/07/2021	30/06/2026	\$1,385,500.00	90013586		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN3803991	Patella Properties Australia Pty Ltd	Property lease	Property Lease	Lease and rental of property or building	Open Tender	1/03/2022	31/07/2025	\$17,985,717.42	21-02		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN3823286	National Centre For Action On Child Sexual Abuse Limited	National Centre for action on Child Sexual Abuse Establishment	Development of funded organisations/individuals	Community and social services	Open Tender	21/10/2021	21/10/2026	\$24,750,000.00	90013817		Families & Communities	Family Wellbeing	Child & Family Programs
CN3825183	Torque Software Pty Ltd	Compliance Software License	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Software maintenance and support	Open Tender	11/11/2021	10/11/2026	\$1,176,050.77	90013826		Departmental Overheads	Non ITG Corporate Systems	FG Non ITG Corporate Systems
CN3830082	FBG Group Pty Ltd	Wellbeing & other support services	Work health & safety services	Psychologists services	Open Tender	30/11/2021	30/11/2026	\$5,316,821.02	90013906		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Integrity & Information
CN3833952	Dexus Funds Management LTD and Victoria Square QV Investments P/L	Property lease	Vic: L10 & Part L11, 180 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne	Lease and rental of property or building	Open Tender	1/03/2022	30/06/2029	\$10,763,766.79	F1108800		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN3839161	Iconinc Holdings Pty Ltd	National Memorial website	ICT technical & advisory services	Software or hardware engineering	Open Tender	14/01/2022	31/12/2025	\$218,790.00	90013992	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Wellbeing	Child & Family Programs
CN3842793	Dept of Treasury	Actuarial Assessments 2022 - 2026	Financial services	Accounting services	Open Tender	8/02/2022	16/01/2026	\$1,588,685.00	90013997	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Services
CN3843541	Kantar Public Australia Pty Ltd	Consent - Concept Testing	Market research	Market research	Limited Tender	27/01/2022	21/01/2025	\$988,872.50	90014013	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN3843599	Ian McPhee Consulting Pty Ltd	Audit Committee Member	Audit and assurance services	Audit services	Limited Tender	24/01/2022	24/01/2025	\$127,940.63	90014017	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Social Policy & Governance	Portfolio Governance
CN3843885	Telstra Health Pty Ltd	1800RESPECT Procurement	Counselling and support services	Psychologists services	Open Tender	24/01/2022	23/01/2027	\$240,998,798.44	90014011		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN3845086	Integrity Health and Safety Pty Ltd	Influenza Vaccination	Work health and safety services	Occupational health or safety services	Limited Tender	1/02/2022	30/06/2026	\$196,383.29	90014020		Departmental Overheads	Departmental Wide Misc Costs	DSS Human Resources OH
CN3845904	Whereto Research Based Consulting Pty Ltd	Escaping Violence Payment trial	Assessment and evaluation services	Economic or financial evaluation of projects	Open Tender	9/02/2022	31/12/2024	\$773,390.00	90014023	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN3846740	Damasa Pty Ltd as trustee of the Donebus Family Trust	Property lease	Level 1, 25-27 Tompson Street, Wagga Wagga	Lease and rental of property or building	Open Tender	1/02/2022	31/01/2026	\$523,158.47	F1110465		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN3848247	Darren Box Pty Ltd	Audit Committee Member	Audit and assurance services	Audit services	Limited Tender	14/02/2022	13/02/2026	\$178,839.77	90014038	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Social Policy & Governance	Portfolio Governance
CN3850074	JLL Advisory Services Pty Limited	Revaluation Procurement	Financial services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	22/02/2022	14/03/2026	\$82,995.00	90014054	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Services

CN ID	Supplier Name	Procurement ESsentials Description	AusTender Description	AusTender Category	Procurement Method	Start Date	End Date	Value (AUD)	Agency Ref. ID	Consultancy	Stream	Group	Branch
CN3850300	The Trustee for the BMF Unit Trust	Consent - Creative & website development	Creative design and editorial services	Graphic design	Limited Tender	22/02/2022	18/02/2025	\$3,339,078.92	90014055	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN3851003	Cultural Perspectives Pty Ltd	Consent - CALD communication	Creative design and editorial services	Strategic planning consultation services	Limited Tender	1/03/2022	31/05/2025	\$534,246.31	90014066	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN3851012	Carbon Media Pty Ltd	Consent Campaign - Indigenous	Creative design and editorial services	Strategic planning consultation services	Limited Tender	1/03/2022	31/05/2025	\$440,000.00	90014067	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN3851487	Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	AHWP Budget 2021-22 measures	Data Services	Statistics	Open Tender	8/02/2022	30/06/2026	\$17,390,000.00	90014072		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Policy
CN3853373	TAFE Queensland	Wagering staff training components	Social policy research	Research programs	Limited Tender	28/03/2022	30/06/2027	\$200,266.00	90014084		Families & Communities	Family Wellbeing	Financial Resilience and Response
CN3856338	Cox Inall Change Pty Ltd	Consent - Public relations	Creative design and editorial services	Public relations and professional communications services	Limited Tender	23/03/2022	31/03/2025	\$606,774.30	90014117	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN3866522	The Trust Company (Australia) Limited in its capacity as Trustee of Century Peak Trust	Property lease	NSW; Sydney; 280 Elizabeth St	Lease and rental of property or building	Open Tender	1/04/2022	31/03/2029	\$13,275,502.91	FI113134		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN3873455	The University of Queensland	Research by Life Course Centre University of QLD	Social policy research	Corporate objectives or policy development	Limited Tender	2/06/2022	30/06/2027	\$1,050,000.00	90014232		Families & Communities	Family Safety	Childrens & Youth Policy
CN3877409	Randstad Pty Ltd	Recruitment Support Services for Hub	Recruitment services	Personnel recruitment	Open Tender	6/06/2022	30/09/2024	\$700,000.00	90014254		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Community Grants Hub Group Exec
CN3884772	DMV Consulting	Taxation Services 2022-24	Financial services	Accounting services	Open Tender	1/07/2022	30/06/2026	\$341,768.00	90014331		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Services
CN3890551	Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	Disability Gateway researcher & web content writer con	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	7/07/2022	4/07/2024	\$577,925.76	90014361		Disability & Carers	Disability & Carer Programs	Carers & Early Childhood
CN3893411	LexisNexis	Parliamentary Information	Corporate objectives services	Online database information retrieval systems	Open Tender	8/12/2022	5/12/2025	\$308,101.08	90014324		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN3896462	Acendre Pty Ltd	eRecruit system - market approach	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Software	Open Tender	1/12/2022	30/11/2025	\$628,026.00	90014364		Departmental Overheads	Non ITG Corporate Systems	CSG Non ITG Corporate Systems
CN3897737	Australian Network on Disability	Aust Network on Disability M/ship	Staff development	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	17/07/2022	30/06/2025	\$40,438.20	90014387		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	People Services
CN3899722	Randstad Pty Ltd	Quality Assurance Officer	Contractors	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	1/08/2022	1/08/2024	\$427,223.45	90014397		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Operations & Outcomes
CN3899806	face2face Recruitment Pty Ltd	Administration Officer	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	1/08/2022	1/08/2024	\$311,727.24	90014398		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Operations & Outcomes
CN3900107	Minter Ellison Lawyers	AimBig procurement	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	23/06/2022	30/08/2024	\$41,949.50	90014396		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN3902937	Ashurst Australia	Employment & IR Law - st&ing order	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	1/08/2022	31/10/2024	\$631,800.00	90014406		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN3903347	HWL EBSWORTH LAWYERS	1800RESPECT Commercial Advice	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	22/07/2022	30/06/2025	\$393,000.00	90014407		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN3905371	Horizon One Recruitment Pty Ltd	Administration Officer	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	29/08/2022	28/08/2024	\$300,094.95	90014423		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Operations & Outcomes
CN3907564	RB Counselling and Consultancy Services	Vicarious Trauma facilitator	Workshop facilitation & development	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	26/08/2022	26/08/2024	\$59,840.00	90014425		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Integrity & Information
CN3913188	University of New South Wales	Building Employer Confidence evaluation	Assessment and evaluation services	Economic or financial evaluation of projects	Open Tender	12/10/2022	31/05/2025	\$304,119.38	90014459	Yes	Disability & Carers	Disability & Carer Programs	Advocacy and Inclusion Programs
CN3914981	Australian Human Rights Commission	National Children's Commissioner - consultation with young people	Policy and program development services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Limited Tender	21/12/2022	30/12/2025	\$2,000,000.00	90014445		Families & Communities	Family Safety	Childrens & Youth Policy
CN3916356	Lee Hewitt	Translation Services for Wave16 for LSIC	Creative design and editorial services	Interpreters	Limited Tender	7/11/2022	4/11/2024	\$60,000.00	90014479		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN3916358	Bernard Namok Jnr	Translation Services for Wave16 for LSIC	Creative design and editorial services	Interpreters	Limited Tender	7/11/2022	7/11/2024	\$20,000.00	90014478		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN3918673	McMillan Staff Development Pty Ltd	DSS Diploma of Government	Staff development	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	9/01/2023	8/01/2026	\$434,900.00	90014467		Departmental Overheads	Corporate Learning & Development	Corporate Learning & Development
CN3921133	Pivotel Satellite Pty Ltd	Digital Connectivity Project - Wi-Fi Services	ICT services	Internet services	Open Tender	22/12/2022	30/09/2025	\$3,597,011.96	90014506		Delivery & Data	Income Management Taskforce	Income Management Taskforce
CN3922939	Jones Lang LaSalle (ACT) Pty Ltd	Accommodation & Relocation Management	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Software	Open Tender	1/11/2022	31/10/2025	\$984,099.75	90014520		Departmental Overheads	Non ITG Corporate Systems	CSG Non ITG Corporate Systems
CN3923974	QlikTech Australia Pty Ltd	Qlik Continuous Classroom License	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Software	Open Tender	11/11/2022	11/11/2024	\$31,207.00	90014523		Departmental Overheads	Corporate Learning & Development	Corporate Learning & Development
CN3925208	Origin Communications Australia Pty Ltd	LSIC Coaching & Counselling Services	Workshop facilitation & development	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	4/11/2022	4/11/2024	\$33,959.78	90014509		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	People Services
CN3926829	Clayton Utz	LEX 45814 - Search Warrant	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	14/11/2022	27/10/2024	\$81,437.80	90014542		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN3929140	Rekab-Fish Pty Ltd	Chair of Audit & Risk Committee & PSSC	Audit and assurance services	Audit services	Limited Tender	29/11/2022	29/11/2025	\$159,572.61	90014742	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Social Policy & Governance	Portfolio Governance
CN3929807	Yellow Edge Pty Ltd	EL2 Leadership Program	Staff development	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	19/12/2022	17/12/2025	\$570,720.00	90014546		Departmental Overheads	Corporate Learning & Development	Corporate Learning & Development
CN3929808	Wisdom Learning Pty Ltd	Writing Programs	Staff development	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	12/12/2022	12/12/2025	\$257,000.00	90014516		Departmental Overheads	Corporate Learning & Development	Corporate Learning & Development
CN3930042	Yellow Edge Pty Ltd	Core Management Capability Program	Staff development	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	12/12/2022	12/12/2025	\$192,500.00	90014517		Departmental Overheads	Corporate Learning & Development	Corporate Learning & Development
CN3931063	Ngamuru Advisory Pty Ltd	1800RESPECT PMF Advisor	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	1/12/2022	30/09/2024	\$76,271.80	90014572		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN3933359	Customer Driven Solutions Pty Ltd	1800RESPECT Contact Centre Expert Serv	Contractor - Fee for service	Business administration services	Open Tender	2/01/2023	31/12/2026	\$164,739.75	90014590		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN3936005	RPS AAP Consulting Pty Ltd	Work Capital Adviser - HHPD Programs	Project management	Project management	Open Tender	9/01/2023	31/12/2024	\$388,300.00	90014619	Yes	Social Security	Housing and Homelessness	Housing & Homelessness Program Delivery
CN3938005	Queensland University of Technology	Graduate Certificate in Business (PSPMP)	Staff development	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	12/01/2023	30/06/2025	\$307,572.00	90014580		Departmental Overheads	Corporate Learning & Development	Corporate Learning & Development
CN3940635	National Mailing & Marketing Pty Ltd	Warehousing fulfilment distribution & related services	Contractor - Fee for service	Distribution	Open Tender	1/02/2023	31/01/2026	\$3,675,890.00	90014639		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN3943327	Roy Morgan Research Ltd	LSIC Wave 17-20	Data services	Data services	Open Tender	21/03/2023	30/06/2028	\$4,714,926.62	90014663		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN3944120	Law Society of the ACT	LEX 46390 - Practising Certificates - 2023/2024	Legal services	Professional associations	Limited Tender	1/04/2023	30/06/2025	\$67,650.00	90014685		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN3944964	Urbis Pty Ltd	MES Technical Lead for Safe & Supported	Project Support Services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Open Tender	16/02/2023	31/10/2024	\$744,841.93	90014691		Families & Communities	Family Safety	Childrens & Youth Policy
CN3945047	Stream Pty Ltd	Provision of media monitoring services 2023-2026	Data services	Management support services	Open Tender	27/02/2023	31/03/2026	\$1,291,660.52	90014688		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN3946944	Canon Business Services	Invoice scanning 2023	Contractor - Fee for service	Corporate objectives or policy development	Limited Tender	3/04/2023	30/09/2025	\$72,702.00	90014704		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Services
CN3947318	KPMG Australia	Financial Statements Quality Assurance FY 23 - 25	Project Support Services	Business administration services	Open Tender	10/03/2023	10/03/2026	\$92,070.00	90014694		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Services
CN3948570	CDGMM Enterprise Pty Ltd	Audit and Risk Committee Member	Audit and assurance services	Audit services	Limited Tender	1/03/2023	28/02/2026	\$124,327.31	90014716	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Social Policy & Governance	Portfolio Governance
CN3955095	DFF Recruitment Services	Redress Bulk labour hire	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	2/05/2023	7/08/2024	\$7,136,179.51	90014772		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Operations & Outcomes
CN3955450	Gillian Beaumont Recruitment Pty Ltd	Redress Bulk labour hire	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	2/05/2023	7/08/2024	\$8,651,647.37	90014774		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Operations & Outcomes

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CN3955848	University of New South Wales	LGBTIQ+ National Survey Consultancy	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	11/04/2023	9/08/2024	\$617,307.94	90014771	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Safety	Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Specialist Policy
CN3960694	Minter Ellison Lawyers	LEX 47081 - DES Stage 1 - 2 Legal Advice	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	24/04/2023	31/03/2025	\$775,000.00	90014812		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN3960878	Yaran Business Services Pty Ltd	Evaluation of Outcomes and Evidence Fund	Assessment and evaluation services	Research programs	Open Tender	21/07/2023	31/12/2026	\$450,000.00	90014817		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Closing the Gap
CN3960881	ABT Associates Pty Ltd	Evaluation of Outcomes and Evidence Fund	Assessment and evaluation services	Research programs	Open Tender	27/06/2023	31/12/2026	\$450,000.00	90014822		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Closing the Gap
CN3960883	ABT Associates Pty Ltd	Evaluation of Outcomes and Evidence Fund	Assessment and evaluation services	Research programs	Open Tender	27/06/2023	31/12/2026	\$450,000.00	90014820		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Closing the Gap
CN3960889	Yaran Business Services Pty Ltd	Evaluation of Outcomes and Evidence Fund	Assessment and evaluation services	Research programs	Open Tender	21/07/2023	31/12/2026	\$450,000.00	90014816		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Closing the Gap
CN3960890	ABT Associates Pty Ltd	Evaluation of Outcomes and Evidence Fund	Assessment and evaluation services	Research programs	Open Tender	27/06/2023	31/12/2026	\$450,000.00	90014819		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Closing the Gap
CN3960893	The Australian National University	LSIC Social and Emotional Wellbeing	Social policy research	Strategic planning consultation services	Open Tender	23/05/2023	20/12/2024	\$338,972.04	90014834		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN3960894	Yaran Business Services Pty Ltd	Evaluation of Outcomes and Evidence Fund	Assessment and evaluation services	Research programs	Open Tender	21/07/2023	31/12/2026	\$450,000.00	90014818		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Closing the Gap
CN3961506	Whereto Research Based Consulting Pty Ltd	Outcomes and Evidence Fund evaluation	Assessment and evaluation services	Research programs	Open Tender	2/08/2023	31/12/2026	\$450,000.00	90014811		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Closing the Gap
CN3962746	Parenting Research Centre Inc	Outcomes and evidence fund evaluation s2	Assessment and evaluation services	Economic or financial evaluation of projects	Open Tender	23/08/2023	31/12/2026	\$499,840.00	90014849		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Closing the Gap
CN3963307	Pursuit Technology Australia Pty Ltd	Redress Education Portal	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Software	Open Tender	19/05/2023	19/05/2025	\$122,522.40	90014847		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Integrity & Information
CN3964547	Benestar Group Pty Ltd	2023 Employee Assistance Program	Human resource services	Human resources services	Open Tender	1/07/2023	30/06/2026	\$504,360.00	90014855		Departmental Overheads	Departmental Wide Misc Costs	DSS Human Resources OH
CN3965497	Sparke Helmore Lawyers	LEX 47601 - Corporate Law Bulk Order	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	1/06/2023	31/10/2024	\$300,000.00	90014873		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN3966774	Lawyerbank	LEX 42780 - Secondment	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	24/05/2023	30/08/2024	\$554,400.00	90014889		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legislation Development, Data Access & Governance
CN3968315	Clayton Utz	LEX 47296 - Corporate Law Bulk Order	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	1/06/2023	31/10/2024	\$300,000.00	90014899		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN3968414	Lawyerbank	LEX 47072 - 2023 - Secondment	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	1/07/2023	31/12/2024	\$564,300.00	90014887		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN3968524	Lawyerbank	LEX 47077 - 2023 - Secondment	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	1/07/2023	30/08/2024	\$578,111.10	90014886		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN3969539	Expense8 Pty Ltd	Expense8 and GovComply	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Software	Open Tender	5/06/2023	30/06/2028	\$554,239.55	90014905		Departmental Overheads	Non ITG Corporate Systems	FG Non ITG Corporate Systems
CN3971592	LEX Australia Pty Ltd	LEX 46812 - Matter Management Software	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Software maintenance and support	Open Tender	25/06/2023	24/06/2026	\$49,500.00	90014918		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN3974412	Insightfulness Pty Ltd	ICT Labour Hire - Data Scientists	ICT services	Data services	Open Tender	1/07/2023	31/12/2024	\$824,329.67	90014941		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN3974417	Lawyerbank	LEX 47073 - Legislation Secondment	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	1/07/2023	31/07/2024	\$652,740.00	90014926		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN3977627	Prosentient Systems Pty Ltd	Procurement of Library Management System	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Software maintenance and support	Limited Tender	1/07/2023	30/06/2026	\$49,900.00	90014850		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN3978375	Institute of Public Administration	IPAA Membership 2023-2024	Corporate objectives services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Open Tender	1/07/2023	30/06/2026	\$153,604.00	90014962		Departmental Overheads	Corporate Learning & Development	Corporate Learning & Development
CN3983307	CoreLogic Asia Pacific	House Price Data	Data services	Data services	Open Tender	16/08/2023	15/08/2026	\$605,550.00	90014971		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN3984170	Podd Aptitude Pty Ltd	Analytics Specialist/Business Analyst - Podd Aptitude	Contractor - Labour Hire	Data services	Open Tender	1/07/2023	30/06/2025	\$520,000.00	90014980		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Reporting & Evaluation
CN3984174	Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	Data Visualisation Specialist	ICT contractors	Human resources services	Open Tender	4/07/2023	30/06/2025	\$682,000.00	90014983		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Reporting & Evaluation
CN3984534	Hyperion IT Pty Ltd	Data Visualisation Business Analysts	Contractor - Labour Hire	Human resources services	Open Tender	14/07/2023	30/06/2025	\$722,656.00	90014996		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Reporting & Evaluation
CN3984545	ARTD Pty Ltd	Disability Employment Pilot Evaluation FY 2023-2024	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	14/07/2023	30/06/2025	\$589,827.38	90014976	Yes	Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Policy
CN3985697	Australian Indigenous Minority Supplier Office Ltd	Supply Nation Membership 2023-2024	Strategic advice & review services	Professional associations	Limited Tender	1/08/2023	31/07/2024	\$16,500.00	90015002		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN3986756	Big Dingo Media Pty Ltd	Communication Support Products	Communication Services	Photographic and recording media	Limited Tender	30/06/2023	29/11/2024	\$194,139.00	90014969		Families & Communities	Family Safety	Childrens & Youth Policy
CN3987214	The Trustee for the Social Deck Trust	National Autism Strategy Phase 2	Communication Services	Information technology consultation services	Open Tender	21/07/2023	31/08/2024	\$822,038.14	90015005		Disability & Carers	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission	Foundational Support & Early Childhood Reform
CN3988140	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Blue Prism Licences x 2	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Platform as a Service (PaaS - Cloud)	Open Tender	1/08/2023	31/07/2024	\$28,600.00	90015011		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN3989144	Brolly Australasia Pty Ltd	Social Media Records Storage	Communication Services	Media storage	Limited Tender	29/06/2022	29/06/2025	\$19,835.20	90015012		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN3990263	Tuggeranong Town Centre Pty Ltd	Property lease	Property Lease	Lease and rental of property or building	Open Tender	1/10/2023	30/09/2024	\$335,177.53	F1135433		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN3991629	Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd	Fairfax Media subscription 2023-24	Corporate objectives services	Electronic reference material	Limited Tender	30/08/2023	29/08/2024	\$39,228.96	90015023		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN3995292	Sparke Helmore Lawyers	LEX 47820 - Secondment	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	21/08/2023	31/08/2024	\$808,500.00	90015040		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legislation Development, Data Access & Governance
CN3995790	Jones Lang LaSalle (ACT) Pty Ltd	CSED Infrastructure Expertise 2023-2025	Assessment and evaluation services	Building support services	Open Tender	21/08/2023	30/06/2026	\$300,000.00	90015038	Yes	Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Closing the Gap
CN3995900	F Arney & AJ Chong	Improving Multidisciplinary Responses Program Evaluation Support	Policy and program development services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Limited Tender	2/10/2023	30/06/2027	\$610,317.40	90015045		Families & Communities	Family Safety	Childrens & Youth Policy
CN3995931	Clayton Utz	LEX 43745 - Redress matter	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	6/03/2023	29/08/2024	\$11,000.00	90014727		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN3995956	Securitas Australia	DSS Gallagher Security EACS Upgrade	Security and Control Equipment	Building construction and support and maintenance and repair services	Open Tender	24/08/2023	21/02/2025	\$344,330.24	90015044		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN3996484	Info Access Group Pty Ltd	Easy Read Conversion	Language Services	Publication printing	Open Tender	7/09/2023	30/06/2025	\$351,000.00	90015051		Disability & Carers	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission	Australias Disability Strategy
CN3996523	Info Access Group Pty Ltd	Language translations	Language Services	Publication printing	Open Tender	31/08/2023	30/06/2025	\$581,100.00	90015052		Disability & Carers	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission	Australias Disability Strategy
CN3996782	Victorian Deaf Society	Auslan Translation and video production	Language Services	Publication printing	Open Tender	7/09/2023	30/06/2025	\$265,800.00	90015053		Disability & Carers	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission	Australias Disability Strategy
CN3996818	Nation Creative Pty Ltd	Copy editing, proofreading and design	Creative design and editorial services	Graphic design	Open Tender	31/08/2023	30/06/2025	\$238,000.00	90015050		Disability & Carers	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission	Australias Disability Strategy
CN3997631	Sparke Helmore Lawyers	LEX 47783 - Public Law Mini Bundle 23/24	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	31/08/2023	31/10/2024	\$560,000.00	90015064		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN3997632	King & Wood Mallesons	LEX 48083 - Public Law Mini Bundle 23/24	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	31/08/2023	31/10/2024	\$440,000.00	90015065		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN3999215	The University of Adelaide	HILDA Gender Equality Report 2001-2022	Social policy research	Corporate objectives or policy development	Open Tender	1/10/2023	28/11/2025	\$418,444.00	90015058		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN3999284	Shibumi.Com Pty Ltd	Shibumi Support and Licence renewal	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Software	Open Tender	1/10/2023	30/09/2024	\$1,873,701.00	90015072		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN3999763	SNAICC - National Voice For Our Children	Improving Multidisciplinary Responses - Design Support Expert	Policy and program development services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Limited Tender	5/10/2023	30/06/2027	\$330,000.00	90015049		Families & Communities	Family Safety	Childrens & Youth Policy
CN4003573	Sparke Helmore Lawyers	LEX 48233 secondment	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	6/11/2023	5/05/2025	\$690,593.00	90015094		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN4004916	Lawyerbank	LEX 48303 secondment	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	23/10/2023	25/10/2024	\$466,430.00	90015107		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4005164	Maddocks	LEX 47698 - CWG Securities Central Rego	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	3/10/2023	3/10/2024	\$70,000.00	90015198		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4006280	Nova Systems Pty Ltd	Digital Connectivity Project - Wi-Fi Connectivity Quality Assurance	ICT technical & advisory services	Information technology consultation services	Open Tender	29/09/2023	30/06/2025	\$91,377.00	90015114	Yes	Delivery & Data	Income Management Taskforce	Income Management Taskforce
CN4006968	McGrathNicol Advisory Partnership	New Internal audit service providers	Audit and assurance services	Internal audits	Limited Tender	9/10/2023	31/07/2024	\$178,200.00	90015106	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Audit and Assurance

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CN4008532	The Trustee for the BMF Unit Trust	SIATS Ph5 Creative and Website Development	Creative design and editorial services	Graphic design	Open Tender	12/10/2023	30/06/2025	\$2,999,625.35	90015121		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4010534	Interaction Training Pty Limited	eLearning Authoring Tool 2023	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	1/11/2023	31/10/2025	\$77,000.00	90015140		Departmental Overheads	Non ITG Corporate Systems	CSG Non ITG Corporate Systems
CN4010812	RLW Consulting	LEX 48267 - LSG RC Training	Facilitation	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	30/10/2023	30/08/2024	\$49,445.00	90015134		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4011668	Carbon Media Pty Ltd	SIATS Ph5 First Nations Communications	Creative design and editorial services	Public relations and professional communications services	Open Tender	25/10/2023	31/08/2025	\$682,000.00	90015144		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4012156	Cox Inall Change Pty Ltd	SIATS Phase 5 Public Relations	Communication Services	Public relations and professional communications services	Limited Tender	30/10/2023	31/08/2025	\$770,000.00	90015148		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4013040	Cultural Perspectives Pty Ltd	SIATS Ph5 CALD Communications	Communication Services	Public relations and professional communications services	Limited Tender	1/11/2023	31/08/2025	\$656,399.04	90015145		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4013519	Maddocks	LEX 48395 - PIA - Linkage of HILDA	Facilitation	Legal services	Limited Tender	2/11/2023	31/08/2024	\$20,882.80	90015143		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4014958	The Australia & New Zealand School	2024-2025 ANZSOG EMPA	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	17/11/2023	28/11/2025	\$179,516.70	90015170		Executive & Other	DSS Executive	DSS Executive
CN4016322	Lawyerbank	LEX 48610 - Secondment - Privacy team	Legal services	Legal services	Limited Tender	4/12/2023	25/09/2024	\$254,980.00	90015179		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4017864	Randstad Pty Ltd	APS 6 Web research, content, publishing	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	27/11/2023	22/11/2024	\$214,480.50	90015181		Disability & Carers	Disability & Carer Programs	Carers & Early Childhood
CN4017867	King & Wood Mallesons	LEX 48419 - Redress	Legal services	Legal services	Limited Tender	1/12/2023	1/01/2025	\$95,600.00	90015192		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN4018002	First People Recruitment Solutions	Web research	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	20/12/2023	20/12/2024	\$172,200.00	90015194		Disability & Carers	Disability & Carer Programs	Carers & Early Childhood
CN4018655	Leapfrog Publishers Pty Ltd	Swift Digital = Cloud Hosted Email Marketing Solution	ICT services	Software as a Service (SaaS - Cloud)	Limited Tender	4/12/2023	3/12/2026	\$79,566.00	90015187		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN4018836	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) Pty Ltd	Media on-call and Content writer x 2	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Limited Tender	1/01/2024	30/06/2025	\$415,600.25	90015197		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN4019317	The Martinez HWL Practice Trust	SVP Pilot - Probity Advisor	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Limited Tender	4/12/2023	30/09/2024	\$21,147.00	90015196	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Safety	Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Specialist Policy
CN4019421	Nationwide News Pty Ltd	Nationwide News Pty Ltd	Corporate objectives services	Electronic reference material	Limited Tender	30/11/2023	29/11/2024	\$10,750.00	90015189		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN4021009	Acorn PLMS Pty Ltd	Learning Management System	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Software	Open Tender	1/01/2024	31/12/2025	\$418,330.00	90015217		Departmental Overheads	Non ITG Corporate Systems	CSG Non ITG Corporate Systems
CN4021096	Binarri-binyja yarrowoo	Binarri-binyja Yarrowoo	Workshop facilitation & development	Project administration or planning	Limited Tender	22/12/2023	27/09/2024	\$155,310.00	90015199		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Closing the Gap
CN4022908	PQQC Consulting Pty Limited	LEX 47873 - PQQC Consulting for NDIS	Legal services	Legal services	Limited Tender	18/12/2023	17/12/2024	\$209,000.00	90015241	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legislation Development, Data Access & Governance
CN4023585	McGrathNicol Advisory Partnership	McGrathNicol Advisory Partnership	Business Management Services	Business intelligence consulting services	Open Tender	15/01/2024	30/09/2024	\$319,055.87	90015226	Yes	Disability & Carers	Disability & Carer Programs	Advocacy and Inclusion Programs
CN4023775	Milazzo Projects Pty Ltd	Digital Connectivity Project - Project Manager	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	2/01/2024	30/12/2024	\$416,160.04	90015220		Delivery & Data	Income Management Taskforce	Income Management Taskforce
CN4024283	Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	Financial Surety Assessor Contractor	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	2/01/2024	2/01/2026	\$406,632.16	90015259		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Policy, Institutions & Governance
CN4024329	Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	Financial Surety Assessor Contractor	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	5/01/2024	2/01/2026	\$401,152.76	90015258		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Policy, Institutions & Governance
CN4024694	Queensland University of Technology	LSIC Early Childhood Report	Social policy research	Corporate objectives or policy development	Open Tender	21/12/2023	23/05/2025	\$329,084.00	90015257		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN4024887	Osborne Richardson PTY LTD	Osborne Richardson Pty Ltd	ICT contractors	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	15/01/2024	30/09/2024	\$253,229.62	90015253		Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4024941	SNAICC - National Voice For Our Children	First Nations National Plan - FDSV	Project management	Project administration or planning	Limited Tender	22/12/2023	30/06/2025	\$3,411,930.98	90015110		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Policy
CN4025236	Ernst & Young	New DES Performance Framework design	Corporate objectives services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Open Tender	8/01/2024	31/12/2024	\$395,355.00	90015228	Yes	Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Programs
CN4025721	Orima Research Pty Ltd	Volunteering Awareness Campaign Developmental Research	Market research	Market research	Limited Tender	15/01/2024	31/07/2024	\$299,995.00	90015260	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4025745	TBWA Melbourne Pty Ltd	Volunteering Awareness Campaign Creative	Creative design and editorial services	Graphic design	Limited Tender	9/01/2024	30/06/2025	\$407,722.50	90015271		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4026157	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Robotics Automation: Blue Prism Licences	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Software	Open Tender	9/01/2024	8/01/2025	\$76,450.00	90015270		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN4027226	Milazzo Projects Pty Ltd	Digital Connectivity Project - Change/ Communications Manager	ICT contractors	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	15/01/2024	28/12/2024	\$229,010.40	90015223		Delivery & Data	Income Management Taskforce	Income Management Taskforce
CN4027412	Sparke Helmore Lawyers	LEX 48676 - Income Apportionment	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	15/01/2024	30/08/2024	\$80,000.00	90015227		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN4028958	Global Leadership Exchange	International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership	Staff development	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	1/01/2024	31/12/2024	\$60,548.97	90015287		Disability & Carers	Disability & Carer Programs	Advocacy and Inclusion Programs
CN4028974	Milazzo Projects Pty Ltd	Digital Connectivity Project - Business Analyst	ICT contractors	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	22/01/2024	30/12/2024	\$319,800.00	90015222		Delivery & Data	Income Management Taskforce	Income Management Taskforce
CN4029241	Ernst & Young	New DES Performance Framework Technical	Corporate objectives services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Open Tender	15/01/2024	30/06/2025	\$800,000.00	90015283	Yes	Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Programs
CN4029329	Ernst & Young	DES Budget Model and RAFL Review	Corporate objectives services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Open Tender	9/01/2024	30/06/2025	\$586,825.00	90015282	Yes	Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Programs
CN4029495	SNAICC - National Voice for our Children (Aboriginal&Torres Strait Islander Corp)	First Nations Playgroups Pilot - service	Project Support Services	Management advisory services	Limited Tender	31/01/2024	30/06/2026	\$1,076,398.00	90015292	Yes	Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Child and Family Programs
CN4029585	Nous Group Pty Ltd	YPIRAC Independent Evaluation	Assessment and evaluation services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	12/12/2023	30/08/2024	\$810,950.00	90015265	Yes	Disability & Carers	NDIS Markets & Safeguards	Quality & Safeguards Policy
CN4029664	The University of Queensland	LSIC Transition to Secondary School Report	Social policy research	Corporate objectives or policy development	Open Tender	7/02/2024	6/06/2025	\$352,386.50	90015291		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN4029711	Randstad Pty Ltd	HR Support for PCG	Recruitment services	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	8/02/2024	8/02/2025	\$209,928.67	90015297		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate & Government Services Group Exec
CN4030756	lawyerbank Pty Ltd	LEX 49368 - Secondment	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	8/04/2024	11/10/2024	\$259,380.00	90015309		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4031035	Proximity Advisory Services Pty Ltd	LEX 48823 - Secondment	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	3/06/2024	3/12/2024	\$228,676.69	90015294		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4031153	First People Recruitment Solutions	PAO2 - Families and Communities Comms	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	30/01/2024	30/12/2024	\$223,451.25	90015311		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4031818	Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	EL1 Contractors - Gambling - Jan 2024	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	8/02/2024	7/02/2025	\$423,250.15	90015321		Families & Communities	Family Wellbeing	Financial Resilience and Response
CN4032608	Griffin Legal Pty Ltd	LEX 49183 - Secondment	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	12/02/2024	8/11/2024	\$411,250.00	90015310		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4032690	Sparke Helmore Lawyers	LEX 47689 - Commercial Training 2023/24	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	12/02/2024	12/08/2024	\$30,000.00	90015293		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4033580	2M Communications Pty Ltd	Implementation - First Nations Languages	Creative design and editorial services	Transcribing services	Open Tender	15/02/2024	30/09/2024	\$162,360.00	90015326		Disability & Carers	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission	Australias Disability Strategy

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CN4033681	Callida Consulting	Independent financial review	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	16/02/2024	30/01/2026	\$264,000.00	90015324	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Policy, Institutions & Governance
CN4033948	KPMG Australia	Financial Statements Model - DSS	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Accounting services	Open Tender	21/02/2024	30/01/2026	\$50,160.00	90015330		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Services
CN4034535	DFP Recruitment Services	Graduate Recruitment 2025	Recruitment services	Personnel recruitment	Open Tender	19/02/2024	19/02/2026	\$412,128.00	90015349		Departmental Overheads	Entry Level Program	DSS Entry Level Program
CN4034897	Institute of Public Administration	ACT IPAA Future Leaders	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	27/02/2024	30/12/2024	\$33,000.00	90015347		Departmental Overheads	Corporate Learning & Development	Corporate Learning & Development
CN4036363	BSI People Pty Ltd	Business Analyst	ICT contractors	Computer services	Open Tender	29/02/2024	12/08/2024	\$176,962.50	90015351		Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Programs
CN4036460	Ashurst Australia	LEX 49239 - Probity Adviser DES 2024-25	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	26/02/2024	26/02/2025	\$723,063.83	90015366		Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Group Exec
CN4036478	Factor Tech Pty Ltd	Senior UX Designer - Website Redevelopment	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	27/02/2024	24/12/2024	\$358,055.12	90015355		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN4036879	Relatbl Recruiting Pty Ltd	SES Recruitment Services	Recruitment services	Personnel recruitment	Open Tender	29/02/2024	21/06/2025	\$500,000.00	90015358		Executive & Other	DSS Executive	DSS Executive
CN4036928	PSGA Pty Ltd	DSS Gallagher Lockdown Function	Security and Control Equipment	Security and control equipment	Open Tender	1/03/2024	31/07/2024	\$161,045.50	90015367		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN4037267	Mura Consultancy Services	Co-design services OEF Darebin from Mura	Facilitation	Professional procurement services	Limited Tender	6/03/2024	30/07/2024	\$192,500.00	90015371		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Closing the Gap
CN4037376	Paper Monkey Pty Ltd	DRC Taskforce - Graphic Design	Creative design and editorial services	Graphic design	Open Tender	14/03/2024	13/03/2025	\$43,404.00	90015372		Disability & Carers	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission Group Exec
CN4037696	Nous Group Pty Ltd	Evaluation of IPS Program/ DWSS	Assessment and evaluation services	Economic or financial evaluation of projects	Open Tender	15/03/2024	31/07/2025	\$935,000.00	90015375	Yes	Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Policy
CN4037773	2M Communications Pty Ltd	DRC Taskforce - Auslan	Language Services	Written translation services	Open Tender	14/03/2024	13/03/2025	\$50,000.00	90015379		Disability & Carers	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission Group Exec
CN4038170	ABT Associates Pty Ltd	Procurement of Co-Design Facilitators	Contractor - Fee for service	Strategic planning consultation services	Open Tender	25/03/2024	30/08/2024	\$204,105.00	90015340		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Closing the Gap
CN4038694	Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	Early Years Strategy Data Development	Project management	Project administration or planning	Limited Tender	8/01/2024	30/06/2025	\$37,509.00	90015382		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN4039143	Clayton Utz	LEX 48210 - Legal/ SES training	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	15/03/2024	12/03/2025	\$96,551.40	90015376		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4039827	Maddocks	LEX 49554 - Privacy Law	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	15/03/2024	14/03/2025	\$225,000.00	90015345		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4039898	Horizon One Recruitment Pty Ltd	Financial Accounting - Labour Hire	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	2/04/2024	2/10/2024	\$93,122.25	90015380		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Services
CN4040389	Corporate Travel Management Group Pty Ltd	Travel Management Services	Travel Management Services	Travel facilitation	Open Tender	5/02/2024	30/06/2027	\$5,000,000.00	F1151228		Departmental Overheads	Departmental Wide Misc Costs	DSS Human Resources OH
CN4040968	Nous Group Pty Ltd	YPIRAC Education resources project	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	3/04/2024	29/11/2024	\$314,500.00	90015359	Yes	Disability & Carers	NDIS Markets & Safeguards	Quality & Safeguards Policy
CN4040971	McGrathNicol Advisory Partnership	Internal Audit Work Program	Contractor - Fee for service	Audit services	Open Tender	20/03/2024	30/06/2025	\$1,738,000.00	90015361		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Audit and Assurance
CN4041126	Cobalt Consulting Services Pty Limited	Internal Audit Work Program	Contractor - Fee for service	Audit services	Open Tender	21/03/2024	30/06/2025	\$1,738,000.00	90015388		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Audit and Assurance
CN4041282	The Trustee for the Social Deck Trust	Registration Taskforce admin support	Creative design and editorial services	Transcribing services	Open Tender	22/03/2024	29/07/2024	\$700,251.00	90015399		Disability & Carers	NDIS Markets & Safeguards	Quality & Safeguards Policy
CN4041376	Horizon One Recruitment Pty Ltd	NDIS PPG Labour Hire	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	21/03/2024	30/06/2025	\$497,424.00	90015398		Disability & Carers	NDIS Participants & Performance	Commonwealth / State Engagement
CN4041535	Clayton Utz	LEX 49890 - Advice on NDIS Bill	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	14/03/2024	29/07/2024	\$39,600.00	90015401		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4041541	King & Wood Mallesons	LEX 49556 Redress Helpdesk 2024	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	18/03/2024	26/03/2025	\$240,000.00	90015377		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN4041548	Clayton Utz	LEX 49557 - Redress Helpdesk 2024	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	18/03/2024	26/03/2025	\$427,200.00	90015385		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN4041555	Info Access Group Pty Ltd	DRC Taskforce - Easy Read	Language Services	Written translation services	Open Tender	19/04/2024	17/04/2025	\$60,000.00	90015402		Disability & Carers	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission Group Exec
CN4041620	KPMG Australia	Financial Statements Model - DFSV	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Accounting services	Open Tender	27/03/2024	30/01/2027	\$37,620.00	90015405		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Services
CN4042064	Future Leadership Pty Ltd	NDISQ&S Commissioner - Executive Recruitment	Recruitment services	Personnel recruitment	Open Tender	18/03/2024	16/07/2024	\$50,000.00	90015412		Chief Operating Officer	Social Policy & Governance	Portfolio Governance
CN4042562	ABT Associates Pty Ltd	Outcomes & Evidence Fund evaluation SYD	Assessment and evaluation services	Economic or financial evaluation of projects	Open Tender	21/03/2024	31/12/2026	\$450,000.00	90015285		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Closing the Gap
CN4042567	Protiviti Pty Ltd	Audit assistance and delivery of support	Contractor - Fee for service	Audit services	Open Tender	27/03/2024	30/06/2025	\$906,292.84	90015397		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Audit and Assurance
CN4042608	Horizon One Recruitment Pty Ltd	NDIS PPG Labour Hire	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	8/04/2024	30/06/2025	\$531,729.60	90015411		Disability & Carers	NDIS Participants & Performance	NDIS Governance Policy & Legislation
CN4043278	Gartner Australasia Pty Limited	Policy and program development services	Policy and program development services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Open Tender	11/04/2024	30/04/2025	\$363,880.00	90015409		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data & Evaluation Group Exec
CN4043732	Laundry Lane Productions Pty Ltd	2024 COVID-19 Disability Ambassador Management	Communication Services	Photographic or filming or video equipment	Open Tender	4/04/2024	30/12/2024	\$249,234.00	90015413		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4043879	The LOTE Agency	Graphic design - National Carer Strategy	Communication Services	Layout or graphics editing services	Open Tender	16/04/2024	31/12/2024	\$109,076.00	90015408		Disability & Carers	Disability & Carer Programs	Carers & Early Childhood
CN4044262	Paper Monkey Pty Ltd	COVID-19 Ambassadors - Graphic Design	Creative design and editorial services	Graphic design	Open Tender	10/04/2024	31/10/2024	\$55,000.00	90015421		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4044526	Winangali Pty Ltd ATF	Foundational communication strategy - First Nations	Communication Services	Public relations and professional communications services	Limited Tender	9/04/2024	1/10/2024	\$116,001.60	90015423		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4044683	Salsa Internet Pty Ltd ATF Webolutionary	GovCMS development services for website	ICT services	Computer services	Open Tender	8/04/2024	30/06/2025	\$1,014,260.00	90015389		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN4044726	Info Access Group Pty Ltd	COVID-19 Ambassadors - Easy Read	Language Services	Written translation services	Open Tender	12/04/2024	31/10/2024	\$24,000.00	90015422		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4044839	Horizon One Recruitment Pty Ltd	Labour Hire	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	22/04/2024	30/09/2024	\$115,291.33	90015418		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Services
CN4045068	Taylor Fry Consulting Actuaries	Rental burden report using HILDA data	Social policy research	Corporate objectives or policy development	Open Tender	8/04/2024	8/04/2025	\$244,800.00	90015386		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN4045148	Bruce Bonyhady	NDIS Implementation Advice	Strategic advice & review services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Limited Tender	10/05/2024	7/03/2025	\$272,500.00	90015450	Yes	Disability & Carers	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission Group Exec
CN4045176	face2face Recruitment Pty Ltd	Scribe Services for DCS bulk recruitment	Recruitment services	Personnel recruitment	Open Tender	17/04/2024	27/09/2024	\$94,136.05	90015433		Disability & Carers	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission Group Exec
CN4045471	Recruitment Sorted Pty Ltd	Labour Hire - Financial Accounting surge	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	11/04/2024	12/09/2024	\$26,825.40	90015432		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Services
CN4045472	The LOTE Agency	National Carer Strategy - translation	Creative design and editorial services	Written translation services	Open Tender	16/04/2024	31/12/2024	\$456,257.75	90015407		Disability & Carers	Disability & Carer Programs	Carers & Early Childhood
CN4045482	Jones Lang LaSalle (ACT) Pty Ltd	Perth Wall Construction - Redress	Building & construction & maintenance services	Building construction and support and maintenance and repair services	Open Tender	10/04/2024	30/08/2024	\$233,595.33	90015435		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN4045609	Gunnebo Australia Pty Ltd	DSS ELB Security Hardening Project	Security and Control Equipment	Security or access control systems	Open Tender	12/04/2024	24/01/2025	\$585,024.00	90015442		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN4045675	Horizon One Recruitment Pty Ltd	NDIS PPG Labour Hire (various)	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	22/04/2024	30/06/2025	\$335,638.50	90015431		Disability & Carers	NDIS Participants & Performance	Commonwealth / State Engagement
CN4045742	33 Creative Pty Ltd	Volunteering Awareness - First Nations	Communication Services	Public relations and professional communications services	Limited Tender	23/04/2024	30/06/2025	\$317,827.48	90015439		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication

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CN4045891	Maddocks	LEX 49541 - Legal Advisor to draft DES	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	15/04/2024	5/12/2025	\$437,140.30	90015444		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4045892	Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	NDIS PPG Labour Hire (various)	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	22/04/2024	30/06/2025	\$332,282.25	90015434		Disability & Carers	NDIS Participants & Performance	Commonwealth / State Engagement
CN4045945	Think HQ Pty Ltd	Volunteering Awareness - Public Relations mainstream	Communication Services	Public relations and professional communications services	Limited Tender	16/04/2024	30/06/2025	\$386,608.55	90015436		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4045973	Culture HQ Pty Ltd T/As CultureVerse	Volunteering Awareness - CALD	Communication Services	Public relations and professional communications services	Limited Tender	1/05/2024	30/06/2025	\$295,843.36	90015438		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4046052	Opal Translation Pty Ltd T/As	COVID-19 Ambassadors - in Language Translation	Language Services	Written translation services	Open Tender	15/04/2024	31/10/2024	\$48,500.00	90015440		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4046221	The Social Research Centre Pty Ltd	Survey of separated parents	Social policy research	Management advisory services	Open Tender	23/04/2024	20/12/2024	\$382,349.90	90015452	Yes	Social Security	Participation & Family Payments	Families & Payment Support
CN4046222	Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	NDIS PPG Labour Hire (various)	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	22/04/2024	30/06/2025	\$498,400.50	90015449		Disability & Carers	NDIS Participants & Performance	NDIS Finance & Performance
CN4046240	Communicorp Group Pty Ltd	Mental health training	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	29/04/2024	30/04/2026	\$269,080.00	90015420		Departmental Overheads	Corporate Learning & Development	Corporate Learning & Development
CN4046494	La Trobe University	Delivery of the Community-led Sexual Violence Prevention Pilots - University Partner	Social policy research	Research programs	Open Tender	27/05/2024	30/06/2027	\$7,452,031.10	90015451		Families & Communities	Family Safety	Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Specialist Policy
CN4046688	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	ABC Sponsorship - IDPwD 2024	Sponsorships	Sponsorship of event or celebrity	Limited Tender	6/05/2024	18/04/2025	\$171,600.00	90015456		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate & Government Services Group Exec
CN4046706	Hall & Partners Pty Ltd	SIATS Ph 5 - BTE research	Market research	Market research	Limited Tender	17/04/2024	30/06/2025	\$530,328.74	90015455	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4046771	Inner Sydney Empowered Communities Ltd	Community Partnership Support - Sydney	Contractor - Fee for service	Strategic planning consultation services	Limited Tender	24/04/2024	30/08/2024	\$115,500.00	90015419		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Closing the Gap
CN4046779	Peter Hanks	LEX 49529 - Engagement of Counsel	Legal services	Legal services	Limited Tender	8/04/2024	8/10/2024	\$50,000.00	90015462		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN4047006	Hall & Partners Pty Ltd	Consent Campaign - BTE	Market research	Market research	Limited Tender	19/04/2024	30/06/2025	\$590,571.48	90015459	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4047155	The Martinez HWL Practice Trust	Probity advisory services - BaliLAP etc	Probity services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	29/04/2024	22/12/2024	\$33,353.00	90015453	Yes	Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Programs
CN4047210	Nous Group Pty Ltd	National Model of Care	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	19/06/2024	30/06/2026	\$1,914,000.00	90015441	Yes	Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Child and Family Programs
CN4047231	Portable Australia Pty Ltd	Forced Adoption online training package	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	23/04/2024	31/10/2024	\$661,324.68	90015473	Yes	Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Child and Family Programs
CN4047237	Whereto Research Based Consulting Pty Ltd	Evaluation of FDSV Federation Funding Agreement	Management Advisory Services	Public administration and finance services	Open Tender	19/04/2024	30/06/2025	\$769,180.00	90015463	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN4047452	Palisades Australia Pty Ltd	Placement services non-ongoing	Recruitment services	Personnel recruitment	Open Tender	10/04/2024	18/01/2025	\$12,825.00	90015446		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN4048317	Mills Oakley Lawyers	LEX 49627 - Secondment	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	6/05/2024	4/11/2024	\$312,000.00	90015468		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN4048326	Social Ventures Australia Limited	Social Impact Investing Trials support	Assessment and evaluation services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	21/05/2024	27/06/2027	\$165,000.00	90015457	Yes	Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Community Partnerships
CN4048468	The trustee for JWS Research Unit Trust	Consultation Market Research	Market research	Market research	Open Tender	29/04/2024	31/07/2024	\$162,800.00	90015474		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN4048470	Canceraid Ptd Ltd	Osara Health - Cancer Support Services	Human resource services	Human resources services	Limited Tender	1/05/2024	25/07/2025	\$66,825.00	90015471		Departmental Overheads	Departmental Wide Misc Costs	DSS Human Resources OH
CN4048549	Bluefin Resources Pty. Limited	Placement Services for non-ongoing staff	Recruitment services	Personnel recruitment	Open Tender	26/03/2024	26/01/2025	\$12,825.00	90015482		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN4049010	Mediabrand Australia Pty Ltd	Consent campaign - Media buy	Advertising	Advertising	Open Tender	26/05/2024	31/05/2025	\$16,225,000.00	90015487		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4049048	Public Sector Network Australia Pty Ltd	Data Visualisation & Storytelling course	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	8/06/2024	31/07/2024	\$16,500.00	90015479		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data & Evaluation Group Exec
CN4049098	Excelerated Consulting Pty Ltd	Budget and Costings System - Finance	ICT services	Software	Open Tender	3/05/2024	15/08/2025	\$534,332.00	90015464		Executive & Other	EMG Managed	EMG Managed
CN4049580	SOS Recruitment	Labour Hire	Communication Services	Human resources services	Open Tender	1/05/2024	28/04/2025	\$218,483.78	90015427		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Integrity & Information
CN4049700	Jessica Apel	LEX 49529 - Engagement of Counsel	Legal services	Legal services	Limited Tender	8/04/2024	8/10/2024	\$25,000.00	90015461		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN4049742	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Blue Prism Licenses	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Platform as a Service (PaaS - Cloud)	Open Tender	1/05/2024	30/04/2027	\$165,929.50	90015478		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN4049779	Mediabrand Australia Pty Ltd	SIATS Phase 5 Media Buy	Advertising	Advertising	Open Tender	30/04/2024	30/06/2025	\$15,070,000.00	90015476		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4049792	Adecco Australia Pty Ltd	Hub Labour Hire Contractors 2024/25	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2026	\$1,000,000.00	90015467		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Community Grants Hub Group Exec
CN4049796	Monash University	Consultancy services assessment and consultation	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	20/05/2024	28/02/2025	\$278,451.00	90015466	Yes	Social Security	Participation & Family Payments	Carer, Disability & Student Payments Bch
CN4050431	The Martinez HWL Practice Trust	LEX 50304 - Appendix E advice	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	30/04/2024	23/10/2024	\$10,000.00	90015495		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4050478	Whereto Research Based	Consultation Focus Groups	Social policy research	Market research	Open Tender	2/05/2024	31/07/2024	\$275,000.00	90015470		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN4051764	Yellow Edge Pty Ltd	Manager Capability Program (Manager Toolkit)	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	10/05/2024	31/07/2024	\$54,450.00	90015494		Departmental Overheads	Corporate Learning & Development	Corporate Learning & Development
CN4051921	Horizon One Recruitment Pty Ltd	NDIS PPG Labour Hire (Various)	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	13/05/2024	30/06/2025	\$319,440.75	90015498		Disability & Carers	NDIS Participants & Performance	Commonwealth / State Engagement
CN4052586	Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	Hub Labour Hire Contractors 2024/25	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2026	\$3,200,000.00	90015503		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Community Grants Hub Group Exec
CN4052588	SOS Recruitment	Hub Labour Hire Contractors 2024/25	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2026	\$6,800,000.00	90015504		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Community Grants Hub Group Exec
CN4052595	Randstad Pty Ltd	Hub Labour Hire Contractors 2024/25	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2026	\$3,000,000.00	90015505		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Community Grants Hub Group Exec
CN4052597	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) Pty Ltd	Hub Labour Hire Contractors 2024/25	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2026	\$2,000,000.00	90015506		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Community Grants Hub Group Exec
CN4052598	Karika Recruiting Group Pty Ltd	Hub Labour Hire Contractors 2024/25	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2026	\$2,000,000.00	90015509		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Community Grants Hub Group Exec
CN4052623	The University of Melbourne	Early childhood best practice guidance	Policy and program development services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Open Tender	21/05/2024	13/06/2025	\$1,885,962.00	90015458		Disability & Carers	Disability & Carer Programs	Carers & Early Childhood
CN4052894	Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	NRAS assessment labour	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	10/05/2024	25/10/2024	\$59,922.23	90015513		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Hub Operations
CN4053305	Karika Recruiting Group Pty Ltd	NDIS PPG Labour Hire (various)	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	20/05/2024	20/05/2025	\$168,323.25	90015511		Disability & Carers	NDIS Participants & Performance	Commonwealth / State Engagement
CN4053636	First People Recruitment Solutions	NRAS assessment labour hire	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	10/05/2024	18/10/2024	\$58,095.68	90015489		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Hub Operations
CN4053707	O'Connor Marsden & Associates Pty Ltd	Probity Advisory Services	Probity services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	15/05/2024	1/11/2024	\$19,734.00	90015518	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Wellbeing	Early Childhood & Parenting Wellbeing
CN4053708	Proximity Advisory Services Pty Ltd	Probity advisory Outcomes and Evidence	Probity services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	24/05/2024	1/02/2027	\$271,540.30	90015516	Yes	Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Closing the Gap
CN4053761	Capital Recruit Pty Ltd	NRAS - Labour Hire	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	13/05/2024	18/10/2024	\$61,914.60	90015515		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Hub Operations

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CN4053881	KPMG Australia	Review of Process Automation 2023-2024	Audit and assurance services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	13/05/2024	15/07/2024	\$39,750.00	90015500	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN4054061	Ipsos Public Affairs Pty Ltd	2024 APS Employee Census	Data services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Open Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2025	\$89,518.00	90015508		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	People Services
CN4055607	Local Peoples as Trustee For The	Website redevelopment project - Mid-weight UX designer	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	20/05/2024	23/09/2024	\$104,544.00	90015531		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN4055993	Ethos CRS Consulting Pty Ltd	Off-the-Shelf APS Learning Videos	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	31/05/2024	30/05/2025	\$43,740.00	90015524		Departmental Overheads	Corporate Learning & Development	Corporate Learning & Development
CN4056230	The trustee for JWS Research Unit Trust	Parent and caregiver research	Social policy research	Market research	Open Tender	24/05/2024	1/10/2024	\$140,800.00	90015538		Families & Communities	Family Wellbeing	Early Childhood & Parenting Wellbeing
CN4056973	The Trustee for the Social Deck Trust	Brand development for the FWC Activity to support the review	Communication Services	Market research	Open Tender	24/05/2024	24/10/2024	\$239,822.00	90015501		Families & Communities	Family Wellbeing	Financial Resilience and Response
CN4057714	CCH Australia Limited	CCH Parliamentary Political Alert Subscription 2024-25	Communication Services	Electronic reference material	Limited Tender	28/06/2024	28/06/2025	\$14,076.61	90015543		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN4057808	The Trustee For Giraffe Visual Communication Management Unit Trust	Graphic Design for the DSS Annual Report	Creative design and editorial services	Layout or graphics editing services	Open Tender	15/07/2024	31/10/2024	\$12,155.00	90015536		Chief Operating Officer	Social Policy & Governance	Portfolio Governance
CN4058399	Ethos CRS Consulting Pty Ltd	Managing Complex Conversations workshop	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	31/05/2024	30/05/2026	\$87,713.00	90015544		Departmental Overheads	Corporate Learning & Development	Corporate Learning & Development
CN4059210	Goanna Solutions Pty Ltd	ICT Project Mgr DSS Website Redevelopment	ICT contractors	Personnel recruitment	Open Tender	10/06/2024	31/12/2024	\$276,210.00	90015549		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN4059561	Switchboard (Victoria) Incorporated	1800RESPECT Stakeholder Panel - Switchbo	Contractor - Labour Hire	Business administration services	Limited Tender	6/06/2022	5/06/2026	\$19,360.00	90014260		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN4060137	Bull & Bear Special Assignments Pty Ltd	Workforce Management Project	Human resource services	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	11/06/2024	31/12/2024	\$243,408.00	90015547		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	People Services
CN4060146	Yellow Edge Pty Ltd	360 Degree feedback process for SES	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	31/05/2024	5/06/2026	\$251,300.00	90015551		Executive & Other	DSS Executive	DSS Executive
CN4060311	Yardstick Advisory Pty Ltd	Compliance Review	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	14/06/2024	14/02/2025	\$160,000.00	90015546	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Safety	Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Specialist Policy
CN4060389	Caxton Legal Centre Inc	1800RESPECT Stakeholder Panel	Contractor - Fee for service	Business administration services	Limited Tender	6/06/2022	5/06/2026	\$19,360.00	90014264		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN4060405	Women with Disabilities Victoria Inc	1800RESPECT Stakeholder Panel	Contractor - Fee for service	Business administration services	Limited Tender	6/06/2022	5/06/2026	\$19,360.00	90014259		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN4060419	Myriad International Consulting Services	1800RESPECT Stakeholder Panel	Contractor - Fee for service	Business administration services	Limited Tender	6/06/2022	5/06/2026	\$19,360.00	90014261		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN4060474	Karen O'Connell	1800RESPECT Stakeholder Panel	Contractor - Fee for service	Corporate objectives or policy development	Limited Tender	6/06/2022	5/06/2026	\$18,480.00	90014251		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN4061168	Iconinc Holdings Pty Ltd	Accessible guides for FDSV practitioners	Creative design and editorial services	Graphic design	Open Tender	18/06/2024	12/09/2024	\$213,667.96	90015553		Families & Communities	Family Safety	Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Specialist Policy
CN4061359	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) Pty Ltd	DES Reforms	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	11/06/2024	10/06/2025	\$180,000.00	90015560		Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Policy
CN4061525	Axiom Associates (Aust) Pty Ltd	Consultancy for SAP User Access Review	Audit and assurance services	Accounting services	Open Tender	6/06/2024	31/07/2024	\$55,000.00	90015567	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Services
CN4062797	Atushee Consulting Pty Ltd	Business/Siebel Analyst 2024/25	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2026	\$638,440.00	90015557		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Hub Operations
CN4062899	ARTD Pty Ltd	Evaluation capability building	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	14/06/2024	26/09/2025	\$170,942.00	90015571		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN4063105	Clayton Utz	LEX 50356 - Leaving Violence payment 2024-26	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	10/06/2024	30/06/2026	\$236,206.50	90015555		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4063167	Chandler MacLeod Group Limited	Public Affairs Officer for Comms	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2025	\$186,076.58	90015607		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4063178	DFP Recruitment Services	Hub Recruitment Support Services 2024-25 - DFP	Recruitment services	Personnel recruitment	Open Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2026	\$125,000.00	90015565		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Community Grants Hub Group Exec
CN4063226	Synergistiq Pty Ltd	NFP Blueprint Conduct Consults Tranche 2	Contractor - Fee for service	Professional procurement services	Open Tender	12/06/2024	30/07/2024	\$222,184.00	90015556		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Community Cohesion
CN4063288	First Grade Group Pty Ltd	Hub Recruitment Support Services 2024-25 - First Grade	Recruitment services	Personnel recruitment	Open Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2026	\$50,000.00	90015586		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Community Grants Hub Group Exec
CN4063296	Yardstick Advisory Pty Ltd	Services to Audit and Assurance Branch	Contractor - Fee for service	Business administration services	Open Tender	29/07/2024	10/09/2026	\$2,048,000.00	90015593		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Audit and Assurance
CN4063301	O'Connor Marsden & Associates Pty Ltd	Probity Services - CGH 2024-25 OCM	Probity services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2026	\$300,000.00	90015578	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Hub Operations
CN4063307	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Provision of services Audit & Assurance	Contractor - Fee for service	Business administration services	Open Tender	10/07/2024	10/09/2026	\$1,536,000.00	90015588		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Audit and Assurance
CN4063507	Chandler MacLeod Group Limited	Hub Recruitment Support Services 2024-25 - Chandler Macleod	Recruitment services	Personnel recruitment	Open Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2026	\$125,000.00	90015587		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Community Grants Hub Group Exec
CN4063718	The Trustee for the Social Deck Trust	FS Stakeholder Consultation Strategy	ICT services	Communication aids for the physically challenged	Open Tender	19/06/2024	30/06/2025	\$1,555,499.00	90015605		Disability & Carers	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission	Foundational Support & Early Childhood Reform
CN4063721	Galent Pty Ltd	Probity Services - CGH 2024-25 Galent	Probity services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2026	\$300,000.00	90015617	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Hub Operations
CN4063756	Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	Public Affairs Officer for Comms	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	1/07/2024	31/12/2025	\$525,437.25	90015606		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4064106	LOH Services Pty Ltd	Digital Connectivity Project - Digital Literacy Hubs	Training, Education and Development Services	Telecommunications media services	Limited Tender	21/06/2024	30/06/2026	\$2,486,669.43	90015539		Delivery & Data	Income Management Taskforce	Income Management Taskforce
CN4064344	Allen and Clarke Consulting Pty Ltd	FaRS/SFVS Evaluation	Assessment and evaluation services	Economic or financial evaluation of projects	Open Tender	25/06/2024	30/04/2026	\$998,891.03	90015624	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Wellbeing	Child and Family Programs
CN4064361	Pragma Partners Pty Ltd	Interpretive version of the First Action Plan 2023-2027	Creative design and editorial services	Printed publications	Open Tender	25/06/2024	20/06/2025	\$550,000.00	90015616		Families & Communities	Family Safety	Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Specialist Policy
CN4064646	Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	Public Affairs Officer level 2	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	15/07/2024	18/02/2025	\$54,136.06	90015619		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4064714	Whereto Research Based Consulting Pty Ltd	Evaluation of the Support for Trafficked People Program (STPP) and Additional Referral Pathway (ARP) pilot	Assessment and evaluation services	Economic or financial evaluation of projects	Open Tender	19/06/2024	30/06/2025	\$355,300.00	90015620	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Safety	Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Specialist Policy
CN4064717	Clayton Utz	LEX 50691 - NDIS Bill no 2- Advice 2024	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	5/06/2024	6/07/2024	\$11,000.00	90015614		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4064723	The Australian National University	PPL Evaluation - Phase 2	Social policy research	Management advisory services	Open Tender	14/06/2024	30/09/2025	\$366,485.00	90015611	Yes	Social Security	Participation & Family Payments	Families & Payment Support
CN4064769	Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	Public Affairs Officer for Comms	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	8/07/2024	7/07/2026	\$519,441.00	90015621		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4065094	Parenting Research Centre Inc	HIPPY Independent Process Evaluation	Management Advisory Services	Economic or financial evaluation of projects	Open Tender	19/06/2024	12/12/2025	\$972,193.20	90015568	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Wellbeing	Early Childhood & Parenting Wellbeing
CN4065144	Excelerated Consulting Pty Ltd	Lease Accounting Model	ICT services	Accounting services	Open Tender	25/06/2024	19/06/2026	\$55,000.00	90015623		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Services
CN4065419	DFP Recruitment Services	Scribing Service for Interviews	Recruitment services	Transcribing services	Open Tender	17/06/2024	12/07/2024	\$19,074.00	90015618		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Operations & Outcomes

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CN4066025	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Automation Contracted Services - Deloitte	ICT technical & advisory services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	24/06/2024	30/06/2026	\$1,100,000.00	90015599		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN4066036	Kirra Services	Redevelopment of NDDA website to Drupal	ICT services	Software as a Service (SaaS - Cloud)	Open Tender	12/06/2024	11/12/2024	\$110,268.62	90015572		Special Account to Support the NDDA	Special Account to Support the NDDA	Special Account to Support the NDDA
CN4066038	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) Pty Ltd	Income Management Labour Hire Arrangements (Supplier 1)	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	25/06/2024	23/06/2026	\$1,607,805.94	90015609		Delivery & Data	Income Management Taskforce	Income Management Taskforce
CN4067140	PEPworldwide Pty Limited	PEP Worldwide - EGBV Group training	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	21/06/2024	20/12/2024	\$334,383.50	90015654		Families & Communities	Family Safety	Family Safety Group Exec
CN4067984	Excelerated Consulting Pty Ltd	TM1 Support Services 2025-2027	ICT contractors	Management information systems MIS	Open Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2027	\$856,900.00	90015650		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN4067985	Excelerated Consulting Pty Ltd	TM1 Software Subscription 2025-2027	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Management information systems MIS	Open Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2026	\$792,844.98	90015649		Departmental Overheads	Non ITG Corporate Systems	FG Non ITG Corporate Systems
CN4068195	First Nations Development Services	Targeted Training Services F&C Stream	Staff development	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	24/06/2024	3/12/2024	\$78,000.00	90015652		Families & Communities	Families & Communities Exec	Families & Communities Exec
CN4068202	Screencraft Media Pty Ltd	IDPwD - Ambassador Management 2024	Creative design and editorial services	Photographic or filming or video equipment	Open Tender	21/06/2024	21/02/2025	\$249,167.60	90015663		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate & Government Services Group Exec
CN4068451	The Australian National University	Evaluation of Alternative Commissioning	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	27/06/2024	30/06/2025	\$665,500.00	90015642	Yes	Disability & Carers	NDIS Markets & Safeguards	Markets & Workforce Policy
CN4068828	National Disability Insurance Agency	Accommodation Services - MoU with NDIA	Accommodation Services	Property management services	Limited Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2025	\$468,011.84	90015644		Departmental Overheads	Property Expenses	Property MOU
CN4068835	Askable Pty Ltd	User testing participant recruitment services	Recruitment services	Market research	Limited Tender	24/06/2024	30/06/2026	\$43,956.00	90015659		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN4068984	Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia)	Labour Hire	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2025	\$263,770.65	90015670		Disability & Carers	Disability & Carer Programs	Carers & Early Childhood
CN4069151	The University of Melbourne	NFP Blueprint - Expert Advisors and Support	Contractor - Fee for service	Professional procurement services	Open Tender	26/06/2024	30/09/2024	\$145,200.00	90015637		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Community Cohesion
CN4069243	Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	Income Management Labour Hire Arrangements (Supplier 2)	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	28/06/2024	23/06/2026	\$468,614.75	90015647		Delivery & Data	Income Management Taskforce	Income Management Taskforce
CN4069322	McGrathNicol Advisory Partnership	Probity Services	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	16/07/2024	30/06/2025	\$65,000.00	90015658	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN4069562	PSGA Pty Ltd T/As Securitas Australia	Gallagher Software Maintenance Agreement	Security and Control Equipment	Security and control equipment	Open Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2027	\$224,815.80	90015570		Departmental Overheads	Non ITG Corporate Systems	CSG Non ITG Corporate Systems
CN4069566	Mills Oakley Lawyers	LEX 49793 - Corp property legal Service	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	26/06/2024	30/06/2025	\$50,000.00	90015522		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4069599	Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	AIHW Closing the Gap Target 12 Data Development	Project management	Project administration or planning	Limited Tender	20/06/2024	30/06/2027	\$259,000.00	90015671		Families & Communities	Family Safety	Childrens & Youth Policy
CN4069607	Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	AIHW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle indicators and data work	Project management	Project administration or planning	Limited Tender	20/06/2024	30/06/2027	\$319,000.00	90015673		Families & Communities	Family Safety	Childrens & Youth Policy
CN4069634	KPMG	Program/project development and design	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	28/06/2024	2/12/2024	\$594,266.71	90015672	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Wellbeing	Early Childhood & Parenting Wellbeing
CN4070109	Cabcharge Payments Pty Ltd	Cabcharge 2024-2025	Financial services	Taxicab services	Limited Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2025	\$103,000.00	90015676		Departmental Overheads	Departmental Wide Misc Costs	XFGO - FG-Overheads
CN4070209	Yalu Aboriginal Corporation	Research and Community Engagement Services Galwinku	Creative design and editorial services	Interpreters	Limited Tender	10/07/2024	28/11/2025	\$70,301.00	90015639		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN4070394	AOS Group Pty Ltd	Enid Lyons Building Security Bollards	Security and Control Equipment	Security and control equipment	Open Tender	28/06/2024	8/11/2024	\$69,630.00	90015669		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN4070658	Taylor Fry Consulting Actuaries	Students Models Redevelopment	Financial services	Economic or financial evaluation of projects	Open Tender	15/07/2024	26/08/2024	\$60,000.00	90015677		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Budget Development
CN4072657	Allara VCA Trust & Others	Financial Risk Assessment Services	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	5/07/2024	30/06/2026	\$300,000.00	90015662	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Hub Operations
CN4074153	Indigenous Professional Services Pty Ltd	Stocktake of closing the gap activity	Project management	Project management	Open Tender	11/07/2024	30/11/2024	\$90,706.00	90015681		Families & Communities	Families & Communities Exec	Families & Communities Exec
CN4074172	Avanade Australia Pty Ltd	NDDA DTA Targeted Review	ICT services	Information technology consultation services	Open Tender	15/07/2024	9/08/2024	\$88,865.00	90015683		Special Account to Support the NDDA	Special Account to Support the NDDA	Special Account to Support the NDDA
CN4075280	Opal Translation Pty Ltd T/As	CALD language translations DRC Summary	Language Services	Written translation services	Open Tender	8/07/2024	30/08/2024	\$42,922.88	90015679		Disability & Carers	Commonwealth Disability Royal Commission	Disability Royal Commission Taskforce
CN4075382	Source Nation Pty Ltd	SASF Collaboration Group - Facilitator	Contractor - Fee for service	Corporate objectives or policy development	Limited Tender	4/06/2024	2/07/2024	\$10,989.00	90015684		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Child and Family Programs
CN4075892	Bondi Tiger Pty Ltd	Redress Taskforce Consultancy	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Limited Tender	9/07/2024	8/01/2025	\$70,125.00	90015685	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Redress Group Exec
CN4076434	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Research to inform the Carer Strategy	Social policy research	Market research	Open Tender	15/07/2024	20/12/2024	\$749,056.00	90015682		Disability & Carers	Disability & Carer Programs	Carers & Early Childhood
CN4076774	SAS Institute Australia Pty Ltd	SAS Training Credits	Data services	Data services	Open Tender	15/07/2024	15/07/2025	\$67,100.00	90015674		Delivery & Data	Income Management Taskforce	Income Management Taskforce
CN4077402	Canberra Southern Cross Club Ltd	EL2 Forum - 25 July 2024 - Venue Hire	Venue hire & meeting facilities	Meeting facilities	Limited Tender	25/07/2024	26/07/2024	\$13,450.00	90015689		Departmental Overheads	Departmental Wide Communications & event	Departmental Wide Communications & Event
CN4077589	Empact Group Pty Ltd	F&C Stream Business Improvement Program	Project management	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	11/07/2024	30/06/2025	\$1,828,024.00	90015678		Families & Communities	Families & Communities Exec	Families & Communities Exec
CN4077741	Jeff Whalan Learning Group	Executive Coaching with the JFWLG	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	26/06/2024	26/06/2025	\$12,375.00	90015692		Social Security	Participation & Family Payments	Participation & Supplementary Payments
CN4077838	Grosvenor Management Consulting Pty Ltd	Phase 1 - Evaluation of the industry funding model	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	15/07/2024	30/04/2025	\$135,850.00	90015688	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Wellbeing	Financial Resilience and Response
CN4078788	PEPworldwide Pty Limited	Advocacy and Inclusion Br PEP Training	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	15/06/2024	17/07/2024	\$56,166.00	90015693		Disability & Carers	Disability & Carer Programs	Advocacy and Inclusion Programs
CN4079207	Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	Foundational Strategy - APS6	Contractor - Labour Hire	Personnel recruitment	Open Tender	22/07/2024	21/07/2025	\$208,279.50	90015691		Disability & Carers	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission	Foundational Support & Early Childhood Reform
CN4079278	The Trustee for the Melts Family Trust	NDIS Provider and Worker Registration Taskforce	Policy and program development services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Limited Tender	23/01/2024	15/10/2024	\$462,000.00	90015700	Yes	Disability & Carers	NDIS Markets & Safeguards	Quality & Safeguards Policy
CN4079477	Natalie Wade Consulting	Reference group for design and implementation of the NDIS review in relation to provider registration	Policy and program development services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Limited Tender	15/01/2024	29/09/2024	\$478,500.00	90015702	Yes	Disability & Carers	NDIS Markets & Safeguards	Quality & Safeguards Policy
CN4079513	Pulbeena	Reference group for design and implementation of the NDIS review in relation to provider registration	Policy and program development services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Limited Tender	17/01/2024	15/10/2024	\$467,500.00	90015705	Yes	Disability & Carers	NDIS Markets & Safeguards	Quality & Safeguards Policy
CN4079514	Economic Alternatives Pty Ltd	NDIS Provider and Worker Registration Taskforce	Policy and program development services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Limited Tender	19/02/2024	30/07/2024	\$90,200.00	90015720	Yes	Disability & Carers	NDIS Markets & Safeguards	Quality & Safeguards Policy
CN4079552	SG Fleet Australia Pty Limited	sgfleet 2024/25	Vehicle Lease 2024-2025 estimated aggregate	Vehicle leasing	Open Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2025	\$465,000.00	90015703		Departmental Overheads	Departmental Wide Misc Costs	XFGO - FG-Overheads
CN4080042	Canprint Communications Pty Ltd	Printing of Action Plans and associated	Printing services	Publication printing	Open Tender	7/08/2024	13/08/2024	\$24,783.00	90015695		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Policy
CN4080522	Clayton Utz	LEX 51076 - Redress sensitive matter	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	10/07/2024	31/07/2024	\$18,700.00	90015706		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4081132	The trustee for We Al-Li Trust	Cultural Accidental Councilior Training	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	23/07/2024	11/08/2024	\$18,700.00	90015701		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Policy

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CN4081174	lawyerbank Pty Ltd	LEX 50946 Secondment 2024-25	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	29/07/2024	28/07/2025	\$519,750.00	90015697		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legislation Development, Data Access & Governance
CN4081676	Gillian Beaumont Recruitment Pty Ltd	Labour Hire	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	8/08/2024	7/08/2026	\$33,241,258.10	90015715		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Operations & Outcomes
CN4082067	Chandler MacLeod Group Limited	Labour Hire	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	8/08/2024	7/08/2026	\$28,760,798.01	90015713		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Operations & Outcomes
CN4082090	Telstra Limited	White Pages Advertising 2024-25	Telecommunication services	Components for information technology or broadcasting or telecommunications	Limited Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2025	\$74,137.80	90015690		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN4082300	lawyerbank Pty Ltd	LEX 50945 Secondment 2024-25	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	5/08/2024	5/08/2025	\$341,480.00	90015696		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4082305	Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	APS 6 Business Analyst	ICT contractors	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	12/09/2024	31/12/2025	\$385,028.00	90015710		Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4082306	The Network Worldwide Pty Ltd	EL1 - Scrum Master	ICT contractors	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	5/08/2024	31/12/2025	\$394,240.02	90015707		Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4082322	Informatech Pty Ltd	APS 5 - Tester	ICT services	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	14/10/2024	31/12/2025	\$382,173.00	90015709		Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4082993	DFP Recruitment Services	Redress Bulk Labour-Hire - DFP	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	8/08/2024	7/08/2026	\$29,496,492.04	90015714		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Operations & Outcomes
CN4084015	Proximity Advisory Services Pty Ltd	LEX 50955 Secondment 2024-25	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	5/08/2024	5/02/2025	\$314,875.00	90015694		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4084528	Total Resource Solutions (TRS) Pty Ltd	ICT for DES Program	ICT contractors	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	19/08/2024	31/12/2025	\$370,940.00	90015723		Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4084921	Comcare	FY 2024-25 Comcare Premium & Reg Contrib	Work health & safety services	Human resources services	Limited Tender	1/07/2024	30/06/2025	\$6,527,841.50	90015712		Departmental Overheads	Comcare & Comcover	CSG Comcare
CN4084990	Nova Employment Limited	IDPwD Sponsorship - FOA Short Film Festi	Sponsorships	Sponsorship of event or celebrity	Limited Tender	12/08/2024	25/02/2025	\$65,000.00	90015719		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate & Government Services Group Exec
CN4085170	The Trustee for Gadsdon Family Trust	Engagement Services - EVP PBT - Broome	Contractor - Fee for service	Corporate objectives or policy development	Limited Tender	6/08/2024	30/08/2024	\$17,000.00	90015724		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN4085439	ARTD Pty Ltd	Independent Evaluation of 1800RESPECT	Assessment and evaluation services	Economic or financial evaluation of projects	Open Tender	14/08/2024	4/07/2025	\$545,395.40	90015687	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN4085483	Jones Lang LaSalle (ACT) Pty Ltd	Darwin - 43 The Mall Fit Out	Building & construction & maintenance services	Building construction and support and maintenance and repair services	Open Tender	30/07/2024	28/02/2025	\$2,968,362.60	90015717		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN4085793	Factor Tech Pty Ltd	Content writer for DSS website redevelop	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	12/08/2024	25/02/2025	\$158,110.91	90015726		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN4085872	Mediabrand Australia Pty Ltd T/As	Volunteering Awareness - Media Buy	Advertising	Advertising	Open Tender	12/08/2024	30/06/2025	\$1,430,000.00	90015728		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4086096	Work Science Pty Ltd	WHS investigation to notifiable incident	Work health & safety services	Risk management consultation services	Limited Tender	8/07/2024	30/07/2024	\$15,400.00	90015729	Yes	Departmental Overheads	Departmental Wide Misc Costs	DSS Human Resources OH
CN4086870	Renay Barker	First Nations Engagement	Communication Services	Project management	Limited Tender	12/08/2024	21/08/2024	\$20,500.00	90015721		Disability & Carers	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission	Foundational Support & Early Childhood Reform
CN4086931	Whereto Research Based Consulting Pty Ltd	Redress Survivor Survey	Policy and program development services	Research programs	Open Tender	4/09/2024	2/09/2026	\$60,000.00	90015730		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Integrity & Information
CN4086966	Akkodis Australia Talent Pty Ltd	Content writer for DSS website redevelop	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	13/08/2024	24/12/2024	\$157,397.59	90015732		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN4087599	Chandler MacLeod Group Limited	Placement Services for Non Ongoing staff	Recruitment services	Personnel recruitment	Open Tender	14/08/2024	22/01/2025	\$13,000.00	90015734		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Reporting & Evaluation
CN4087685	Nous Group Pty Ltd	Community Consultation Thematic Outcomes	Assessment and evaluation services	Professional procurement services	Open Tender	19/08/2024	18/10/2024	\$258,500.00	90015725		Delivery & Data	Income Management Taskforce	Income Management Taskforce
CN4088622	Australian Indigenous Minority Supplier	Supply Nation Membership 2024-2025	Strategic advice & review services	Professional associations	Limited Tender	1/08/2024	31/07/2025	\$16,500.00	90015736		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN4088995	Sparke Helmore Lawyers	LEX 50895 - Legal Support Services	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	26/08/2024	25/08/2026	\$240,000.00	90015738		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4089036	Sparke Helmore Lawyers	LEX 51365 Secondment	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	12/08/2024	12/08/2025	\$858,000.00	90015739		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN4089120	Brotherhood of St Laurence	Consultation support - EIAC 2025 report	Social policy research	Community and social services	Limited Tender	26/08/2024	30/06/2025	\$93,153.38	90015741		Social Security	Participation & Family Payments	Participation & Supplementary Payments
CN4089520	Sparke Helmore Lawyers	LEX 51024 Secondment - 2024-25	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	2/09/2024	30/07/2025	\$712,800.00	90015746		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legislation Development, Data Access & Governance
CN4089525	Grindstone Creative Pty Ltd	Graphic Design and Typesetting EIAC 2025	Communication Services	Layout or graphics editing services	Open Tender	9/09/2024	30/06/2025	\$30,800.00	90015747		Social Security	Participation & Family Payments	Participation & Supplementary Payments
CN4089729	lawyerbank Pty Ltd	LEX 50895 Legal Support Services	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	26/08/2024	25/08/2026	\$1,470,805.00	90015749		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4089732	Griffin Legal Pty Ltd	LEX 50895 - Legal Support Services	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	26/08/2024	25/08/2026	\$490,000.00	90015750		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4089818	Dennis Glover	EIAC 2025-26 Report Strategic Authorship	Communication Services	Editorial and support services	Limited Tender	28/08/2024	30/06/2025	\$49,950.00	90015742		Social Security	Participation & Family Payments	Participation & Supplementary Payments
CN4089862	Hall & Partners Pty Ltd	Volunteering Awareness BTE	Market research	Market research	Limited Tender	29/08/2024	31/07/2025	\$95,799.00	90015751	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4089878	The Australian National University	EIAC - Cost of Children Estimates	Social policy research	Economic analysis	Open Tender	18/09/2024	30/06/2025	\$99,261.00	90015744		Social Security	Participation & Family Payments	Participation & Supplementary Payments
CN4089901	Limber Pty Ltd	LEX 51336 Secondment 2024-25	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	2/09/2024	28/02/2025	\$237,490.00	90015753		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legislation Development, Data Access & Governance
CN4089945	Sparke Helmore Lawyers	LEX 50888 - Public Law Bundle	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	27/08/2024	25/08/2026	\$887,500.00	90015752		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN4090128	Ashurst Australia	LEX 50888 - Public Law Bundle	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	27/08/2024	27/08/2026	\$237,500.00	90015758		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN4090483	Orima Research Pty Ltd	Volunteering Awareness Concept Testing	Market research	Market research	Limited Tender	27/08/2024	31/12/2024	\$47,548.69	90015757	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4090552	Limber Pty Ltd	LEX 50895 Legal Support Services	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	28/08/2024	28/08/2026	\$904,440.00	90015754		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4090667	Callida Indigenous Consulting Pty Ltd	Strategic Procurement Services	Project Support Services	Professional procurement services	Limited Tender	29/08/2024	26/08/2025	\$250,000.00	90015760		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN4090727	Fixbl Legal Solutions Pty Ltd	LEX 50895 Legal Support Services	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	29/08/2024	28/08/2026	\$240,000.00	90015761		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4090958	University of New South Wales	EIAC Research - Impact of poverty	Social policy research	Economic analysis	Open Tender	27/09/2024	30/06/2025	\$82,087.50	90015763		Social Security	Participation & Family Payments	Participation & Supplementary Payments
CN4090977	Hall & Wilcox	LEX 50888-Public law Bundle- Hall&Wilcox	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	30/08/2024	28/08/2026	\$237,500.00	90015765		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN4091002	Clayton Utz	LEX 50888 Public Law Bundle	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	29/08/2024	27/08/2026	\$637,500.00	90015759		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN4091124	KLC Recruitment Pty Ltd	APS Recruitment APS 5 Policy & Admin	Recruitment services	Personnel recruitment	Open Tender	26/07/2024	10/01/2025	\$12,000.00	90015733		Families & Communities	Family Safety	Childrens & Youth Policy
CN4091255	Canberra Southern Cross Club Ltd	DEG Strategy Day 2024	Venue hire & meeting facilities	Banquet and catering services	Limited Tender	26/08/2024	29/11/2024	\$13,488.00	90015768		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data & Evaluation Group Exec
CN4091439	Clayton Utz	LEX 50592 - Privacy complaint - Redress	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	22/08/2024	30/06/2025	\$12,100.00	90015769		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4091847	Ashurst Australia	LEX 50897 - C&C P&E Bundle	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	4/09/2024	3/09/2026	\$300,000.00	90015770		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4092073	Scyne Advisory Pty Ltd	DES Procurement Partner	Management Advisory Services relating to the new specialist Disability Employment Program	Professional procurement services	Open Tender	16/09/2024	1/08/2025	\$3,000,000.00	90015776	Yes	Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4092118	Whereto Research Based	Leaving Violence Program - Dev Research	Market research	Market research	Open Tender	5/09/2024	30/08/2025	\$129,975.00	90015773	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN4092127	Mandala Advisors Pty Ltd	EIAC Actuarial Analysis - JSP	Social policy research	Economic analysis	Limited Tender	4/09/2024	30/06/2025	\$197,010.00	90015767		Social Security	Participation & Family Payments	Participation & Supplementary Payments

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CN4092128	2M Communications Pty Ltd	Leaving Violence Program - CALD Translations	Language Services	Written translation services	Open Tender	5/09/2024	5/09/2025	\$40,749.50	90015774		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN4092133	Carbon Media Pty Ltd	Leaving Violence Program - Creative development	Creative design and editorial services	Graphic design	Open Tender	5/09/2024	5/09/2025	\$329,945.00	90015775		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN4092141	University of New South Wales	Updated Budget Standard Estimates - EIAC	Social policy research	Economic analysis	Open Tender	30/09/2024	30/06/2025	\$222,090.00	90015783		Social Security	Participation & Family Payments	Participation & Supplementary Payments
CN4092196	Compass Group B&I Hospitality Services	Health Grants Branch FAM Forums Oct 24	Venue hire & meeting facilities	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	3/09/2024	21/11/2024	\$59,103.50	90015784		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Client Grants
CN4092535	Clayton Utz	LEX 50879 - C&C, P&E Bundle	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	4/09/2024	3/09/2026	\$800,000.00	90015778		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4092543	Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre	Redress Support Services Forum	Venue hire & meeting facilities	Hotels and lodging and meeting facilities	Limited Tender	20/11/2024	21/11/2024	\$21,736.00	90015780		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Redress Group Exec
CN4092545	Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd	Fairfax Media Subscription - 2024-25	Communication Services	Electronic reference material	Limited Tender	4/09/2024	29/08/2025	\$24,345.42	90015782		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN4092630	Norton Rose Fulbright Australia	LEX 50879 - C&C, P&E Bundle	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	6/09/2024	5/09/2026	\$700,000.00	90015777		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4092837	The Australia & New Zealand School	ANZSOG SES Development Programs	Staff development	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	16/08/2024	30/06/2025	\$284,900.00	90015764		Executive & Other	DSS Executive	DSS Executive
CN4092867	Ernst & Young	Implementation Review Safe and Supported	Project Support Services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Open Tender	4/09/2024	9/09/2025	\$729,781.50	90015772	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Safety	Childrens & Youth Policy
CN4092903	CPA Australia Ltd	2024 CPA Congress	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	15/10/2024	18/10/2024	\$33,903.58	90015781		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Finance & Information Services Group Exec
CN4093096	Sparke Helmore Lawyers	LEX 50879 - C&C, P&E Bundle	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	6/09/2024	3/09/2026	\$300,000.00	90015785		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4093378	Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	DES Reform Generalist Positions	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	10/09/2024	27/09/2025	\$7,700,000.00	90015771		Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4093384	The Trustee for Hotels on South Terrace	Redress Survivor Roundtable - Adelaide	Venue hire & meeting facilities	Hotels and lodging and meeting facilities	Limited Tender	14/10/2024	15/10/2024	\$10,325.00	90015786		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Redress Group Exec
CN4093408	Palisades Australia Pty Ltd	DES Reforms Generalist Positions 3	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	10/09/2024	9/09/2026	\$2,000,000.00	90015788		Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4093412	Chandler MacLeod Group Limited	DES Reforms Generalist Positions 2	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	10/09/2024	9/09/2026	\$5,100,000.00	90015787		Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4093840	Acknowledge This!	eLearning - Acknowledgement of Country	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	8/10/2024	8/10/2026	\$49,940.00	90015756		Departmental Overheads	Corporate Learning & Development	Corporate Learning & Development
CN4094229	Empact Group Pty Ltd	Local Services Plan stakeholder workshops	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	12/09/2024	29/11/2024	\$89,320.00	90015737		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Closing the Gap
CN4094302	Whereto Research Based Consulting Pty Ltd	DES Reforms Market Research	Market research	Market research	Open Tender	18/09/2024	30/06/2025	\$493,000.00	90015789	Yes	Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4094563	Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	ICT for DES Program	ICT contractors	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	23/09/2024	31/12/2025	\$543,482.00	90015699		Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4094740	Jones Lang LaSalle (ACT) Pty Ltd	Hobart Office - Wall	Building & construction & maintenance services	Building construction and support and maintenance and repair services	Open Tender	26/08/2024	28/02/2025	\$440,000.00	90015748		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN4095363	Norton Rose Fulbright Australia	LEX 50882 - WI&C Bundle 2024-26	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	23/09/2024	22/09/2026	\$311,666.66	90015792		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4095422	Clayton Utz	LEX 50882 - WI&C Bundle 2024-26	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	23/09/2024	22/09/2026	\$311,666.66	90015794		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4095446	Ashurst Australia	LEX 50882 - WI&C Bundle 2024-26	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	23/09/2024	22/09/2026	\$311,666.66	90015795		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4096077	Shibumi.Com Pty Ltd	Shibumi Licence renewal 2024-25	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Software	Open Tender	1/10/2024	30/09/2025	\$991,278.20	90015800		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN4096500	Shibumi.Com Pty Ltd	Shibumi Managed Services renewal 2024-25	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Software	Open Tender	1/10/2024	30/09/2025	\$675,081.00	90015799		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN4096570	Shibumi.Com Pty Ltd	DES Shibumi Managed Services renewal 2024-2025	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Software	Open Tender	1/10/2024	30/06/2025	\$253,162.80	90015798		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN4098010	Clayton Utz	LEX - 51727 - Preliminary Investigation	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	20/09/2024	31/12/2024	\$16,500.00	90015806		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4098083	Whereto Research Based	Evaluation of Healthy MaTE	Policy and program development services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	3/10/2024	30/09/2026	\$384,262.00	90015803	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Safety	Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Specialist Policy
CN4098090	McGrathNicol Advisory Partnership	Appointment of Funding Controller	Financial services	Business administration services	Open Tender	4/10/2024	30/04/2025	\$76,976.02	90015797	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Wellbeing	Child and Family Programs
CN4098892	Gillian Beaumont Recruitment Pty Ltd	AIFS Director - Executive Recruitment	Recruitment services	Personnel recruitment	Open Tender	19/09/2024	9/12/2024	\$40,000.00	90015793		Chief Operating Officer	Social Policy & Governance	Portfolio Governance
CN4098968	Mediabrand Australia Pty Ltd	Non-campaign advertising blanket PO	Advertising	Advertising	Open Tender	1/10/2024	30/06/2028	\$2,110,592.00	90015807		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN4098986	Nous Group Pty Ltd	Implementation of the National Plan	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	9/10/2024	11/12/2024	\$119,900.00	90015805	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Policy
CN4099223	Osborne Richardson PTY LTD	ICT - Senior Business Analyst	ICT contractors	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	3/10/2024	30/09/2025	\$360,506.00	90015809		Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4100487	Excel Consulting Solutions Pty Ltd	HR Reporting Training	Staff development	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	6/06/2024	26/09/2024	\$12,100.00	F170077		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	People Services
CN4100784	Digital Discovery Pty Ltd	DSS Website Redevelop Usability Testing	Communication Services	Computer services	Limited Tender	14/10/2024	8/11/2024	\$13,700.00	90015813		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN4100980	Scyne Advisory Pty Ltd	Foundational Supports Consultant	Contractor - Fee for service	Business intelligence consulting services	Open Tender	15/10/2024	13/12/2024	\$273,856.00	90015812	Yes	Disability & Carers	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission	Foundational Support & Early Childhood Reform
CN4101031	2M Communications Pty Ltd	Translation Services for 2024-25 FY	Communication Services	Written translation services	Open Tender	16/10/2024	31/12/2025	\$35,000.00	90015810		Social Security	System, Strategy & Seniors	International Payments & Compliance
CN4101441	Canberra Southern Cross Club Ltd	EL2 Forum - 24 October 2024	Venue hire & meeting facilities	Meeting facilities	Limited Tender	24/10/2024	31/10/2024	\$14,500.00	90015815		Departmental Overheads	Departmental Wide Communications & event	Departmental Wide Communications & Event
CN4101701	Intopia Pty Ltd	DSS Website Redevelop Accessibility Test	Communication Services	Computer services	Open Tender	25/10/2024	13/02/2025	\$23,320.00	90015817		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN4101702	Amanda O'Rourke & Associates Pty Ltd	National Commissioner ABTSI Recruitment	Recruitment services	Personnel recruitment	Open Tender	16/10/2024	4/02/2025	\$50,000.00	90015816		Chief Operating Officer	Social Policy & Governance	Portfolio Governance
CN4101736	The Trustee for PLANEX SALES UNIT TRUST	Office Security Doors	Office furniture	Office furniture	Limited Tender	5/06/2024	16/08/2024	\$10,826.72	F167214		Departmental Overheads	Departmental Wide Misc Costs	DSS Human Resources OH
CN4101800	Tuggeranong Town Centre Pty Ltd	Property lease	Property lease	Lease and rental of property or building	Limited Tender	1/10/2024	30/09/2025	\$806,933.60	F169754 - 01		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN4101801	Lee Hewitt	Indigenous Translation & Voice Recording	Creative design and editorial services	Interpreters	Limited Tender	18/10/2024	16/10/2025	\$44,000.00	90015804		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN4101803	Marrosan Nominees PTY LTD as trustee for Carmelo Randazzo Family Trust	Property lease	Property lease - Ground Floor and level 1, 43 the mall, Darwin	Lease and rental of property or building	Limited Tender	25/09/2024	31/08/2031	\$8,081,532.85	F169754 - 02		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN4101957	Social Ventures Australia Limited	EIAC Research of JobSeeker Payment and Parenting Payment on Family, Domestic Sexual Violence	Social policy research	Economic analysis	Open Tender	18/10/2024	30/06/2025	\$127,462.67	90015818		Social Security	Participation & Family Payments	Participation & Supplementary Payments
CN4101964	Bernard Namok Jnr	Voice Recording & Translation Services	Creative design and editorial services	Interpreters	Limited Tender	4/11/2024	6/11/2026	\$20,000.00	90015802		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN4101996	Amanda O'Rourke & Associates Pty Ltd	NDIS EAC Recruitment and Search Services	Recruitment services	Professional procurement services	Open Tender	21/10/2024	30/06/2025	\$298,601.50	90015819		Disability & Carers	NDIS Markets & Safeguards	Disability Evidence

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CN4102743	ETM Perspectives Pty Ltd	Redress Targeted Communication	Communication Services	Public relations and professional communications services	Limited Tender	4/11/2024	29/07/2025	\$447,700.00	90015821		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4102921	Origin Communications Australia Pty Ltd	LSIC Coaching and Counselling Services	Workshop facilitation & development	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	5/11/2024	1/11/2026	\$68,750.00	90015796		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN4103216	The trustee for JWS Research Unit Trust	National Commissioner - Developmental Research & Concept Tes	Market research	Market research	Open Tender	1/11/2024	18/06/2025	\$64,240.00	90015824	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4103623	Sparke Helmore Lawyers	probity advisory services	Probity services	Project administration or planning	Open Tender	28/10/2024	30/06/2025	\$38,736.35	90015827	Yes	Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN4103863	IPAR Rehabilitation Pty Ltd	Bali Lifetime Rehabilitation Assistance Package	Policy and program development services	Rehabilitation services	Open Tender	11/11/2024	31/12/2029	\$1,293,626.38	90015828		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Community Cohesion
CN4104258	Carbon Media Pty Ltd	National Commissioner - Targeted Comms	Communication Services	Public relations and professional communications services	Open Tender	30/10/2024	29/10/2025	\$212,916.00	90015830		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4104963	Callida Consulting	PSB Functional Review	Human resource services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	6/11/2024	31/01/2025	\$197,879.00	90015822	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	People Services
CN4104964	Karingal St Laurence Limited	JobAccess Services 2024-2026	Contractor - Fee for service	Corporate objectives or policy development	Open Tender	8/11/2024	31/12/2026	\$7,767,872.00	90015837		Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Programs
CN4104970	Griffin Legal Pty Ltd	CRRS and the Abuse and Neglect Hotline	Contractor - Fee for service	Corporate objectives or policy development	Open Tender	8/11/2024	31/12/2026	\$3,500,697.56	90015829		Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Programs
CN4105235	Simna Limited	Sponsorship of 2024 SIMNA Awards	Sponsorships	Sponsorship of event or celebrity	Limited Tender	11/11/2024	3/02/2025	\$10,000.00	90015833		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Community Partnerships
CN4105267	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) Pty Ltd	PAO3 Carers Strategic Communication	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	7/11/2024	30/09/2025	\$280,162.58	90015839		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4105277	ARTD Pty Ltd	Evaluation for the Community-led Sexual Violence Prevention Pilots	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	22/11/2024	30/06/2027	\$335,781.75	90015841	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Safety	Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Specialist Policy
CN4106108	AMA Projects Pty Ltd	Melbourne Locker Installation	Building & construction & maintenance services	Building construction and support and maintenance and repair services	Open Tender	25/11/2024	27/02/2025	\$41,212.05	90015826		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN4106328	KPMG	Independent Assurer for DES Reforms ICT	Audit and assurance services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	25/11/2024	30/06/2026	\$665,016.48	90015843	Yes	Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4107224	RB Counselling and Consultancy Services	Vicarious Trauma Facilitator	Workshop facilitation & development	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	22/11/2024	11/11/2026	\$62,378.80	90015762		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Integrity & Information
CN4107250	Jeff Whalan Learning Group	SES Executive Leadership Program	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	5/11/2024	31/10/2025	\$13,035.00	90015834		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate & Government Services Group Exec
CN4107730	Department of Premier and Cabinet	NDDA Tasmania schedule payments	Data services	Data services	Limited Tender	18/04/2023	31/12/2031	\$1,356,400.00	90015847		Delivery & Data Transferring to DHDA, shortly	Data & Evaluation	Data Access
CN4107786	DFP Recruitment Services	General Recruitment Services	Recruitment services	Personnel recruitment	Open Tender	22/11/2024	31/01/2025	\$22,000.00	90015848		Families & Communities	Family Safety	Childrens & Youth Policy
CN4108404	The LOTE Agency	(70019385 refers) NAS editing and transt	Communication Services	Written translation services	Open Tender	15/11/2024	18/03/2025	\$116,520.00	90015854		Disability & Carers	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission	Foundational Support & Early Childhood Reform
CN4108501	McMillan Staff Development Pty Ltd	Certificate IV In HR Management	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	3/03/2025	2/03/2026	\$64,900.00	90015850		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	People Services
CN4108917	Patella Properties Australia Pty Ltd	Property Lease	Property Lease	Lease and rental of property or building	Limited Tender	1/11/2024	31/07/2025	\$30,000.00	FI172446		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN4108921	KPMG Australia Technology Solutions Pty Ltd	Central Reporting Model Licence 2-YR	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Accounting services	Open Tender	21/11/2024	1/12/2026	\$32,917.50	90015862		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Services
CN4108931	Fenton Strategic Communications Pty Ltd	Redress Targeted Communications	Communication Services	Public relations and professional communications services	Open Tender	25/11/2024	25/07/2025	\$193,117.10	90015852		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4109384	Horizon Communication Group Pty Ltd	National Carer Strategy-Comms & S/holder	Communication Services	Public relations and professional communications services	Open Tender	26/11/2024	2/07/2025	\$404,800.00	90015858		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4109534	Converge International Pty Ltd	Employee Assistance Program - 2024	Human resource services	Human resources services	Open Tender	12/12/2024	14/11/2025	\$315,065.82	90015867		Departmental Overheads	Departmental Wide Misc Costs	DSS Human Resources OH
CN4109821	Micro Focus Australia Pty Ltd	OpenText Administrator Training	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	26/11/2024	28/11/2024	\$13,860.00	90015868		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN4109964	Department of Families, Fairness and Housing	NDDA Victoria schedule payments	Data services	Data services	Limited Tender	18/05/2023	31/12/2031	\$1,356,400.00	90015869		Delivery & Data Transferring to DHDA, shortly	Data & Evaluation	Data Access
CN4109966	Ogilvy Australia Pty Ltd T/As ETCOM	Redress Targeted Communications	Communications Expenses	Public relations and professional communications services	Open Tender	2/12/2024	25/07/2025	\$65,340.00	90015861		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4110022	The Trustee for TRANSCORP TRADING TRUST	Relocation Service - 2024 Graduate	Relocation services	Relocation services	Limited Tender	26/11/2024	26/12/2024	\$15,802.00	90015870		Departmental Overheads	Entry Level Program	DSS Entry Level Program
CN4110031	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) Pty Ltd	Placement fee for Accounts Team Leader	Recruitment services	Personnel recruitment	Open Tender	29/11/2024	30/06/2025	\$11,440.00	90015857		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Services
CN4110493	Proximity Advisory Services Pty Ltd	LEX 52126 - Secondment	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	4/12/2024	30/06/2025	\$255,823.00	90015866		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4110825	Jeff Whalan Learning Group	Jeff Whalan Exec Learning Group membership	Training, Education and Development Services	Developmental and professional teaching aids and materials and accessories and supplies	Limited Tender	20/02/2025	14/11/2025	\$16,390.00	90015872		Executive & Other	DSS Executive	DSS Executive
CN4111092	Compass Group B&I Hospitality Services Pty Ltd	Health Grants Branch CPT Forum April 25	Venue hire & meeting facilities	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	29/11/2024	30/06/2025	\$51,492.49	90015875		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Client Grants
CN4111485	Synergy Group Australia Ltd	Workforce Forecast Modelling	ICT technical and advisory services	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	2/12/2024	30/06/2025	\$85,382.00	90015874		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Redress Group Exec
CN4111721	King & Wood Mallesons	LEX 52283- Injunction against pub naming	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	27/11/2024	31/12/2024	\$10,000.00	90015882		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4112038	Department of Customer Service	NDDA NSW schedule payments	Data services	Data services	Limited Tender	4/05/2023	31/12/2031	\$1,356,400.00	90015884		Delivery & Data Transferring to DHDA, shortly	Data & Evaluation	Data Access
CN4112459	Disability Services Commission	NDDA WA schedule payments	Data services	Data services	Limited Tender	28/04/2023	31/12/2031	\$1,356,400.00	90015885		Delivery & Data Transferring to DHDA, shortly	Data & Evaluation	Data Access
CN4112992	Allara VCA Trust & Others	DES Reforms - Financial Viability Assessor	Assessment and evaluation services	Accounting services	Open Tender	5/12/2024	28/02/2025	\$219,450.00	90015887	Yes	Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4113341	Community Services Directorate	NDDA ACT schedule payments	Data services	Data services	Limited Tender	6/04/2023	31/12/2031	\$789,000.00	90015889		Special Account to Support the NDDA	Special Account to Support the NDDA	Special Account to Support the NDDA
CN4113469	Department of Treasury and Finance	NDDA SA schedule payments	Data services	Data services	Limited Tender	6/04/2023	31/12/2031	\$1,356,400.00	90015893		Special Account to Support the NDDA	Special Account to Support the NDDA	Special Account to Support the NDDA
CN4113697	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Blue Prism Licences or Renewals	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Platform as a Service (PaaS - Cloud)	Open Tender	9/01/2025	8/01/2028	\$223,784.00	90015888		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN4113769	ARTD Pty Ltd	Supported Employment Evaluation	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	6/01/2025	30/06/2027	\$818,337.17	90015844	Yes	Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Policy
CN4114743	Legacy Psychology	Organisational Psychologist	Business Management Services	Management support services	Limited Tender	12/12/2024	14/02/2025	\$26,180.00	90015903		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Community Grants Hub Group Exec

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CN4114931	Exhale Coaching & Consulting Pty Ltd	Maintaining relationships training - Hub	Staff development	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	13/12/2024	30/06/2025	\$30,492.00	90015895		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	DSS Grants
CN4114934	KPMG	Negotiation Support Services	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	11/12/2024	9/06/2025	\$210,000.00	90015898		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN4115302	Yellow Edge Pty Ltd	Leadership/management training for Hub	Staff development	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	13/12/2024	30/06/2025	\$71,456.00	90015897		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	DSS Grants
CN4115728	Language Partner Pty Ltd	Response to NDIS Review - CALD translations	Language Services	Written translation services	Open Tender	16/12/2024	17/02/2025	\$21,310.00	90015900		Disability & Carers	NDIS Reform Taskforce	NDIS Reform Taskforce
CN4115913	Kantar Public Australia Pty Ltd (rebranded to Verian Group Australia in November 2023)	Be Connected Program Evaluation	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	7/02/2025	26/03/2027	\$710,545.00	90015901	Yes	Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Community Cohesion
CN4116524	Iconinc Holdings Pty Ltd	DES Reforms - Creative development targeted comms	Creative design and editorial services	Graphic design	Open Tender	6/01/2025	31/12/2025	\$205,343.00	90015899		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4117021	Exhale Coaching & Consulting Pty Ltd	Writing concisely training for Hub staff	Staff development	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	20/12/2024	30/06/2025	\$60,654.00	90015902		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	DSS Grants
CN4117378	King & Wood Mallesons	LEX 52424 - advice on sensitive matter	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	16/12/2024	29/08/2025	\$12,500.00	90015911		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4118196	Ian McPhee Consulting Pty Ltd	Audit Committee Member	Audit and assurance services	Audit services	Limited Tender	25/01/2025	24/01/2026	\$55,972.99	90015910	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Social Policy & Governance	Portfolio Governance
CN4118378	Centre for Cultural Competence Australia	CGH Cultural Capability Training	Training, education and development services.	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	20/01/2025	19/01/2027	\$137,500.00	90015917		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Community Grants Hub Group Exec
CN4118704	King & Wood Mallesons	LEX 52337 - Code of Conduct Investigation	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	19/12/2024	30/08/2025	\$120,000.00	90015919		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4118793	Complete Office Supplies Pty Ltd	Department stationary supplies	Stationery and Office Supplies	Office supplies	Open Tender	14/12/2024	13/12/2027	\$740,000.00	60004221		Departmental Overheads	Departmental Wide Misc Costs	DSS Human Resources OH
CN4119171	SNAICC - National Voice for our Children Limited	Review of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People (ATSICYP)	Corporate objective services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Limited Tender	30/01/2025	30/06/2027	\$686,794.20	90015906		Families & Communities	Family Safety	Childrens & Youth Policy
CN4119413	Noetic Solutions Pty Ltd	Business Acumen training for Hub Staff	Staff development	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	10/01/2025	30/06/2025	\$199,125.85	90015921		Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	DSS Grants
CN4119547	HWL Ebsworth	LEX 52523 - Robodebt Royal Comm Referral	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	20/12/2024	30/04/2025	\$10,000.00	90015923		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4119957	Sententia Consulting Pty Ltd	Procurement Probity Advisor for EIAC	Management advisory services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	22/01/2025	30/09/2025	\$38,025.00	90015924	Yes	Social Security	Participation & Family Payments	Participation & Supplementary Payments
CN4121233	Proximity Advisory Services Pty Ltd	LEX 52395 - 2025 - Secondment	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	6/02/2025	30/06/2025	\$250,551.00	90015928		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Corporate and Commercial
CN4122043	Allen and Clarke Consulting Pty Ltd	Supporting Adolescent Boys Evaluation	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	20/01/2025	30/06/2026	\$657,070.00	90015927	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Safety	Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Specialist Policy
CN4122195	Swinburne University of Technology	Training Course 10778NAT	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	8/05/2024	8/05/2025	\$14,385.00	90015936		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Operations & Outcomes
CN4122337	Mark Dowlan Group Pty Ltd	Mark Dowlan Group - IM&T Illustrations	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Limited Tender	23/01/2025	30/09/2025	\$22,000.00	90015934		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN4122725	Canprint Communications Pty Ltd	LEX 51134 - Legislative Printing 2024-25	Printing services	Publication printing	Open Tender	29/01/2025	26/01/2026	\$45,000.00	90015935		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legislation Development, Data Access & Governance
CN4123333	Kartika Recruiting Group Pty Ltd	Bulk Labour-Hire Redress	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	11/02/2025	10/02/2027	\$39,697,430.00	90015937		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Operations & Outcomes
CN4124431	King & Wood Mallesons	LEX 52316 - Public Law - Redress	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	3/02/2025	5/02/2026	\$150,000.00	90015945		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN4124812	Maddocks	LEX - 52725 - Robodebt - Referral Review	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	29/01/2025	31/03/2025	\$12,100.00	90015947		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4124846	Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	EL1 Contractors - Gambling - 2025	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	7/02/2025	9/05/2025	\$129,816.38	90015946		Families & Communities	Family Wellbeing	Financial Resilience and Response
CN4125295	Joint Accreditation System of Australia	Review and update NSDS Audit Schemes	Policy and program development services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Limited Tender	28/02/2025	11/06/2025	\$83,600.00	90015944		Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Programs
CN4125724	Allen and Clarke Consulting Pty Ltd	Assessment and evaluation services	Assessment and evaluation services	Strategic planning consultation services	Open Tender	1/03/2025	30/06/2025	\$261,252.00	90015943	Yes	Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Community Cohesion
CN4126125	Randstad Pty Ltd	EL1 Labour Hire - Corporate Group	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	7/02/2025	6/08/2025	\$55,620.51	90015951		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate & Government Services Group Exec
CN4126226	Cobalt Consulting Services Pty Limited	Data Exchange (DEX) Review	Strategic advice and review services.	Management advisory services	Open Tender	24/02/2025	27/06/2025	\$142,315.36	90015950	Yes	Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data & Evaluation Group Exec
CN4126441	SAS Institute Australia Pty Ltd	SAS Training	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Open Tender	25/02/2025	28/02/2025	\$11,000.00	90015949		Disability & Carers	NDIS Markets & Safeguards	Disability Evidence
CN4127421	Ashurst Australia	LEX 52564 - Probity DES 2024-25	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	27/02/2025	30/06/2025	\$318,889.00	90015956		Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Group Exec
CN4127658	Social Impact Hub Pty Ltd	Sponsorship of All Awards 2025	Sponsorships	Sponsorship of event or celebrity	Limited Tender	26/02/2025	30/04/2025	\$33,000.00	90015952		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Community Partnerships
CN4127741	White Box Enterprises Ltd	Sponsorships of SEEC25	Sponsorships	Sponsorship of event or celebrity	Limited Tender	7/03/2025	27/06/2025	\$33,000.00	90015955		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Community Partnerships
CN4128188	Ernst & Young	LVP Actuary Services	Management advisory services.	Management advisory services	Open Tender	28/02/2025	31/12/2027	\$495,370.00	90015953	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN4129018	Institute of Public Administration Australia	ACT IPAA Future Leaders Program 2025	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	4/03/2025	30/12/2025	\$35,000.00	90015941		Departmental Overheads	Corporate Learning & Development	Corporate Learning & Development
CN4129102	Allen and Clarke Consulting Pty Ltd	FDV model f/work - planning and evaluation	Business Management Services	Project administration or planning	Open Tender	3/03/2025	30/06/2025	\$167,818.00	90015954	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Safety	Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Specialist Policy
CN4129128	Jenna Palumbo	Consultant of enhancements project	Strategic advice & review services	Management advisory services	Limited Tender	5/03/2025	2/06/2025	\$79,860.00	90015960	Yes	Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Community Partnerships
CN4130687	Digital, Data and Technology Solutions	Secondment costs - IMT branch	Contractor - Fee for service	Human resources services	Limited Tender	2/09/2024	2/09/2025	\$240,467.20	90015967		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN4130977	Ngamuru Advisory Pty Ltd	Independent Probity Advisor	Management Advisory Services	Risk management consultation services	Open Tender	4/03/2025	30/05/2025	\$15,627.88	90015963	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Redress Group Exec
CN4131053	Canberra Southern Cross Club Ltd	EL2 forum - venue hire March 2025	Venue hire & meeting facilities	Hotels and lodging and meeting facilities	Limited Tender	14/03/2025	21/03/2025	\$20,044.00	90015966		Departmental Overheads	Departmental Wide Communications & event	Departmental Wide Communications & Event
CN4131880	SystemWare Australia Pty Ltd	Payments System Specialist Contractor	Contractor - Fee for Service	Public enterprises management or financial services	Limited Tender	17/03/2025	30/06/2025	\$73,557.00	90015971		Delivery & Data	Income Management Taskforce	Income Management Taskforce
CN4133075	Verian Group Australia Pty Ltd	Consent Phase 2 - Developmental research	Market research	Market research	Limited Tender	14/03/2025	12/03/2026	\$572,000.00	90015974	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4133458	Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety Limited	New Best-practice FDV risk principles	Contractor - Fee for service	Market research	Limited Tender	7/04/2025	30/06/2026	\$193,800.00	90015962		Families & Communities	Family Safety	Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Specialist Policy
CN4133803	Telstra Health Pty Ltd	Leaving Violence Program	Policy and program development services	Community and social services	Open Tender	7/02/2025	30/06/2030	\$220,152,411.00	90015965		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN4135275	Clear Horizon Consulting Pty Ltd	SPSP Enhanced Model Consultancy	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	21/03/2025	30/06/2025	\$504,500.00	90015980	Yes	Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Community Partnerships
CN4135721	Clayton Utz	LEX 52775 - Helpdesk Redress	Legal services.	Legal services	Open Tender	27/03/2025	25/03/2026	\$420,000.00	90015983		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN4135927	MetaCorp Pty Ltd	Support Services for ICSS Action Plan	Contractor - fee for service	Economic or financial evaluation of projects	Open Tender	27/03/2025	30/06/2025	\$300,000.00	90015986		Disability & Carers	Disability & Carer Programs	Carers & Early Childhood
CN4135938	King & Wood Mallesons	LEX 52776 - Helpdesk - Redress	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	27/03/2025	26/03/2026	\$300,000.00	90015984		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law

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CN4136120	Norton Rose Fulbright Australia	LEX 51784 - DSS & SA Litigation - Review	Legal Services	Legal services	Open Tender	24/03/2025	31/01/2026	\$152,500.00	90015975		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN4136181	Archon Solutions Pty Ltd	Labour Hire 2 x Project Manager	ICT contractors	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	21/03/2025	21/03/2026	\$795,168.00	90015982		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN4136687	Orima Research Pty Ltd	Reporting and analysis - 2025 APS Census	Data services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Open Tender	5/05/2025	4/05/2026	\$58,157.00	90015987		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	People Services
CN4136808	Sparke Helmore Lawyers	Probity Advisory for the data project	Probity services	Professional procurement services	Open Tender	31/03/2025	30/09/2025	\$49,917.00	90015985	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Policy
CN4137638	Women's Services Network	Sponsorship of Conference (5WCWS)	Sponsorships	Sponsorship of event or celebrity	Limited Tender	11/03/2025	31/12/2025	\$110,000.00	90016004		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN4138145	DDP Consulting Pty Ltd	Labour Hire 2 x Project Manager	ICT Contractors	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	1/04/2025	30/06/2027	\$662,640.00	90015991		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN4138419	KPMG	Review of Hub Service Offer & Rate Card	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	1/04/2025	30/06/2025	\$199,465.20	90015992	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Community Grants Hub Group Exec
CN4138453	RedBikini Pty Ltd	Still photography services - Disability Employment	Communication Services	Photographic services	Open Tender	9/04/2025	30/06/2025	\$152,487.50	90015990		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4138987	Encore IT Services Pty Ltd	Data Analyst - Child Support Evaluation	Contractor - labour hire	Software maintenance and support	Open Tender	3/04/2025	2/10/2025	\$107,965.00	90015993		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data & Evaluation Group Exec
CN4139630	Sententia Consulting Pty Ltd	Governance & Assurance Review	Audit and Assurance Services	Internal audits	Open Tender	14/04/2025	11/06/2025	\$121,000.00	90015994	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Community Grants Hub Group Exec
CN4140796	PSGA Pty Ltd T/As Securitas Australia	DSS CCTV Upgrade Project	Security and Control Equipment	Security surveillance and detection	Open Tender	4/04/2025	30/06/2026	\$495,045.49	90015996		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN4141129	PSGA Pty Ltd T/As Securitas Australia	Hobart Redress Level 3 Security Systems	Security and Control Equipment	Security and control equipment	Open Tender	4/04/2025	30/05/2026	\$58,582.85	90015997		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN4141163	Law Society of the ACT	LEX - 53164 Practising certificate 2025-26	Legal services	Professional associations	Limited Tender	7/04/2025	6/04/2026	\$35,000.00	90015998		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4141826	The Australian National University	Sponsorship - 5th Australian Workshop on Public Finance 2025	Workshop facilitation and development	Sponsorship of event or celebrity	Limited Tender	7/04/2025	1/08/2025	\$17,050.00	90016000		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data & Evaluation Group Exec
CN4142604	PEPworldwide Pty Limited	Executive PEP Training	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	6/03/2025	29/05/2025	\$12,052.00	90016001		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Integrity & Information
CN4142805	Rydges World Square Sydney	ADS Advisory Council - June F2F meeting	Venue Hire and meeting facilities	Hotels and lodging and meeting facilities	Limited Tender	16/06/2025	18/06/2025	\$13,258.70	90016002		Disability & Carers	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission	Australias Disability Strategy
CN4145023	Penangke Cultural Consultants Pty Ltd	SFCP Community Forum	Facilitation.	Management advisory services	Limited Tender	1/05/2025	30/09/2025	\$49,563.70	90016005		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Community Partnerships
CN4146835	Orima Research Pty Ltd	Hub Customer Satisfaction Survey	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	28/04/2025	29/08/2025	\$69,867.36	90016007	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Community Grants Hub	Community Grants Hub Group Exec
CN4149487	The Martinez HWL Practice Trust	LEX 52523 A - Robodeby Royal Commission Referral	Legal Services	Legal services	Open Tender	2/05/2025	30/12/2025	\$10,000.00	90016013		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4150379	Cobalt Consulting Services Pty Limited	Procurement of Internal Audit Providers	Audit and assurance services	Audit services	Open Tender	1/07/2025	30/06/2027	\$2,200,000.00	90016014		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Audit and Assurance
CN4150434	McGrathNicol Advisory Partnership	Procurement of Internal Audit Providers	Audit and assurance services	Audit services	Open Tender	1/07/2025	30/06/2027	\$2,200,000.00	90016016		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Audit and Assurance
CN4150530	The Trustee for the BMF Unit Trust	Consent - Creative - Talent Usage Rights	Creative design and editorial services	Graphic design	Limited Tender	19/05/2025	18/05/2026	\$185,000.00	90016018		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4150750	Ernst & Young	Personalised Support Finding - scoping	Management Advisory Services	Economic or financial evaluation of projects	Open Tender	4/06/2025	11/07/2025	\$275,000.00	90016011	Yes	Disability & Carers	Disability Reforms & Royal Commission	Foundational Support & Early Childhood Reform
CN4151582	Precinct Cafe & Bar	IDM Workshop Catering	Workshop facilitation & development	Food and Beverage Products	Limited Tender	20/05/2025	22/05/2025	\$13,240.00	90016019		Chief Operating Officer	Redress Group	Operations & Outcomes
CN4151591	The Trustee for the Social Deck Trust	NDIS Rules Communication & Engagement	Communication Services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Open Tender	21/05/2025	30/06/2025	\$189,117.50	90016015		Disability & Carers	NDIS Participants & Performance	NDIS Governance Policy & Legislation
CN4152506	National Employment Services Association	DESMAS - Transitional Support Project	Policy and program development services	Personnel relocation	Limited Tender	14/07/2025	30/06/2026	\$70,000.00	90016028		Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4152617	Whereto Research Based Consulting Pty Ltd	Child FDV Consultation	Contractor - Fee for service	Strategic planning consultation services	Open Tender	4/06/2025	30/06/2026	\$1,086,800.00	90016023	Yes	Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Child & Family Programs
CN4152703	Jenna Palumbo	Consultant of enhancements project	Strategic advice & review services	Management advisory services	Limited Tender	28/05/2025	31/07/2025	\$79,860.00	90016027	Yes	Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Community Partnerships
CN4153671	Jones Lang LaSalle (ACT) Pty Ltd	Festival Tower Fitout - Adelaide	Building & construction & maintenance services	Building construction and support and maintenance and repair services	Open Tender	22/05/2025	31/12/2025	\$4,950,000.00	90015973		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN4154345	CCH Australia Pty Ltd	CCH Political Alert Subscription 2025-26	Communication Services	Electronic reference material	Limited Tender	3/06/2025	27/05/2026	\$15,413.99	90016044		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN4155475	Opal Translation Pty Ltd	EIM - Translation of Animated Videos	Communication Services	Written translation services	Open Tender	6/06/2025	2/12/2025	\$119,785.16	90016043		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4155519	Cabcharge Payments Pty Ltd	Cabcharge 2025-26	Financial services	Taxicab services	Limited Tender	1/07/2025	30/06/2026	\$94,500.00	90016050		Departmental Overheads	Departmental Wide Misc Costs	XFGO - FG-Overheads
CN4156128	King & Wood Mallesons	LEX 53774 - Interim AI guidance - Urgent	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	3/06/2025	31/12/2025	\$33,000.00	90016054		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4156607	Taylor Fry Consulting Actuaries	DES Assurance and Payment Integrity	Financial services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	18/06/2025	31/12/2025	\$214,038.00	90016059	Yes	Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4156615	Comcare	FY 2025-26 Comcare Premium & Reg Contrib	Financial services	Insurance and retirement services	Limited Tender	1/07/2025	30/06/2026	\$5,400,435.00	90016057		Departmental Overheads	Comcare & Comcover	CSG Comcare
CN4156701	ARTD Pty Ltd	SEDI and SII Trials evaluation	Assessment and evaluation services.	Management advisory services	Open Tender	18/06/2025	30/06/2026	\$685,048.10	90016055		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Community Partnerships
CN4157972	Jones Lang LaSalle (ACT) Pty Ltd	JLL Core Management Fees and Schedule 12	Property and facilitation services	Property management services	Open Tender	1/07/2025	30/06/2030	\$44,761,559.74	90016034		Departmental Overheads	Property Expenses	Property Services Overheads
CN4158370	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) Pty Ltd	After Hours media and content writers x 2	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	1/07/2025	31/12/2025	\$142,230.80	90016041		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN4158637	SG Fleet Australia Pty Limited	sgFleet invoice 25-26	Vehicle Lease 2025-2026 estimated aggregate	Vehicle leasing	Open Tender	1/07/2025	30/06/2026	\$400,000.00	90016086		Departmental Overheads	Departmental Wide Misc Costs	XFGO - FG-Overheads
CN4158772	Murawin Pty Ltd	Child & family innovation fund evaluation	Assessment and evaluation services	Job evaluation services	Open Tender	18/06/2025	30/06/2027	\$503,589.00	90016064		Families & Communities	Family Safety	Childrens & Youth Policy
CN4159276	Yardstick Advisory Pty Ltd	Data Assurance consultancy	Audit and assurance services	Internal audits	Open Tender	23/06/2025	28/11/2025	\$95,832.00	90016069	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Programs
CN4159394	Jeff Whalan Learning Group	Jeff Whalan Learning Group - renewal	Training, Education and Development Services	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	26/06/2025	26/06/2026	\$13,035.00	90016068		Social Security	Participation & Family Payments	Participation & Supplementary Payments
CN4160507	National Disability Insurance Agency	NDIA MoU procurement	Corporate objectives services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Limited Tender	12/06/2025	30/06/2025	\$642,040.00	90016088		Disability & Carers	NDIS Participants & Performance	NDIS Governance Policy & Legislation
CN4161636	The University of Melbourne	HILDA Waves 26-29 option to extend W30-31	Data services	Data services	Limited Tender	27/06/2025	30/06/2031	\$71,995,115.50	90016017		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN4161982	Department of Communities	MoU with WA Dept of Communities for Children	Project Management	Project administration or planning	Limited Tender	24/06/2025	30/12/2026	\$259,484.00	90016087		Families & Communities	Family Safety	Childrens & Youth Policy
CN4163253	Nous Group Pty Ltd	SARC - IC Evaluation 2024-2026	Assessment and evaluation services	Strategic planning consultation services	Open Tender	30/06/2025	15/01/2027	\$555,162.00	90016061	Yes	Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Community Partnerships
CN4163275	We are Malo Pty Ltd	Footprints in Time: LSIC Newsletter	Printing Services	Printing and writing paper	Limited Tender	8/07/2025	15/12/2026	\$26,928.00	90016090		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use
CN4167634	Cheryl Godwell-Pepper	SPSP July 2025 Workshop facilitator	Facilitation	Strategic planning consultation services	Limited Tender	8/07/2025	31/07/2025	\$15,500.00	90016093		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Community Partnerships
CN4167657	Fordham & More Trust	SPSP July 2025 workshop facilitator	Facilitation	Strategic planning consultation services	Limited Tender	8/07/2025	31/07/2025	\$15,510.00	90016094		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Community Partnerships

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CN4168136	Australian Indigenous Minority Supplier Office Ltd	Supply Nation Membership 2025-26	Strategic advice & review services	Professional associations	Limited Tender	1/08/2025	31/07/2026	\$16,500.00	90016095		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN4170623	Minter Ellison Lawyers	LEX 54155 - NACC Direction to produce	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	9/07/2025	14/11/2025	\$497,724.00	90016097		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4170714	Two Good Co. Pty Ltd	SPSP July 2025 workshop catering	Event Management	Restaurants and catering	Limited Tender	15/07/2025	17/07/2025	\$11,613.80	90016098		Families & Communities	Community Wellbeing	Community Partnerships
CN4170916	LexisNexis	LEX 53381 - Online Legal Research Tool 2025-26	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Online database information retrieval systems	Limited Tender	15/08/2025	14/08/2026	\$85,501.47	90016099		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services GroupExec
CN4171584	Thomson Geer	LEX 54016 - Probity adviser for DES	Probity services	Legal services	Open Tender	24/07/2025	23/01/2026	\$109,034.55	90016100		Social Security	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Group Exec
CN4173246	Wormald Australia Pty Ltd	Perth Office Electronic Security Systems	Security and control equipment	Security and control equipment	Open Tender	30/06/2025	31/10/2026	\$236,456.00	90016101		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN4173567	Ethnoink Pty Ltd	Audio file translations	Creative, design and editorial services	Written translation services	Limited Tender	25/06/2025	30/06/2026	\$11,848.32	IR76269		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Campaigns & Strategic Communication
CN4173831	Maddocks	LEX 52725 - Robodebt - Appendix E - Urgent	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	21/07/2025	31/12/2025	\$15,437.40	90016103		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN4174146	Maddocks	LEX 52725 - Robodebt Royal Commission	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	7/08/2025	6/02/2026	\$22,826.10	90016102		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Public Law
CN4174207	Rachel Healy Consulting	Executive Officer and EL2 Development	Training, Education and Development Services	Human resources services	Open Tender	11/08/2025	31/01/2026	\$45,449.00	90016104		Executive & Other	DSS Executive	DSS Executive
CN4174284	Dept of the Treasury	Financial Statements Actuarial Services	Financial services	Economic or financial evaluation of projects	Open Tender	19/01/2026	18/01/2028	\$1,014,410.00	90016089	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Services
CN4174531	Jeff Whalan Learning Group	JWLG Executive Learning Group	Staff development	Education and Training Services	Limited Tender	7/08/2025	6/08/2026	\$16,390.00	90016105		Executive & Other	DSS Executive	DSS Executive
CN4174987	King & Wood Mallesons	LEX 52424 - 2025-26	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	18/07/2025	17/01/2026	\$11,000.00	90016106		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services GroupExec
CN4175458	Walker Riverside PTY LTD	Property lease	Property Lease - level 21, One Festival Tower, Adelaide	Lease and rental of property or building	Limited Tender	1/07/2025	30/06/2035	\$10,744,087.00	IR80722		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Management & Property Services
CN4178076	Behavioural Insights (Australia) Ltd	Delivery Planning Baseline Assessment	Policy and program development services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	8/08/2025	12/09/2025	\$72,105.00	90016107	Yes	Delivery & Data	Delivery	Delivery Group Exec
CN4178733	Brotherhood of St Laurence	EIAC 2026 Report - Consultation support	Social policy research	Research programs	Limited Tender	20/08/2025	30/06/2026	\$200,878.70	90016109		Social Security	Participation & Family Payments	Participation & Supplementary Payments
CN4178925	O'Connor Marsden & Associates Pty Ltd	Probity advisor for Family Safety Group	Probity services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	18/08/2025	30/06/2026	\$77,698.50	90016108	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Safety	Childrens & Youth Policy
CN4180553	The Martinez HWL Practice Trust	LEX 53926 - 1800 RESPECT Service 25-2026	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	25/08/2025	20/08/2026	\$143,400.00	90016110		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services GroupExec
CN4181035	SNAICC - National Voice for our Children	First Nations National Plan Secretariat	Project Management	Project administration or planning	Limited Tender	21/08/2025	31/12/2025	\$411,798.20	90016111		Families & Communities	Family Safety	National Policy
CN4181157	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation	LEX 49924 - NATSIC	Legal services	Legal services	Limited Tender	30/05/2024	28/05/2025	\$199,970.04	90016113		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services	Legal Services Group Exec
CN4182297	Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd	Fairfax Media subscription 2025-26	Communication services	Electronic reference material	Limited Tender	30/08/2025	29/08/2026	\$27,827.42	90016115		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Corporate Communication & Media Relations
CN4182806	Mark Dowlan Group Pty Ltd	Mark Dowlan Group - DEG Illustration	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Limited Tender	11-Sep-25	30-Dec-25	\$10,560.00	90016114		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN4183737	Thomson Geer	LEX 53811 - Industrial Relations - TG	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	3/09/2025	2/10/2026	\$462,333.93	90016117		Chief Operating Officer	Chief Counsel Legal Services, Audit and Assurance	Practice Management Unit
CN4183754	Social Ventures Australia Limited	Evaluation of CaFIS	Management Advisory Services	Management advisory services	Open Tender	5-Sep-25	30-Jun-26	\$384,225.60	90016112	Yes	Families & Communities	Family Wellbeing	Child and Family Programs
CN4183820	Thomson Geer	LEX 53809 - Commercial Law - TG	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	3/09/2025	2/10/2026	\$258,766.94	90016118		Chief Operating Officer	Chief Counsel Legal Services, Audit and Assurance	Practice Management Unit
CN4183867	Moray & Agnew	LEX 54476 - NACC Appenx E-Urgent	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	20/08/2025	31/12/2025	\$13,569.60	90016121		Chief Operating Officer	Chief Counsel Legal Services, Audit and Assurance	Practice Management Unit
CN4184018	King & Wood Mallesons	LEX 54480 - NACC Appendix E	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	25/08/2025	31/12/2025	\$52,500.00	90016119		Chief Operating Officer	Chief Counsel Legal Services, Audit and Assurance	Practice Management Unit
CN4184803	Hall & Partners Pty Ltd	Consent Ph 1 Maintenance Burst BTE	Market research	Market research	Limited Tender	5-Sep-25	15-May-26	\$108,802.10	90016122	Yes	Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Communication
CN4185328	The Martinez HWL Practice Trust	LEX 54492 - NACC- Appendix E	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	28-Aug-25	31-Dec-25	\$26,900.00	90016124		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Legal Services GroupExec
CN4185504	Thomson Geer	LEX 53808 - Public law - Thomson Geer	Legal services	Legal services	Open Tender	11-Sep-25	10-Sep-26	\$184,464.11	90016120		Chief Operating Officer	Legal Services, Audit & Assurance	Programs and Information Legal
CN4185988	Apricot Zebra Pty Limited	Indexing and editing services	Creative design and editorial services	Technical writing	Open Tender	17-Sep-25	31-Oct-25	\$11,000.00	90016125		Chief Operating Officer	Social Policy & Governance	Portfolio Governance
CN4186198	Mediabrand Australia Pty Ltd T/As	Consent Ph1 Maintenance Burst Media Buy	Advertising	Advertising	Open Tender	8-Sep-25	4-Apr-26	\$3,300,000.00	90016126		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Communication
CN4186219	Carbon Media Pty Ltd	Consent Ph 1 Maintenance Burst - First Nations Communications	Communication Services	Public relations and professional communications services	Limited Tender	9-Sep-25	8-May-26	\$110,000.00	90016127		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Communication
CN4186344	Shibumi.Com Pty Ltd	Shibumi Enterprise Licence Renewal 25/26	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Software	Open Tender	1/10/2025	30/09/2026	\$1,045,798.50	90016129		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN4186396	Cultural Perspectives Pty Ltd T/As	Consent Ph 1 Maintenance Burst - CALD	Communication Services	Public relations and professional communications services	Limited Tender	9-Sep-25	8-May-26	\$109,520.02	90016128		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Communication
CN4187391	Shibumi.Com Pty Ltd	Shibumi Managed Services Renewal 2025-26	ICT software licence and/or maintenance	Software	Open Tender	1/10/2025	30/09/2026	\$705,459.70	90016130		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Chief Information Officer
CN4187405	ABILITY WORKS AUSTRALIA LTD	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$9,812,175.52	70019438-01		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187407	AMES Australia	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$105,045,402.61	70019438-02		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187409	Are-Able Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$19,933,048.69	70019438-03		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187411	ASURIA PEOPLE SERVICES PTY LIMITED	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$28,372,622.13	70019438-04		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187412	ASURIA PEOPLE SERVICES PTY LIMITED & MOMENTA GLOBAL PTY LTD	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$25,060,737.27	70019438-05		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187414	Atwork Australia Pty Ltd	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$553,892,456.95	70019438-06		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187417	Australian Foundation for Disability	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$50,501,613.65	70019438-07		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187419	AUTISM ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$25,577,805.84	70019438-08		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187421	Avon Community Employment Support Centre Inc	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$13,953,134.08	70019438-09		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187422	Bamara Pty. Ltd.	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$57,448,633.91	70019438-10		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187518	BARKUMA INC	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$12,871,589.79	70019438-11		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187522	Barossa Enterprises Inc	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$8,378,936.40	70019438-12		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation

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CN4187523	BEST EMPLOYMENT LIMITED	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$15,258,484.17	70019438-13		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187560	BIZLINK INC	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$16,636,598.71	70019438-14		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187682	Breakthru Ltd	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$89,813,378.23	70019438-15		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187683	Campbell Page Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$132,832,160.68	70019438-16		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187685	Castle Personnel Services Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$32,289,774.89	70019438-17		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187696	Civic Disability Services Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$21,410,387.48	70019438-19		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187697	Community AXIS Enterprises Incorporated	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$80,851,223.77	70019438-20		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187701	CPL - Choice, Passion, Life	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$60,216,990.40	70019438-21		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187708	G-Force Recruitment Ltd	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$13,450,397.90	70019438-22		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187710	Mai-Wei Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$11,752,560.79	70019438-23		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187713	COMMUNITY BRIDGING SERVICES (CBS) INC	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$64,625,854.43	70019438-24		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187714	CONNECT2GROUP	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$7,717,441.42	70019438-25		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187716	CONNECTING FUTURES EMPLOYMENT PTY LTD	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$7,055,946.44	70019438-26		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187717	CVGT Australia Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$85,781,566.34	70019438-27		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187742	Deaf Children Australia	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$22,711,327.60	70019438-28		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187743	ECHO AUSTRALIA INC	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$12,640,728.05	70019438-29		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4187861	EIGHTY9 LIMITED	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$101,692,725.56	70019438-30		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188045	ENDEAVOUR FOUNDATION LIMITED	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$144,205,905.35	70019438-31		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188047	ENTERPRISE & TRAINING COMPANY LIMITED	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/10/2025	31/10/2030	\$12,369,956.10	70019438-32		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188051	GOLD COAST EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICE INC	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$25,912,963.30	70019438-33		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188053	Ethnolink Pty Ltd	Income Management - First Nations translations	Communication Services	Written translation services	Open Tender	16-Sep-25	30-Jun-26	\$185,000.00	90016123		Families & Communities	Family Wellbeing	Welfare Payments Reform Income Management
CN4188057	Help Enterprises Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$42,158,838.98	70019438-34		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188058	Impact Services Pty Ltd	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$2,293,182.59	70019438-35		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188059	INNOVATIVE DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AND LIAISON PLACEMENTS LIMITED	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$8,334,836.73	70019438-36		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188062	Interact Australia Ltd	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$59,960,109.85	70019438-37		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188064	Jesuit Social Services Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$44,099,665.24	70019438-38		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188067	JIGSAW GROUP (AUS) LIMITED	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2032	\$1,543,488.28	70019438-39		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188068	Job Futures Ltd	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$221,808,086.27	70019438-40		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188070	Joblink Plus Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$10,324,834.13	70019438-41		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188072	Proactiv People Solutions Pty Ltd	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$15,655,381.16	70019438-58		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188073	yourtown	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$16,537,374.47	70019438-83		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188075	Jobsupport	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$42,997,173.61	70019438-42		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188081	Real Futures Pty Ltd	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$88,848,698.06	70019438-59		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188082	Workways Australia Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$7,995,269.31	70019438-82		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188084	Karingal St Laurence Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$273,118,267.28	70019438-43		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188085	RichmondPRA Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$62,913,684.93	70019438-60		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188088	Wise Employment Ltd	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$375,903,562.05	70019438-81		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188089	Key Employment Association Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$37,286,266.96	70019438-44		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188091	ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$8,819,933.05	70019438-61		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188096	Vision Australia Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$11,245,414.64	70019438-80		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188097	KIMBERLEY PERSONNEL INC	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$2,425,481.59	70019438-45		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188098	SARINA RUSSO JOB ACCESS (AUSTRALIA) PTY. LTD.	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$12,678,653.76	70019438-62		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188103	VERTO LTD	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$92,736,083.55	70019438-79		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188106	SERENDIPITY (WA) PTY LTD	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$648,878,284.92	70019438-63		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation

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CN4188107	Links Community Services Inc.	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$7,717,441.42	70019438-46		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188109	MANAGING PAIN EMPLOYMENT SERVICES PTY LTD	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$15,434,882.84	70019438-47		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188110	Settlement Services International Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$60,756,108.81	70019438-64		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188111	Max Solutions Pty Ltd	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$217,701,745.95	70019438-48		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188112	SIGN HEAR PTY LTD	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$2,315,232.43	70019438-65		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188113	Maxima Training Group (Aust) Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$11,738,228.40	70019438-49		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188116	Mission Australia	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$8,760,839.50	70019438-50		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188117	SOCIAL FUTURES LTD	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$14,966,323.89	70019438-66		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188118	MTC FutureReady Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$66,478,922.36	70019438-51		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188119	Sonder Care Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$72,323,451.00	70019438-67		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188120	N T INDUSTRY TRAINING BUREAU	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$2,155,371.14	70019438-52		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188122	NSWALC Employment and Training Ltd	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$13,891,394.55	70019438-53		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188126	OCTEC Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$10,253,172.17	70019438-54		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188127	Omnia Inclusive Employment Solutions Ltd	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$11,113,115.64	70019438-55		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188129	Ostara Australia Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$41,233,187.00	70019438-56		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188130	Prestige Employment Solutions Pty Ltd	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$10,583,919.66	70019438-57		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188136	Sureway Employment and Training Pty Ltd	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$422,975,985.73	70019438-68		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188141	SYC Ltd	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$75,077,695.59	70019438-69		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188154	TASSK PTY LTD	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$10,429,570.83	70019438-70		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188158	Teldraw Pty Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$45,102,491.63	70019438-71		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188159	THE DISABILITY TRUST	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$43,036,863.31	70019438-72		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188162	THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA & NORTHERN TERRITORY INC	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$7,574,117.51	70019438-73		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188180	The ORS Group Pty Ltd	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$45,202,156.87	70019438-74		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188260	The Personnel Group Ltd	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$93,210,154.95	70019438-75		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188267	The Trustee for the Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$134,300,238.54	70019438-76		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188269	TRAINING ALLIANCE GROUP AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$61,167,338.18	70019438-77		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188270	Tursa Employment & Training Limited	Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Service Providers for Inclusive Employment Australia Program	Employment services	Open Tender	1/11/2025	31/10/2030	\$26,833,543.81	70019438-78		Social Security Stream	Disability Employment	Disability Employment Implementation
CN4188624	Canon Business Services	Invoice Scanning and Invoice Services	ICT services	Corporate objectives or policy development	Open Tender	1/10/2025	30/09/2028	\$107,321.50	90016131		Chief Operating Officer	Finance & Information Services	Financial Services Branch
CN4188630	Verian Group Australia Pty Ltd	SIATS Ph 6 Developmental Research	Market research	Market research	Limited Tender	23-Sep-25	20-Sep-26	\$929,500.00	90016132	Yes	Family Safety	National Plan to End Violence Against Women	Womens Safety Package
CN4190457	Capital Recruit Pty Ltd	PAO3 labour hire contractor	Contractor - Labour Hire	Temporary personnel services	Open Tender	13/10/2025	10/07/2026	\$202,983.66	90016133		Chief Operating Officer	Corporate & Government Services	Communication Branch
CN630281	AUST INST OF FAMILY STUDIES	Building a new life in Australia: The Longitudinal Study of Humanitarian Migrants (BNLA)	LONGITUDINAL SURVEY OF HUMANITARIAN MIGRANTS	Research programs	Prequalified Tender	7/06/2012	31/12/2025	\$12,784,052.96	90004209		Delivery & Data	Data & Evaluation	Data Governance & Use

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-26

TITLE: BUDGET AND AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL REVIEW'S ANALYSIS FROM INCOMING GOVERNMENT BRIEF

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- On 11 August 2025 the Australian Financial Review released an article focused on the budget reductions faced by Australian Government agencies including the Social Services Portfolio.
- Since Budget 2025-26, Departmental Appropriation for the Department of Social Services (the Department) has reduced by \$102.9 million to \$446.5 million in 2025-26. This reduction is primarily attributable to the Machinery of Government change, with the Department's disability and housing functions transferring to the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (\$84.0 million in 2025-26) and the Treasury (\$12.6 million in 2025-26).
- Since Budget 2022-23, the Departmental Appropriation for its current functions has increased by 9%, from \$410.4 million to \$446.5 million in 2025-26. ASL has increased by around 15%.

KEY INFORMATION

- The Department is dedicated to improving the economic and social wellbeing of individuals, families and vulnerable members of Australian communities. That remains its primary focus.
- Programs and funding evolve in step with the changing needs and priorities of Australian communities, and the priorities of the government.
- The actual number of programs that will continue or be discontinued over the coming years is a decision for government and is reviewed regularly at each Budget round.
- The Department has been open and transparent about changes to its funding. Prior to the recent Machinery of Government changes, Budget 2025-26 publications showed a reduction to \$549.4 million in 2025-26 (reference 2025-26 Portfolio Budget Statements Social Services page 72) and to \$397.7 million over the forward estimates.
- The funding and ASL decrease over the forward estimates is mainly due to a decrease in operating funding for the National Redress Scheme. The end of these programs will involve a reduction or reprioritisation in the accompanying workforce. This is normal when programs cease or change and is an essential part of responsible financial management. In addition, Budget estimates included terminating programs in the Disability and Carers stream. Many Disability and Carer programs have now transferred to the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing in line with the Administrative Arrangements Order issued on 13 May 2025.
- All decisions to reduce workforce are made carefully, balancing workload requirements to deliver for the Australian public, the Department's fiscal and legislative responsibilities and the priorities of government.
- Careful allocation of the Department's funding and workforce will be undertaken to ensure that we will continue to deliver on those priorities. Ongoing monitoring of the budget position will ensure emerging pressures are identified early and managed, while balancing workloads and meeting requirements to deliver for the Australian public.

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- While there is a reduction in the Department's operating budget in 2025-26, since Budget 2022-23, the Department's funding from direct appropriation for its current functions has increased 9%, from \$410.4 million to \$446.5 million in 2025-26.

BUDGET INFORMATION

- 2025-26 Budget Movement

2025-26 Budget Movement Table					
	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	2027-28 \$m	2028-29 \$m
Appropriation (2025-26 PBS pg. 72)	589.0	549.4	397.7	385.4	381.6
Less reduction due to MoG		96.6	79.9	73.3	70.3
Less government savings measure		6.3	-	-	-
Total Departmental Appropriation	589.0	446.5	317.8	312.1	311.3
<i>Drivers of reduction in funding</i>					
Disability and Carers Measures		(62.4)	(2.3)	(0.7)	0.0
Housing Measures		(3.1)	(0.1)	0.0	(0.0)
Cashless Debit Card		(4.4)	(3.5)	0.0	0.0
Commonwealth Redress Scheme		21.3	(118.8)	(0.7)	(4.0)
Disability Employment		(20.6)	(11.9)	(2.0)	0.0
Women's Safety		(2.9)	(5.5)	(5.7)	0.0
MoG		(96.6)	16.6	6.6	3.0
Other Measures		26.1	(3.2)	(3.1)	0.2
Total Department Appropriation Movement		(142.5)	(128.7)	(5.6)	(0.9)

- ASL Budget

	Budget 2022-23	Budget 2025-26
ASL (source PBS)	2,188	2,905
Less MoG		(385)
ASL Budget	2,188	2,520

Background

- Since the release of the Budget 2025-26 in March, there have been 2 key articles (the Mandarin in March and the Australian Financial Review (AFR) in August) that have focused on the budget reductions faced by government agencies including the Social Services Portfolio.
- The recent AFR article (**Attachment A**), informed by the release of Incoming Government Briefs following an FOI request, demonstrates continued interest in the impact of government budget decisions. In particular, how the departments will continue to deliver on government priorities and the impact that the reduced funding will have on frontline services, staff capability and communities who rely on DSS programs.

Attachments

Attachment A – Australian Financial Review article



Budget faces billions of dollars of 'funding...'

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Budget faces billions of dollars of 'funding cliffs'

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The Albanese government faces billions of dollars in public sector funding cliffs which bureaucrats warn threaten service delivery, government initiatives and thousands of jobs.

Key government departments including health, climate and energy, social services and attorney-general's, sounded the alarm in their incoming briefs to ministers, warning of budget cuts as large as 50 per cent in coming years and asking where they should plan to cut workers.

The revelations come after *The Australian Financial Review* in January reported that Labor had not budgeted for up to \$7.4 billion in increased public service wage costs caused by a hiring boom and a big pay deal for about 185,000 workers.

They also come ahead of Treasurer Jim Chalmers' Economic Reform Roundtable starting on August 19, during which fixing the budget's structural deficit will be a central discussion topic.

Debate ahead of the roundtable has been dominated by demands to increase taxes to cover the ballooning government spending forecast to drive gross debt to \$1.2 trillion by 2028-29. But with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese ruling out tax changes before the 2028 election, cuts to spending will be the only way to address the structural deficit in the short term.

The worst of the looming budget shortfalls take effect from 2026-27 when funding will expire for at least 100 programs, and probably dozens more.

One government source, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to speak on the topic, said the cabinet's expenditure review committee had extended funds for many non-ongoing programs only until 2025-26, which kept costs lower over the four-year forward estimates before the May 3 federal election.

The Health Department warned of looming "funding cliffs" with its budget forecast to decline from \$1.69 billion in 2024-25 to \$893 million by 2027-28. The biggest annual fall – \$575 million – was forecast for 2026-27.

"Over forward estimates portfolio-

level departmental funding down by 38 per cent by 2028-29 driven by terminating measures for reforms," the brief to Health Minister Mark Butler said, adding that it had 100 measures due to expire by June 30 next year, "the majority of which include service delivery and will require consideration".

Energy Minister Chris Bowen's department forecast its funding would halve from \$357 million in 2025-26 to \$180 million by 2028-29. This would come over the same time frame that Labor seeks to ramp up efforts to hit 82 per cent renewables electricity generation by 2030, a policy that underpins its bid to reduce emissions by 43 per cent on 2005 levels by the same date.

The fall "mainly reflects the impact of terminating measures," the incoming government brief said.

It is not uncommon for budgets to fall over the four-year forward estimates, particularly ahead of federal elections as treasurers try to portray the books in a positive light. But Chalmers and Finance Minister Katy Gallagher have been consistently critical of the coalition for operating in this manner and leaving programs unfunded.

"This obviously was a feature of the former government's budgeting, where they sought to reduce costs or make it look like the budget was in better shape than it actually was," Chalmers told reporters in December.

Chris Richardson, a former Treasury and Deloitte economist who has spent years observing the budget process, said all governments acted in the same way ahead of elections.

"They all do it because there's always the thought that we may not win the upcoming election, and we'll deal with it down the track," Richardson said, adding that there would always be arguments about whether the figures published were realistic.

"To some extent in the budget there's always a promise to go on a diet, but it's just that an even bigger diet has been promised, and it has come after a binge. The change in gear between eating lots and eating little is massive, and it's no wonder it keeps coming up in the incoming government briefs."

Gallagher did not respond to a

request for comment.

But Coalition finance spokesman James Paterson accused Chalmers of building a budget on quicksand. "They rely on an absurd number of terminating measures the government would never allow to lapse and public service cuts Labor explicitly campaigned against," Paterson said.

The *Financial Review* in January revealed Labor had not budgeted for as much as \$7.4 billion in increased public service wages costs caused by a hiring boom and a big pay deal for about 185,000 workers.

That forecast runs contrary to Labor's push to cut consulting spending and in-source more work, and also the Australian Public Service's enterprise bargaining agreement with public servants, in which it agreed to raise wages by 11.2 per cent over the three years to March next year.

The deal, signed in November 2023, will automatically cause public sector wages to rise until 2026-27, when a new agreement will need to be signed.

In its post-election review, the Parliamentary Budget Office forecast a 3 per cent fall in the public service wage bill combined with a 10 per cent increase in wages would mean 22,500 positions need to be axed for departments to stay within budget.

In Tanya Plibersek's Social Services Department, officials expected to have to cut 441 of 3418 positions, or 13 per cent of the workforce, this year due to a \$47 million funding reduction to \$583 million over the next year.

"It is important the department understands your priorities clearly, so our resources are allocated appropriately as we reduce the size of the workforce," department officials advised Plibersek in the brief.

Social Services forecasts its budget will then fall further to \$417 million by 2028-29, resulting in overall headcount reduction to 2228. Similar to Health and the Attorney-General's Department, the biggest fall in funding – \$151 million – is forecast to come in 2026-27, the year in which Social Services forecasts it will cut a further 656 staff.

Attorney-General Michelle Rowland's



department warned that 32 programs were due to expire by 2028-29, resulting in an \$81.2 million or 26.6 per cent funding cut. Programs set to lose funding included elements of the National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Child Sexual Abuse 2021-2030 and the High-Risk Terrorist Offenders Scheme, designed to manage people convicted of terrorism offences who are deemed to pose an unacceptable risk to the community once their jail term ends.

A spokesperson for Plibersek pointed to a 38 per cent increase in funding for DSS since Labor took office in 2022, while a spokesperson for the Health Department said there were no plans for redundancies.

A spokesperson for Bowen said the 50 per cent budget reduction in his department was “simply the result of a number of time-limited programs coming to their natural conclusion”.

“This doesn’t mean we’re reducing our commitment to climate and energy policy,” he said. “In fact, record levels of investment are continuing to flow through major programs like Rewiring the Nation, [Australian Renewable Energy Agency] and the [Clean Energy Finance Corporation].”

A spokesperson for Rowland said the government remained committed to appropriately funding front-line legal services.



Above: Treasurer Jim Chalmers and Finance Minister Katy Gallagher; Left: Health Minister Mark Butler. PHOTOS: ALEX ELLINGHAUSEN, DOMINIC LORRIMER

They all do it because there’s the thought we may not win the upcoming election.

Chris Richardson, former Treasury economist

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-26

TITLE: PORTFOLIO STATUTORY APPOINTMENTS AND GENDER COMPOSITION ON PORTFOLIO STATUTORY AND SIGNIFICANT BOARDS

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Social Services Portfolio is responsible for the following statutory appointments:
 - One statutory Advisory Committee – the Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee (EIAC)
 - Four of 14 statutory positions on the EIAC are currently vacant.
 - All current vacancies are under active consideration by Government.
 - Three Agency Head positions as follows:
 - Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) Director
 - Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commissioner
 - National Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People
 - 100% of all Portfolio Agency Head positions are currently filled by women.
- In accordance with the relevant Administrative Arrangements Orders, responsibility for appointments to the following positions / bodies no longer sit with the Social Services Portfolio:
 - Hearing Australia Managing Director
 - National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Quality and Safeguards Commissioner
 - Services Australia Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
 - National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board
 - Independent Advisory Council (IAC) to the NDIS
 - Hearing Australia Board
- The Department of Social Services (the Department) reports data to the Office for Women (OfW) on Portfolio specific Gender Balance on all reportable Australian Government Boards.
 - The 2024-2025 data is yet to be published. The Department understands this data will be available around December 2025.
 - As at 24 September 2025, women held approximately 63% of these positions, and all four reportable Chair positions are held by women.

KEY INFORMATION

Gender Composition on Australian Government Boards

- As of 31 August 2025, one Statutory Advisory Committee and three non-Statutory Boards or advisory bodies fell within scope of the Office for Women Gender Balance reporting as below:
 - Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee (Statutory – all 14 positions)
 - Our Watch (non-Statutory Chair and Commonwealth Director position only)
 - First Nations National Plan Steering Committee (non-Statutory - 12 Commonwealth appointed positions only)

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- Australian National Research Organisation for Women’s Safety (ANROWS) (non-Statutory Chairperson only).
- As at 24 September 2025, women held approximately 63% of these positions, and four of four reportable Chair positions are held by women.

Background

- A summary of the status of all current statutory appointments which fall within the remit of the Social Services Portfolio can be found in **Attachment A**.

Attachments**Attachment A** – Portfolio Statutory Appointments Table OCT 2025

PORTFOLIO STATUTORY APPOINTMENTS as at 31 August 2025

Agency Head Positions

Agency	Position	Name	Gender	State	Initial appointment date	Current Appt. Start Date	Current Appt. End Date	Full-Time / Part-time
Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS)	Director	Ms Liz Neville	Female	VIC	09/06/2023 (acting)	18/12/2024 (long-term Director)	17/12/2029	Full-time
Domestic, Family & Sexual Violence Commission (DFSV)	Commissioner	Ms Micaela Cronin	Female	VIC	01/11/2022	01/11/2022	31/10/2027	Full-time
National Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People	National Commissioner	Ms Sue-Anne Hunter	Female	VIC	01/09/2025	01/09/2025	30/08/2030	Full-time

Boards and Advisory Bodies

Board/ Advisory Body	Position	Name	Gender	State	Initial appointment date	Current Appt. Start Date	Current Appt. End Date	Full-Time / Part-time
Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee	Chair	The Hon Jennifer (Jenny) Macklin	F	VIC	10/02/2025	10/02/2025	09/02/2028	Part-time
	Member	Mr Jeffrey Borland	M	VIC	10/02/2025	10/02/2025	09/02/2028	Part-time
	Member	Professor Robert Breunig	M	ACT	10/02/2025	10/02/2025	09/02/2028	Part-time
	Member	Professor Kay Cook	F	VIC	10/02/2025	10/02/2025	09/02/2028	Part-time
	Member	Mr Matthew Cox	M	QLD	10/02/2025	10/02/2025	09/02/2028	Part-time
	Member	Dr Cassandra Goldie AO	F	NSW	10/02/2025	10/02/2025	09/02/2028	Part-time
	Member	Dr Travers McLeod	M	VIC	10/02/2025	10/02/2025	09/02/2028	Part-time
	Member	Ms Sally McManus	F	VIC	10/02/2025	10/02/2025	09/02/2028	Part-time
	Member	Associate Professor Benjamin Phillips	M	ACT	10/02/2025	10/02/2025	09/02/2028	Part-time
	Member	Professor Peter Whiteford	M	NSW	10/02/2025	10/02/2025	09/02/2028	Part-time
	Member	Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	Part-time
	Member	Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	Part-time
	Member	Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	Part-time
	Member	Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	Part-time

Note: Appointments to Our Watch, ANROWS and the First Nations National Plan Steering Committee are not detailed as they are non-statutory appointments.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-26

TITLE: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORTING (INCLUDING MEASURES 'NOT MET' AS IN THE 2023-24 ANNUAL REPORT)**HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES**

A summary of the results in the 2023-24 Annual Performance Statements are:

- 20 (61%) of 33 targets were met
- One (3%) target was partially met
- Ten (30%) targets were not met
- Two (6%) targets were reported as ongoing as they had longer-term deliverables due beyond the 2023-24 reporting year.

KEY INFORMATION

- The 2024-25 Annual Report has not been published by the time of the October 2025 Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025-26 hearing.
- The latest available performance information is contained in the Annual Performance Statements in the 2023-24 Annual Report.
- The Auditor-General's report on the audit of the Department's 2023-24 Annual Performance Statements was tabled in the Parliament in late November 2024 and is available on the Department of Finance website.
- The 2024-25 Annual Report will be published by the December 2025 hearings and will account for the functions that remain in the Department following the recent machinery of government changes.

Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) audit outcomes for 2023-24

- There were two Category A findings (Emphasis of Matter) for Our Watch and Escaping Violence Payment components of the Women's Safety measure.
- Both performance measures were implemented part way through the 2023-24 reporting year in response to an earlier ANAO finding that the Department should provide a more complete picture of its performance for these two programs.
- The ANAO has agreed in principle to the remediation plan developed by the Department to address the two findings and has been considering the Department's progress in the latest audit of performance statements (for 2024-25).
- The Auditor-General's report on the audit of the Department's 2024-25 Annual Performance Statements is expected to be tabled in parliament later this year.

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- A table of the targets within the 2023-24 Annual Performance Statements with a result other than 'met' is provided at **Attachment A**, including detailed reasons for not meeting the targets.

The Department's continued involvement in Annual Performance Statement's audits

- The Department has completed the fifth cycle of audits, having been part of the pilot audit program for Annual Performance Statements in 2020-21.
- The ANAO has assessed the overall performance statements audit engagement risk with the Department for 2024-25 as low risk due to the Department's maturity in performance reporting, with well-established guidance and protocols to support accurate reporting and resolution of previous findings.
- The Department has continued to look for ways to balance meaningful impact-based performance measures with the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability legislative requirement that data be reliable and verifiable.
- The latest available audit opinion is the Auditor-General's report on the 2023-24 Annual Performance Statements. Notwithstanding the Department's low audit risk, the Auditor-General's audit report highlights two audit findings:

Escaping Violence Payment component of the Women's Safety measure – audit finding

- The finding draws attention to the Department's disclosure that the funded provider rolled out a national case management system through the first six months of the reporting year. Prior to the roll out there were known data integrity issues, and the Department had limited assurances over data reported for those six months.
- The Department's data assurance actions include assurance over the reliability of the data through triangulation of unit level data provided to the Department by the funded service provider for the Escaping Violence Payment trial.

Our Watch component of the Women's Safety measure – audit finding

- The finding draws attention to the Department's disclosure that this was a new measure being reported in 2023-24. Given the newness of the measure, the Department had only been able to do limited data sampling for assurance.
- The Department is seeking to commission an independent evaluation of the program. An evaluation question will be agreed with the ANAO to demonstrate the efficacy of the program with an interim finding expected in 2025-26 and the evaluation finding in 2026-27.

Attachments

- **Attachment A** – List of targets within the 2023-24 Annual Performance Statements with a result other than 'met'.

List of targets within the 2023-24 Annual Performance Statement with a result other than 'met'

Program	Key Activity	Target	Outcome	Result	Extract of Program Analysis	2024-25 Corporate Plan Status
1.1 Support for Families	Family Tax Benefit	Payment targeted to low income families (67% of support received by families under the FTB lower income free area).	2023-24 Results		This result relates to the 2021-22 entitlement year, as there is a lag in data availability. The percentage of total Family Tax Benefit (FTB) expenditure received by families with adjusted taxable income (ATI) at or below the FTB Part A lower income free area (LIFA) was 66.8%, which is below the 67% target. This is an improvement from the result last year, which was 63.7%. The improvement was driven by a large fall in the number of FTB customers with ATI above the LIFA, and in their average rate of FTB received. The number of FTB customers with ATI above the LIFA fell by about 72,100 or 10%, and it resulted in an overall fall in the number of total FTB customers. The number of FTB customers below the LIFA and their average rate of FTB received remained stable compared to the previous year.	Included
			Not Met	66.8%		
			2022-23 Results			
	Not Met	63.7%				
	2021-22 Results					
	Not Met	66.9%				
Child Support Scheme	At least 85% of Family Tax Benefit Part A children of separated parents meet the maintenance action test requirements.	2023-24 Results		The Department has not met this key performance measure, reflecting the decline in the proportion of separated parents meeting the FTB Part A Maintenance Action Test (MAT) in respect of their children since June 2023. Between June 2023 and June 2024, the number of children who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> passed the MAT (had a child support assessment) reduced by 3%, were exempt from the MAT increased by 2%, and failed to meet the MAT requirement increased by 11%. These results show that the reduction in parents passing the MAT for FTB Part A children by having a child support assessment is larger than the increase in the number of parents granted an exemption from the MAT requirement. There is an increase in MAT failure rates.	Included	
		Not Met	81.8%			
		2022-23 Results				
	Not Met	83.8%				
	2021-22 Results					
	Met	85.1%				
1.4 Financial Support for People with Disability	Disability Support Pension (DSP)	At least 90% of people with a profound or severe disability of working age are supported by the Disability Support Pension.	2023-24 Results		The DSP population has increased by over 3% in 2023-24, which is larger than the increase in 2022-23. There has been a decrease in the overall result in 2023-24, to 68.5%. This is due to the use of the 2022 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC) data published by the ABS, which reported a significant increase in the number of people identifying with disability. In 2018, the SDAC estimated number of people with disability was 521,000. This jumped by nearly 50% to 776,800 in 2022. The 2022 SDAC had variances in its collection method from the previous surveys. This time the survey could be self-completed and online without the presence of an ABS interviewer to provide guidance. Additionally, the rise in disability numbers may also be attributed to a growing awareness of disability in Australia as well as the increase in prevalence of long-term health conditions. The sample results were then applied to the whole population. All these factors may have attributed to the increase in the estimated number of people with disability.	Included
			Not Met	68.5%		
			2022-23 Results			
	Met	98.6%				
	2021-22 Results					
	Met	96.8%				

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Program	Key Activity	Target	Outcome	Result	Extract of Program Analysis	2024-25 Corporate Plan Status
1.4 Financial Support for People with Disability	Carer Payment and Carer Allowance	At least 70% of primary carers in Australia are supported by Carer Payment and/or Carer Allowance.	2023-24 Results		<p>The Carer Payment population increased in 2023-24 by almost 3%, while the Carer Allowance population increased by over 3%. The overall result for this measure dropped to 59.5% in 2023-24. The decrease can be attributed to the use of the 2022 SDAC data published by the ABS. The performance measure has been calculated using ABS 2022 SDAC data, with the number of primary carers increasing from 861,000 in 2018 to 1,154,300 in 2022.</p> <p>The 2022 SDAC had variances in its collection method from the previous surveys. This time the survey could be self-completed and online without the presence of an ABS interviewer to provide guidance. Additionally, the survey also had changes to questions to identify carers during household screenings, with the intent of maximising primary carer identification. All these factors may have attributed to the increase in the number of carers reported in the SDAC data which would not be replicated in social security payment recipients.</p>	Included
			Not Met	59.5%		
			2022-23 Results			
			Met	76.7%		
		2021-22 Results				
		Met	75.3%			
2.1 Families and Communities	Families and Children	At least 75% of clients in reporting services have improved family functioning.	2023-24 Results		<p>A number of factors affected program performance in 2023-24. External issues (including the ongoing impact of natural disasters, cost of living challenges and significant life events) beyond the control of service providers contributed to the lower percentage of participants reporting improved family functioning.</p> <p>The increasing cost of everyday goods and reduced access to affordable and suitable housing places pressure on family functioning and lessens provider's ability to improve client outcomes. This issue is particularly noticeable in regional and remote areas where households tend to have lower incomes and higher costs.</p> <p>Some clients have reduced ability to engage in services focused on family functioning because they are struggling to meet the basic needs of their families. In these circumstances, providers are likely to help clients with access to support that will assist with more immediate needs, like emergency relief or mental health support.</p>	Included
			Not Met	70.9%		
			2022-23 Results			
			Not Met	70.7%		
		2021-22 Results				
		Not Met	70.9%			
	Financial Wellbeing and Capability	At least 70% of people report an improvement in their financial wellbeing following engagement with a funded service.	2023-24 Results		<p>In 2023-2024, 522,147 people, including group clients, accessed FWC services. This included 406,903 clients who accessed ER services, with the remainder accessing other FWC services such as financial counselling.</p> <p>The Financial Wellbeing programs support people in crisis and financially vulnerable individuals. The immediate needs of these clients may be more complex than the support available through the programs. Clients 'presenting issues' may have been further compounded by increased cost of living impacts in 2023-24. Interest rate increases and rental affordability and availability, two key drivers of financial stability and wellbeing, are impacting clients' financial resilience and material wellbeing needs.</p> <p>Clients reporting neutral outcomes increased to 31.4% whilst the number of clients assessed as having a negative outcome fell to 10.2%. This represents a shift from both positive and negative outcomes to more neutral outcomes after an interaction with the FWC services.</p>	Included
			Not Met	55.6%		
			2022-23 Results			
			Not Met	63.6%		
		2021-22 Results				
		Not Met	67.5%			

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Program	Key Activity	Target	Outcome	Result	Extract of Program Analysis	2024-25 Corporate Plan Status
2.1 Families and Communities	National Redress Scheme	The Scheme will notify at least 75% of survivors about an outcome within 6 months of the date that all required information is received.	2023-24 Results		Applications to the Scheme have continued to increase. In 2023-24, the Scheme received a total of 16,723 applications, an increase on the previous year of 52%. Some of this increase can be attributed to initiatives over the past 2 years that have increased the accessibility of the Scheme while maintaining its survivor-focused approach and ensuring procedural fairness was offered to survivors and institutions. These improvements include removing the requirement for a statutory declaration, reducing barriers to applying from gaol, implementation of a communication strategy and improvements to the application form. The number of determinations made by the Scheme also increased in 2023-24, to 5,170 which is the highest amount issued in any year of the Scheme (4,044 were finalised in this period).	Included
			Not Met	52.3%		
			2022-23 Results			
			Met	76.5%		
2021-22 Results		Met	79.34% (target was > 70%)			
3.1 Disability and Carers	Disability and Carer Support	Percentage of carers registered with Carer Gateway local service providers assessed as having improved carer wellbeing in the current reporting period (≥30%).	2023-24 Results		2023–24 represented the fourth full year of operation for the Carer Gateway program and the second-year reporting on the measure ‘extent to which carers who are registered with Carer Gateway local service providers’ wellbeing is assessed as improved’ has been undertaken. Monitoring improvement in carer wellbeing is a longer-term outcome, and the proportion of carers with improved wellbeing is an important measure of the impact of this program. The proportion of carers registered with Carer Gateway and for whom appropriate data is available, assessed with improved wellbeing for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 did not achieve the target, although was within one percentage point. Wellbeing for carers recorded since the program commenced to 30 June 2024 also did not achieve the target. In addition to access and quality of carer supports, a range of other factors influence wellbeing for carers, including the caring relationship circumstances and employment. Qualitative evidence indicates that regardless of effective support, the caring role is taxing and maintenance of wellbeing could also be considered a success. Despite these being considered in the assessment of improved carer wellbeing, ongoing analysis indicates that percentage with improved wellbeing is plateauing the longer the program runs.	Both targets Included
			Not Met	29%		
			2022-23 Results			
			Met	32%		
	2021-22 Results		N/A – wasn’t reported			
	Disability and Carer Support	Percentage of carers registered with Carer Gateway local service providers assessed as having improved level of carer wellbeing since the program commenced (≥35%).	2023-24 Results			
			Not Met	34%		
			2022-23 Results			
Met			34% (target was %30)			
2021-22 Results		N/A – wasn’t reported				
3.1 Disability and Carers	Younger People in Residential Aged Care	No people under 65 years living in residential aged care by 2025 apart from in exceptional circumstances.	2023-24 Results		There is a continued downward trend in the number of younger people in residential aged care, and the number of younger people entering residential aged care. As at 31 March 2024, there were 1,625 people under the age of 65 in residential aged care including 244 First Nations people aged 50 to 64, which represents a 33% decrease from the 31 December 2022 figure of 2,433. It is currently recognised that there are some people with certain conditions or circumstances where appropriate care and support may be provided in residential aged care facilities either on a temporary or permanent basis. They are defined as exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances include people aged 50 to 64 years who are First Nations or who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.	Included
			Ongoing	1,625 People under the age of 65 living in residential aged care		
2022-23 Results		Ongoing	2,423 People under the age of 65 living in residential aged care			

Program	Key Activity	Target	Outcome	Result	Extract of Program Analysis	2024-25 Corporate Plan Status
			2021-22 Results			
			Ongoing	3,163 people under the age of 65 living in residential aged care		
3.2 National Disability Insurance Scheme	NDIS Transition	Full Scheme Agreements signed with all states and territories by 30 June 2024.	2023-24 Results		<p>The Performance Measure remains partially met, as the Commonwealth signed Full Scheme NDIS Bilateral Agreements with all states and territories, by 30 June 2024 with the ongoing exception of WA. There is an expectation that WA will sign a Full Scheme Agreement.</p> <p>Previously, a Bilateral Agreement for the Transition to the NDIS in Western Australia (the Transition Agreement) existed between the Commonwealth and WA Governments. The Transition Agreement expired on 30 June 2023, and the Heads of Agreement (HoA) already executed between the Commonwealth and the WA Governments is now in effect.</p> <p>The WA HoA is a high level statement of commitment that covers key aspects of the arrangements that apply after transition. It is consistent with the terms of the Full Scheme Agreements signed with other jurisdictions, including that WA contribute financially on the same basis as other jurisdictions that have signed a Full Scheme Agreement.</p>	Included
			Partially Met	Full scheme agreements have been signed with all states and territories, except for WA		
			2022-23 Results			
			Partially Met	Full scheme agreements have been signed with all states and territories, except for WA		
			2021-22 Results			
			N/A – wasn't reported			
3.2 National Disability Insurance Scheme	NDIS Participant Plans	Annual cost growth in the total costs of the Scheme of no more than 8% by 1 July 2026, with further moderation of growth as the Scheme matures.	2023-24 Results		<p>In Budget 2024-25, NDIS legislative reforms are projected to moderate the growth in NDIS expenses by \$14.4 billion in payment terms over 4 years from 2024-25, once the 8% annual growth target is accounted for. The NDIS remains a demand driven and needs based scheme. The National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No.1) Bill 2024 (Bill No.1) is the first tranche in a program of ongoing legislative and systemic reform of the NDIS. These changes are required to directly support the moderation of Scheme growth and improve the experience of participants. Subject to the passage of Bill No.1 and complementary subordinate legislation receiving approval of the Parliament, the proposed changes will support initial moderation in scheme growth. The Department will continue to monitor and review the fiscal impact of the legislative changes and the relevant NDIS Review recommendations supported by government.</p>	Included
			Ongoing	N/A		
			2022-23 Results			
			N/A – wasn't reported			
			2021-22 Results			
			N/A – wasn't reported			
Cross Outcome Program Support	Advice and Support to Ministers	At least 95% of ministerial briefs and correspondence across the 4 outcomes are provided on time.	2023-24 Results		<p>There was some improvement of timeliness of advice provided to the Ministers' offices from 2022-23, while the number of briefs provided rose by 18%. The Department will continue to improve and proactively manage ministerial briefs and correspondence to ensure timely advice and support is provided to Ministers and Assistant Ministers.</p>	Included
			Not Met	72%		
			2022-23 Results			
			Not Met	71%		
			2021-22 Results			
			Not Met	79%		

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-26

TITLE: CAPABILITY REVIEW

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) has conducted a Capability Review (the Review) of the Department of Social Services (the Department) under its Capability Review Program. APSC's review is anticipated to be tabled in Parliament in October 2025.
- The Department will publish its Action Plan in response to the Review on the Department's website and APSC website no later than 16 December 2025; that is, within 90 days of receipt of the Review.

KEY INFORMATION**Departmental Environment**

- The Department is undergoing a period of transformation, including machinery of government changes. APSC's Capability Review is well timed and welcomed.

Capability Review Findings

- The purpose of the APSC's Review is to help the Department enrich capabilities, support continuous improvement and ensure the agency can deliver government priorities and outcomes for Australians.
- The Review will give the Department a maturity rating against 18 capability elements, grouped under five domains: leadership and culture; collaboration; delivery; workforce; and enabling functions.
- The Department is developing an Action Plan to respond to the Review.

Background**Capability Review**

- This is the tenth APSC Review undertaken since the Capability Review program re-commenced in 2022.
- It is the first to be tabled in Parliament following changes to the *Public Service Act 1999*, which took effect on 11 December 2024. These changes included adding a new APS Value of 'Stewardship' and requirement to undertake regular, independent and transparent capability reviews of APS agencies.
- The Review commenced with a staff self-assessment of the Department's maturity against the APSC's capability elements. It assesses the Department's current capabilities and preparedness to deliver critical items in the short-to-medium term.
- The Review evidence base was also informed by interviews with 32 internal and external stakeholders and four workshops with 93 members of staff between May and June 2025.

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TITLE: INCOMING GOVERNMENT BRIEF - INTERGENERATIONAL INEQUALITY

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Department of Social Services (the Department) provided information on intergenerational inequality within the Incoming Government Brief to Minister Plibersek, delivered 13 May 2025.
- Progress toward equality and inclusion continues, but significant challenges persist.
- Intergenerational inequality concerns are deepening. Many young people face economic and social conditions that do not align with historical expectations for housing, employment security and family formation, placing pressure on Australia's social fabric.
- Upward mobility can be limited: approximately one in three children born into families in the lowest 20% of income earners are likely to remain in that income bracket throughout their lives.¹
- Financial anxiety is widespread: One in six families report being 'very concerned' about both their current financial situation and future—especially among low-income households and renters.²

KEY INFORMATION

- The frequency and intensity of global economic and environmental shocks are pushing more people into more vulnerable situations, increasing reliance on family safety nets and government supports. This has further implications for intergenerational inequality, institutional trust and social cohesion.³
- In 2024, the Scanlon Institute report on Social Cohesion found only 21.7% of Australians believe their life has improved in the past year. 50.3% of Australians believe life will be worse in 50 years.⁴
 - In addition, the report found most Australians feel current income distribution is unfair. This affects views on both government and institutions, as less people believe that hard work leads to a better life.⁵

Supporting evidence of intergenerational inequality

- Young people are living with parents longer into traditional adulthood, particularly young people with disability. This can exacerbate structural inequalities as not all families can provide the same level of support.^{6,7}
 - For some, this extended transition has delayed other milestones, like setting a career path, starting a family or buying a house.⁸
- Long term social security reliance has impacts across generations. Those who spend over half of their childhood with a parent or guardian receiving income support are one and a half times more likely to receive income support themselves. They're also more likely to receive it earlier in life and for longer.⁹
- Government expenditure targeting older Australians, including the age pension, aged care and health care has increased significantly in real, per-person terms in recent decades. In contrast, net expenditure targeting younger households remained relatively constant.¹⁰

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- Age Pension payments continue to be payable to couples with income of almost \$100,000 a year or assets of almost \$1.05 million, in addition to their principal home of unlimited value.¹¹
- Treasury’s Economic Reform Roundtable noted the tax system is under pressure from demographic and economic shifts, and its design is critical to productivity, budget sustainability and intergenerational equity.¹²

Action to address inequality¹³

- The Department has made getting more people into work, a fair social security system and breaking the cycle of entrenched disadvantage key priorities.
- It is committed to considering people’s complex circumstances to improve prospects of employment, simplifying and improving service delivery arrangements with Services Australia, and building resilient individuals, strong families and communities. This includes:
 - Assisting more people with disability to find and maintain sustainable employment through a new program, Inclusive Employment Australia, to replace Disability Employment Services;
 - Working to end family, domestic and sexual violence through stewardship of the *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-32*;
 - Contributing to the Priority Reforms of the *National Agreement on Closing the Gap* and targets to reduce the rate of representation in out-of-home care and family violence;
 - Supporting children to be safe and thrive through ongoing implementation of the Paid Parental Leave Scheme, *Early Years Strategy 2024-2034*, and a fully legislated National Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People.

Targeting entrenched disadvantage¹⁴

- While the Department has a range of policies and programs that support people experiencing vulnerability, the Australian Government (the government) has taken specific action to address inequality through the Targeting Entrenched Disadvantage package.
- This package is **\$199.8 million** to focus on intergenerational disadvantage and improving child and family wellbeing. This includes:
 - **\$7.8 million** for a whole of government **Framework to Address Community Disadvantage**, to identify strategic objectives and key principles to guide how the government works in partnership with communities and to support more impactful investment in initiatives that address disadvantage.
 - **\$64 million for place-based partnerships**, to extend the Stronger Places, Stronger People initiative to enable community-led change in partnership with ten communities and state and territory governments, and to enhance shared decision-making and local solutions in six of these communities.
 - **\$16.4 million for a Life Course Data Initiative** that will capture data insights to improve our understanding of how communities experience disadvantage, including through longitudinal data. This will help guide local decision making and better direct funding.
 - A new **\$100 million Outcomes Fund** which will see the government partner with states, territories and social enterprises to tackle disadvantage by funding projects that deliver outcomes in communities.

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- In addition, **\$11.6 million** will fund a **Social Enterprise Development Initiative**, which will support ‘for purpose’ organisations such as social enterprises and charities to build their capability to access capital and support improved social outcomes.

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TITLE: DSS CEASING GRANTS (INCLUDING EXPIRING)

- Where service continuity implications exist, the Department of Social Services (the Department) endeavours to advise grant recipients of upcoming arrangements 6 months before the grant is scheduled to cease.
- For project grants, where one-off funding is provided for short term projects or research-based grant activities (i.e. no client service delivery implications), no formal notification of the activity ceasing is provided as this is implicit in the agreement.

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- As at 3 September 2025, the Department has identified **998*** grants due to cease by 30 June 2026. Of these:
 - **300** grants will cease by 31 December 2025. Of which, **295** are grants for Financial Wellbeing and Capability programs. These programs have new 5-year agreements commencing on 1 October 2025.
 - The remaining **5** grants are either ceasing (with no notifications required due to the nature of the grants), currently being extended, or a new grant opportunity is progressing through the Department.
 - **698** grants are ceasing from 1 January to 30 June 2026. The majority (**695**) are ceasing on 30 June 2026.
- Of the **698** grants ceasing:
 - **406** grants are Families and Children Activities grants.
 - **114** are other DSS grants.
 - **86** grants sit with client agencies and they are working to determine next steps.
 - We are on track to advise grant recipients of the next steps with these grants in line with our commitment to do this 6 months before they expire.
 - **92** grants are ceasing as planned due to the one-off, time-limited nature of the program.

**DSS grants not including Disability Employment Services or National Panel of Assessors*

Attachments

- Attachment A - DSS Ceasing grants - as at 3 September 2025

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DSS Grants Ceasing from September 2025 to June 2026

Program Formal External Name	2025					2025 Total	2026		2026 Total	Grand Total
	1/09/2025	30/09/2025	31/10/2025	28/11/2025	31/12/2025		31/03/2026	30/06/2026		
Outcome 1 Social Security										
Disability Employment Continuity of Support								51	51	51
Disability employment expos								1	1	1
Evolution of the Supported Employment Sector - Structural Adjustment Fund								59	59	59
Outcome 1 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	111	111
Outcome 2 Families and Communities										
Children and Family Intensive Support								12	12	12
Children and Parent Support Services								190	190	190
Children and Parenting (SPSP Initiative)								1	1	1
Closing the Gap Outcomes and Evidence Fund								13	13	13
Commonwealth Financial Counselling and Financial Capability		46				46				46
Communities for Children - Facilitating Partners								52	52	52
Community-led Prevention Services, Programs and Campaigns for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children								9	9	9
Community-led Solutions Economic Development Tranche 3								8	8	8
Community-led Support Services - Laverton Local Partner Services								1	1	1
Community-led Support Services CLSS - Job Support Hubs JSH								6	6	6
Escaping Violence Payment			1			1				1
Establishment of the National Peak Body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Safety							1		1	1
Families and Communities Service Improvement (FCSI) Activity								6	6	6
Family and Relationship Services								101	101	101
Family Mental Health Support Services								56	56	56
Financial Crisis and Material Aid - Emergency Relief		189				189		1	1	190
Financial Crisis and Material Aid - Food Relief		3				3				3
First Action Plan Priority Fund								6	6	6
Goldfields Community-led Initiatives								2	2	2
Helping Children Heal								1	1	1
Improving Multidisciplinary Responses								3	3	3
Increasing Capacity of Crisis Accommodation Services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples								13	13	13
Intercountry Adoptee and Family Support Service								1	1	1
Leaving Violence Program - Regional Trials								4	4	4
Local Partners Transition Project								11	11	11
Local Services Plans - Community-led Support Fund								4	4	4
Local Support Coordinators								1	1	1
Mensline Australia - Continuation of Changing for Good Program								1	1	1
Money Support Hub		25				25		1	1	26
National Find and Connect								13	13	13
National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022								4	4	4
Online information and resources for parents, families and carers of young children with disability or developmental concerns								1	1	1
Problem Gambling		32				32				32
Promoting Consent - Teach Us Consent	1					1				1
Secretariat Services on the Early Childhood Care and Development Policy Partnership								1	1	1
Secretariat Services to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership Group								1	1	1
Sector Development								1	1	1
Social Enterprise Development Initiative								2	2	2
Social Impact Investing - payment by outcomes trials					1	1	2		2	3
Strong and Resilient Communities - Inclusive Communities Grants								28	28	28
Strong and Resilient Communities - Income Management Support Services								23	23	23
Support for Trafficked People Program: Additional Referral Pathway				1		1				1
Temp Visa DV Pilot			1			1				1
Volunteer Management								6	6	6
Outcome 2 Total	1	295	2	1	1	300	3	584	587	886
Grand Total	1	295	2	1	1	300	3	695	698	998

Note: Data as at 3 September 2025

DSS Grants Ceasing from September to December 2025

	Program Formal External Name	1/09/2025	30/09/2025	31/10/2025	28/11/2025	31/12/2025	Grand Total	Action	Service continuity implication
Outcome 2 Families and Communities	Commonwealth Financial Counselling and Financial Capability		46				46	Ceasing	Three month extensions to 30 September 2025. New grants commence on 1 October 2025.
	Escaping Violence Payment			1			1	New grant opportunity underway	Ceasing on 31 October 2025 to allow for transition to the Leaving Violence Program that commenced July 2025. The October 2025 date is to allow for those who have applied for support through the EVP trial to be supported over the 12 weeks available.
	Financial Crisis and Material Aid - Emergency Relief		189				189	New grant opportunity underway	Three month extensions to 30 September 2025. New grants commence on 1 October 2025.
	Financial Crisis and Material Aid - Food Relief		3				3	New grant opportunity underway	Three month extensions to 30 September 2025. New grants commence on 1 October 2025.
	Money Support Hub		25				25	New grant opportunity underway	Three month extensions to 30 September 2025. New grants commence on 1 October 2025.
	Problem Gambling		32				32	New grant opportunity underway	Three month extensions to 30 September 2025. New grants commence on 1 October 2025.
	Promoting Consent - Teach Us Consent	1					1	Extending	Extension to 30 June 2026 was recently approved.
	Social Impact Investing - payment by outcomes trials						1	Ceasing	None - this grant is a trial for a time-limited project to undertake research
	Support for Trafficked People Program: Additional Referral Pathway					1	1	Extending	A brief is being prepared for Minister consideration to extend this pilot by 19 months, to provide the opportunity for government to consider future arrangements for Additional Referral Pathway alongside the Support for Trafficked People Program in a coordinated way.
	Temp Visa DV Pilot			1			1	New grant opportunity underway	Ceasing on 31 October to allow for transition to the Leaving Violence Program that commenced July 2025. The October 2025 date is to allow for those who have applied for support through the TVP trial to be supported over the 12 weeks available.
		Grand Total	1	295	2	1	1	300	

Note: No Outcome 1 activities are ceasing up until 31 December 2025

DSS Grants Ceasing from January to June 2026

	Program Formal External Name	31/03/2026	30/06/2026	Grand Total	Action	Service continuity implication
Outcome 1 Social Security	Disability Employment Continuity of Support		51	51	TBC - Extending	Ongoing Policy Authority so extension options are being considered
	Disability employment expos		1	1	TBC	Options are being considered but no decision has been made
	Evolution of the Supported Employment Sector - Structural Adjustment Fund		59	59	Ceasing	Ceasing as planned
	Outcome 1 Total	0	111	111		
Outcome 2 Families and Communities	Children and Family Intensive Support		12	12	TBC - Extending	Awaiting Minister decision on 12-month variations to 30 June 2027.
	Children and Parent Support Services		190	190	TBC - F&C	Awaiting Minister decision on 12 month variations or competitive grant opportunity run 30 June 2026 (1 org/activity in liquidation)
	Children and Parenting		1	1	Ceasing	Ad hoc grant opportunity to support sponsorship (not a service delivery grant).
	Closing the Gap Outcomes and Evidence Fund		13	13	TBC - Extending	Seeking Policy Authority to extend for 12-months to 30 June 2027 (response anticipated for October 2025). If approved, consideration will be given to extend activities with Service Providers on a case by case basis.
	Communities for Children - Facilitating Partners		52	52	TBC - F&C	Awaiting Minister decision on 12 month variations or competitive grant opportunity run 30 June 2026
	Community-led Prevention Services, Programs and Campaigns for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children		9	9	Ceasing	Project based grants and will cease as per the activity/agreement end date. Grantees will be formally notified closer to the end of the calendar year.
	Community-led Solutions Economic Development Tranche 3		8	8	TBC	Work underway to determine whether these will cease, be extended or transition to another program
	Community-led Support Services - Laverton Local Partner Services		1	1	TBC	Work underway to determine whether these will cease, be extended or transition to another program
	Community-led Support Services CLSS - Job Support Hubs JSH		6	6	TBC	Work underway to determine whether these will cease, be extended or transition to another program
	Establishment of the National Peak Body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Safety	1		1	TBC - Extending	Policy requesting variation to extend grant for three months from March 2026 to cease June 2026. A new grant opportunity is underway to fund the new organisation for the first year of operation, subject to ministerial agreement.
	Families and Communities Service Improvement (FCSI) Activity		6	6	TBC - F&C	Awaiting Minister decision on 12 month variations or competitive grant opportunity run 30 June 2026
	Family and Relationship Services (inclusive of MensLine Australia and FaRS-Specialised Family Violence Services)		101	101	TBC - F&C	Awaiting Minister decision on 12 month variations or competitive grant opportunity run 30 June 2026
	Family Mental Health Support Services		56	56	TBC - F&C	Awaiting Minister decision on 12 month variations or competitive grant opportunity run 30 June 2026
	Financial Crisis and Material Aid - Emergency Relief		1	1	TBC - Extending	Minister has requested a briefing from the Department in December 2025 which will seek her approval on the possible renewal of funding beyond 30 June 2026 for this organisation (Surfers Paradise Anglican Crisis Care Inc.)
	First Action Plan Priority Fund (Healthy Masculinities Trial and Evaluation (Healthy MaTE))		6	6	TBC - Extending	Policy investigating options for 12 month funded extensions to 30 June 2027
	Goldfields Community-led Initiatives		2	2	TBC	Work underway to determine whether these will cease, be extended or transition to another program
	Helping Children Heal		1	1	TBC - Extending	Policy investigating options for possible 12 month extension until 30 June 2027
	Improving Multidisciplinary Responses		3	3	Ceasing	Ceasing as planned - intended as a short-term trial in three communities. As part of the Commonwealth Implementation Plan of the National Child and Family Investment Strategy, we will consider options to design an ongoing program.
	Increasing Capacity of Crisis Accommodation Services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples		13	13	Ceasing	Project based grants and will cease as per the activity/agreement end date. Grantees will be formally notified closer to the end of the calendar year.
	Intercountry Adoptee and Family Support Service		1	1	TBC	Policy is progressing a brief for Minister decision recommending a closed non-competitive grant opportunity.
	Leaving Violence Program - Regional Trials		4	4	TBC - Extending	Seeking Policy Authority and additional funding to extend at MYEFO 2025-26
	Local Partners Transition Project		11	11	TBC	Work underway to determine whether these will cease, be extended or transition to another program
	Local Services Plans - Community-led Support Fund		4	4	TBC	Work underway to determine whether these will cease, be extended or transition to another program
	Local Support Coordinators		1	1	Ceasing	Minister Plibersek agreed for the grant to cease 30 June 2026 and wrote to her ACT counterpart confirmig this decision (refer to MS25-000428) refers). Commstate team will work with ACT government officials to transition funding for this activity to alternative sources from 1 July 2026.
	Mensline Australia - Continuation of Changing for Good Program		1	1	TBC - F&C	Awaiting Minister decision on 12 month variations or competitive grant opportunity run 30 June 2026
	Money Support Hub		1	1	TBC	Work underway to determine whether these will cease, be extended or transition to another program
	National Find and Connect		13	13	TBC - Extending	Awaiting Minister decision on extensions to 30 June 2028 for 12 activities. Australian Orphanage Grant also ceasing, decision won't be available until Budget 2026-27. Will not meet best practice advice on 6-months notification. May need to consider 6-month time only extension, with funding rollover. Museum unlikely to expend even 75% of funds in 2025-26.
	National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022		4	4	TBC - Extending	This is the No to Violence Grant. Seeking Policy Authority and Ministerial decision on 12 month extensions.
	Online information and resources for parents, families and carers of young children with disability or developmental concerns		1	1	Ceasing	Ceasing as planned to align with broader program reforms.
	Secretariat Services on the Early Childhood Care and Development Policy Partnership		1	1	TBC - Extending	Need to seek an extension to Policy Authority and if approved, extend for 12 months.
	Secretariat Services to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership Group		1	1	TBC - Extending	Need to seek an extension to Policy Authority and if approved, extend for 12 months.
	Sector Development		1	1	Ceasing	Ceasing as planned. It conclude five years of service and the grantee, Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT Inc, has achieved all outcomes and are aware of the conclusion of the grant.
	Social Enterprise Development Initiative		2	2	Ceasing	One off time limited, grantees aware - options for the future of the program being considered
	Social Impact Investing - payment by outcomes trials	2		2	Ceasing	One off time limited, grantees aware
	Strong and Resilient Communities - Inclusive Communities Grants		28	28	TBC	Work underway to determine whether these will cease, be extended or transition to another program
	Strong and Resilient Communities - Income Management Support Services		23	23	TBC	Work underway to determine whether these will cease, be extended or transition to another program
	Volunteer Management		6	6	TBC - Extending	Ongoing program. Work underway to determine future design of the program beyond this 5 year funding cycle. Grantees aware
	Outcome 2 Total	3	584	587		
	Grand Total	3	695	698		

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TITLE: ROBODEBT ROYAL COMMISSION

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- Significant progress has been made to implement the 56 recommendations of the Robodebt Royal Commission and rebuild integrity and trust in government.
 - 47 recommendations have now been implemented.
 - Work on the remaining nine (9) recommendations is ongoing, with four requiring legislation.
- Of the report's 56 recommendations (see **Attachment A**), the Department has responsibility for implementing 13 recommendations:
 - 6 recommendations are the sole responsibility of the Department (18.2, 19.3, 19.4, 19.5, 20.3, 23.1)
 - 5 recommendations are the joint responsibility of the Department and Services Australia (12.3, 19.1, 19.13, 20.1, 23.3)
 - 2 recommendations are joint responsibility of the Department, Services Australia, and the Department of Finance (Finance) (15.5, 15.6)
- As at 17 September 2025, of the 13 recommendations where the Department has responsibility:
 - 12 are considered 'implemented' (12.3, 15.5, 15.6, 19.1, 19.3, 19.4, 19.5, 19.13, 20.1, 20.3, 23.1, 23.3); and
 - 1 remains 'in progress' (18.2) and subject to decisions of the government.
- The Australian Government is carefully considering options for further reform, including appropriate statutory limitation periods for the raising and recovery of social security debts, to address the issues identified by the Royal Commission into the Robodebt Scheme.
- Any questions about the ongoing class action settlement should be directed to the Attorney-General's Department as the lead Commonwealth instructor.

KEY INFORMATION**What is still outstanding?**

Recommendation 18.2 (Reinstate the statutory limitation of 6 years on debt recovery) – In progress – Requires legislation change

- The recommendation was that the Commonwealth should repeal s1234B of the *Social Security Act 1991* (SS Act) and reinstate the effective limitation period of 6 years for the bringing of proceedings to recover debts under Part 5.2 of the Act formerly contained in s1232 and s1236 of that Act (before the repeal of the relevant sections by the *Budget Savings (Omnibus) Act 2016* (Cth)).
- The government remains committed to the recommendation for a statute of limitations and is continuing to explore options on how to give effect to this recommendation and is taking time to get this right as part of government's broader commitment to permanently ending the legacy of Robodebt

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and ensuring it can never happen again.

- The government introduced the *Social Security Legislation Amendment (Technical Changes) Bill 2025* which includes a measure to increase the small debt waiver, which will wipe out a significant number of potential, undetermined debts. These changes will mean around 1.2 million overpayments will be waived, or no longer need to be investigated or raised, in 2025-26.
- Additional funding provided to Services Australia in the 2024-25 Budget (\$1.8 billion over three years to 2025-26) to help stabilise Services Australia claim backlogs and service standards was not intended to make a material impact on the social security debt backlog.

What actions have been taken against individual public servants named in the Royal Commission's final report?

- This is not a matter that the Department is able to assist with and any questions about the code of conduct process concerning named individuals should be directed to the Australian Public Service Commission.
- In June 2024, the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) announced that it would not pursue the six referrals it received from the Royal Commission into Robodebt.
- The NACC Inspector subsequently considered the NACC's original decision not to pursue the referrals. The Inspector released its findings on 30 October 2024, including a recommendation that referrals are reconsidered by an appropriate person.
- The NACC has accepted the NACC Inspector's recommendation and has announced its decision to have an independent eminent person reconsider its original decision not to investigate the Robodebt Royal Commission referrals. The Department has no other comments to make about this matter.

If asked about income apportionment?

- Refer to [SB25-000154](#) (see **Attachment B**) for details on income apportionment.

If asked about the current class action proceedings or settlement?

- Any questions about the current class action litigation and settlement should be referred to the Attorney-General's Department.

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Background

- On 7 July 2023, the final report from the Royal Commission into the Robodebt Scheme was provided to the government. The report was tabled in Parliament and publicly released that same day.
- On 13 November 2023, the Australian Government formally responded to the Royal Commission report, accepting all 56 of its recommendations, either fully (49) or in principle (7).
- On 13 September 2024, the Australian Public Service Commission released a final report on the outcomes from its inquiries into alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct by 16 current and former agency heads and public servants.
- On 7 November 2024, the government published an update on implementation of Robodebt Royal Commission reforms, announcing that 28 recommendations had been fully implemented.

Recommendations relevant to the Department and summary of implementation action

- The Royal Commission made a number of recommendations, which are directly relevant to the Department. These include:
 - Recommendation 12.3 (Peak advocacy bodies consultation) – *Implemented*.
The Department will continue to build and expand on mechanisms to support its engagement with peak advocacy groups. The Department's actions under this recommendation are complete, noting these meetings are considered business as usual.
 - Recommendation 15.5 (Documented assumptions for compliance Budget measures) – *Implemented*.
The Department's actions under this recommendation are complete. The Department and Services Australia will continue to ensure Budget initiatives are progressed in consultation with the Department of Finance (Finance), in compliance with Budget Process Operational Rules (BPORs), and that all assumptions and inputs are shared transparently between agencies and with Finance.
 - Recommendation 15.6 (Documentation on the basis for assumptions provided to Finance) – *Implemented*.
As noted at 15.5 above, Finance has worked with the Department and Services Australia in reviewing the data and assumptions provided through the costing process to ensure they are compliant with the updated BPORs, data sources are identified, and assumptions are documented and provided in a transparent manner.
The updated BPORs require the Department and Services Australia to provide Finance and the Treasury with ongoing access to up to date working estimates and costings models, including de-identified data sources, working sheets and any support data and underlying assumptions held by the Department and Services Australia.
 - Recommendation 19.1 (Selection of Chief Counsel) – *Implemented*.
In October 2023, SES Recruitment and Selection guidelines were redrafted to provide that a member of the Australian Government Solicitor or a representative, are part of any future selection panels for the appointment of Chief Counsel of Services Australia or the Department. The Department has not run a relevant recruitment round since the

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recommendation was made. Services Australia has recently completed a Chief Counsel recruitment round. The Australian Government Solicitor was a member of that panel.

- Recommendation 19.3 (Legal practice standards – Social Services) – Implemented.

The Department published an updated Legal Practice Manual (Manual) on 3 August 2023 that sets out core duties and responsibilities of all DSS legal officers. Compliance with the duties and obligations in the manual is stipulated in the Performance Agreements for all lawyers in the Legal Services, Audit and Assurance Group. The Department will undertake periodic reviews of the Legal Practice Standards.

- Recommendation 19.4 (Training for lawyers – Social Services) – Implemented.

Lawyers working in the Department undertake annual government Law Professional Obligations training specifically designed to meet this recommendation in addition to their ongoing legal professional training obligations as specified by relevant State and Territory Law Societies.

- Recommendation 19.5 (Draft advice – Social Services) – Implemented.

On 14 November 2022, the Secretary issued guidance on the practice of requesting, clarifying and finalising legal advice. On 16 May 2023, the Attorney General's Department (AGD) Whole of Government guidance was circulated within the Department. The Department continues to review AGD guidance and draft changes to internal guidance as required. These guidance updates are considered business as usual. The Department will continue to refer staff to the AGD published guidance and ensure compliance.

- Recommendation 19.13 (Review of the Bilateral Management Agreement) – Implemented.

The New Head Agreement for the Bilateral Management Arrangement (BMA) was executed on 25 April 2023. All protocols that support the Head Agreement, including those that pertain to consultation and disclosure of legal advice between the Department and Services Australia, have been updated. The Legal Services Protocol includes the requirement to consult on and disclose relevant legal advices, further to the Portfolio Principles for Sharing Legal Advice as issued by the former Secretary in late 2023.

- Recommendation 20.1 (Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) cases with significant legal and policy issues) – Implemented.

On 30 January 2024, Services Australia and the Department implemented the updated Legal Services Standard Operational Statement (SOS). This prescribes arrangements to ensure matters that raise significant legal and policy issues are brought to the attention of senior officials and are also raised with the Office of Legal Services Coordination when required. The Department continues to monitor Services Australia reports, conduct internal monthly litigation reporting and escalating matters that raise significant legal and policy issues, including adverse AAT comments, to the Secretary as required.

- Recommendation 20.3 (Identifying significant AAT decisions) – Implemented.

Identification and reporting on significant AAT decisions is governed by Services Australia and the Department's SOS. Services Australia and the Department reviewed and revised the SOS for implementation on 30 January 2024. The revised SOS:

- o prioritises the circumstances of the individual and the potential impact of an appeal on them and their family. This means the Department and Services Australia will carefully

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consider the implications for the individual when considering an appeal and during the course of the proceedings, in line with the Model Litigant Obligations; and

- emphasises the importance of escalating and reporting adverse decisions that raise significant issues to senior officials in both DSS and Services Australia.
- Recommendation 23.1 (Structure of government departments) – Accepted in Principle – *Implemented*.

The government, will as appropriate, identify and develop solutions to ensure the responsibilities of the Department and Services Australia are clear. There is no further action required by the Department at this stage. The Department and Services Australia continue to work closely to ensure the effective delivery of government services and programs.

- Recommendation 23.3 (Fresh focus on “customer service”) – *Implemented*.

At the time of the government response, the Department had established mechanisms to consult with representative bodies and ensure feedback from recipients in the development of new policies and programs. The Department will continue to monitor and engage with Services Australia to continue to implement the Vision for User-Centred Service Excellence and partner with the Australian Public Service Commission to support APS-wide implementation

Attachments

Attachment A – Report’s 56 Recommendations and one closing observation.

Attachment B – SB25-000154 – Income Apportionment, System, Strategy & Seniors Executive Brief

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List of recommendations

The following is a list of 56 recommendations and one closing observation of this Commission. Recommendations have been grouped and numbered according to the chapter in which they appear.

Chapter 10 – Effects of Robodebt on individuals

Recommendation 10.1: Design policies and processes with emphasis on the people they are meant to serve

Services Australia design its policies and processes with a primary emphasis on the recipients it is meant to serve. That should entail:

- avoiding language and conduct which reinforces feelings of stigma and shame associated with the receipt of government support when it is needed
- facilitating easy and efficient engagement with options of online, in person and telephone communication which is sensitive to the particular circumstances of the customer cohort, including itinerant lifestyles, lack of access to technology, lack of digital literacy and the particular difficulties rural and remote living
- explaining processes in clear terms and plain language in communication to customers, and
- acting with sensitivity to financial and other forms of stress experienced by the customer cohort and taking all practicable steps to avoid the possibility that interactions with the government might exacerbate those stresses or introduce new ones.

Chapter 11 – The concept of vulnerability

Recommendation 11.1: Clear documentation of exclusion criteria

Services Australia should ensure that for any cohort of recipients that is intended to be excluded from a compliance process or activity, there is clear documentation of the exclusion criteria, and, unless there is a technical reason it cannot be, the mechanism by which that is to occur should be reflected in the relevant technical specification documents.

Recommendation 11.2: Identification of circumstances affecting the capacity to engage with compliance activity

Services Australia should ensure that its processes and policies in relation to the identification of potential vulnerabilities extend to the identification of circumstances affecting a recipient's capacity to engage with any form of compliance activity. To this end, circumstances likely to affect a recipient's capacity to engage with compliance activities should be recorded on their file regardless of whether they are in receipt of a payment that gives rise to mutual obligations.

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Recommendation 11.3: Engagement prior to removing a vulnerability indicator from a file

Services Australia should ensure that its processes and policies in relation to the identification of potential vulnerabilities require staff to engage with a recipient prior to the removal of an indicator on their file. For this purpose, Services Australia should remove any feature that would allow for the automatic expiry of a vulnerability indicator (or equivalent flagging tool). An indicator should only be removed where a recipient, or evidence provided to the Agency in relation to the recipient, confirms that they are no longer suffering from the vulnerability to which the indicator relates.

Recommendation 11.4: Consideration of vulnerabilities affected by each compliance program, including consultation with advocacy bodies

Services Australia should incorporate a process in the design of compliance programs to consider and document the categories of vulnerable recipients who may be affected by the program, and how those recipients will be dealt with. Services Australia should consult stakeholders (including peak advocacy bodies) as part of this process to ensure that adequate provision is made to accommodate vulnerable recipients who may encounter particular difficulties engaging with the program.

Chapter 12 – The roles of advocacy groups and legal services**Recommendation 12.1: Easier engagement with Centrelink**

Options for easier engagement with Centrelink by advocacy groups – for example, through the creation of a national advocates line – should be considered.

Recommendation 12.2: Customer experience reference group

The government should consider establishing a customer experience reference group, which would provide streamlined insight to government regarding the experiences of people accessing income support.

Recommendation 12.3: Consultation

Peak advocacy bodies should be consulted prior to the implementation of projects involving the modification of the social security system.

Recommendation 12.4: Regard for funding for legal aid commissions and community legal centres

When it next conducts a review of the National Legal Assistance Partnership, the Commonwealth should have regard, in considering funding for legal aid commissions and community legal centres, to the importance of the public interest role played by those services as exemplified in their work during the Scheme.

Chapter 13 – Experiences of Human Services employees

Recommendation 13.1: Consultation process

Services Australia should put in place processes for genuine and receptive consultation with frontline staff when new programs are being designed and implemented.

Recommendation 13.2: Feedback processes

Better feedback processes should be put in place so that frontline staff can communicate their feedback in an open and consultative environment. Management should have constructive processes in place to review and respond to staff feedback.

Recommendation 13.3: “Face-to-face” support

More “face-to-face” customer service support options should be available for vulnerable recipients needing support.

Recommendation 13.4: Increased number of social workers

Increased social worker support (for both recipients and staff), and better referral processes to enable this support, should be implemented.

Chapter 15 – Failures in the Budget process

Recommendation 15.1: Legislative change better defined in New Policy Proposals

The Budget Process Operational Rules should include a requirement that all New Policy Proposals contain a statement as to whether the proposal requires legislative change in order to be lawfully implemented, as distinct from legislative change to authorise expenditure.

Recommendation 15.2: Include legal advices with New Policy Proposals

The Budget Process Operational Rules should include a requirement that any legal advice (either internal or external) relating to whether the proposal requires legislative change in order to be implemented be included with the New Policy Proposal in any versions of the Portfolio Budget Submission circulated to other agencies or Cabinet ministers.

Recommendation 15.3: Australian Government Solicitor statement in the NPP

The Budget Process Operational Rules should include a requirement that where legal advice has been given in relation to whether the proposal requires legislative change in order to be implemented, the New Policy Proposal includes a statement as to whether the Australian Government Solicitor has reviewed and agreed with the advice.

Recommendation 15.4: Standard, specific language on legal risks in the NPP

The standard language used in the NPP Checklist should be sufficiently specific to make it obvious on the face of the document what advice is being provided, in respect of what legal risks and by whom it is being provided.

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Recommendation 15.5: Documented assumptions for compliance Budget measures

That in developing compliance Budget measures, Services Australia and DSS document the basis for the assumptions and inputs used, including the sources of the data relied on.

Recommendation 15.6: Documentation on the basis for assumptions provided to Finance

That in seeking agreement from Finance for costings of compliance Budget measures, Services Australia and DSS provide Finance with documentation setting out the basis for the assumptions and inputs used, including related data sources, to allow Finance to properly investigate and test those assumptions and inputs.

Chapter 16 – Data-matching and exchanges**Recommendation 16.1: Legal advice on end-to-end data exchanges**

The Commonwealth should seek legal advice on the end-to-end data exchange processes which are currently operating between Services Australia and the ATO to ensure they are lawful.

Recommendation 16.2: Review and strengthen governance of data-matching programs

The ATO and DHS should take immediate steps to review and strengthen their operational governance practices as applied to jointly conducted data-matching programs. This should include:

- reviews to ensure that all steps and operations relating to existing or proposed data-matching programs are properly documented
- a review of all existing framework documents for existing or proposed data-matching programs
- a review of the operations of the ATO/DHS Consultative Forum and the ATO/DHS Data Management Forum
- a review of the existing Head Agreement/s, Memoranda of Understanding and Services Schedule
- a joint review of any existing or proposed data-matching program protocols to ensure they are legally compliant in respect of their provision for the data exchanges contemplated for the relevant data-matching program.

Chapter 17 – Automated decision making**Recommendation 17.1: Reform of legislation and implementation of regulation**

The Commonwealth should consider legislative reform to introduce a consistent legal framework in which automation in government services can operate.

Where automated decision-making is implemented:

- there should be a clear path for those affected by decisions to seek review

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- departmental websites should contain information advising that automated decision-making is used and explaining in plain language how the process works
- business rules and algorithms should be made available, to enable independent expert scrutiny.

Recommendation 17.2: Establishment of a body to monitor and audit automated decision-making

The Commonwealth should consider establishing a body, or expanding an existing body, with the power to monitor and audit automate decision-making processes with regard to their technical aspects and their impact in respect of fairness, the avoiding of bias, and client usability.

Chapter 18 – Debt recovery and debt collectors

Recommendation 18.1: Comprehensive debt recovery policy for Services Australia

Services Australia should develop a comprehensive debt recovery management policy which among other things should incorporate the Guideline for Collectors and Creditors' issued by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). Examples of such documents already exist at both federal and state levels. Any such policy should also prescribe how Services Australia undertakes to engage with debtors, including that staff must:

- ensure any debt recovery action is always ethical, proportionate, consistent and transparent
- treat all recipients fairly and with dignity, taking each person's circumstances into account before commencing recovery action
- subject to any express legal authority to do so, refrain from commencing or continuing recovery action while a debt is being reviewed or disputed, and
- in accordance with legal authority, consider and respond appropriately and proportionately to cases of hardship.

Services Australia should ensure that recipients are given ample and appropriate opportunities to challenge, review and seek guidance on any proposed debts before they are referred for debt recovery.

Recommendation 18.2: Reinstate the limitation of six years on debt recovery

The Commonwealth should repeal s 1234B of the Social Security Act and reinstate the effective limitation period of six years for the bringing of proceedings to recover debts under Part 5.2 of the Act formerly contained in s 1232 and s 1236 of that Act, before repeal of the relevant sub-sections by the *Budget Savings (Omnibus) Act (No 55) 2016* (Cth). There is no reason that current and former social security recipients should be on any different footing from other debtors.

Chapter 19 – Lawyers and legal services

Recommendation 19.1: Selection of chief counsel

The selection panel for the appointment of chief counsel of Services Australia or DSS (chief counsel being the head of the entity's legal practice) should include as a member of the panel, the Australian Government Solicitor.

Recommendation 19.2: Training for lawyers – Services Australia

Services Australia should provide regular training to its in-house lawyers on the core duties and responsibilities set out in the Legal Practice Standards, including:

- an emphasis on the duty to avoid any compromise to their integrity and professional independence and the challenges that may be presented to a government lawyer in fulfilling that obligation.
- appropriate statutory and case authority references in advice writing.

Recommendation 19.3: Legal practice standards – Social Services

DSS should develop Legal Practice Standards which set out the core duties and responsibilities of all legal officers working at DSS.

Recommendation 19.4: Training for lawyers – Social Services

DSS should provide regular training on the core duties and responsibilities to be set out in the Legal Practice Standards which should include:

- an emphasis on the duty to avoid any compromise to their integrity and professional independence and the challenges that may be presented to a government lawyer in fulfilling that obligation appropriate statutory and case authority references in advice writing.

Recommendation 19.5: Draft advice – Social Services

DSS should issue a further direction providing that, if the administering agency decides that a draft advice need not be provided in final form, that decision and the reasons for it must be documented. One of those steps – finalisation, or a documented decision against finalisation – should have been taken within three months of the receipt of the draft advice.

Recommendation 19.6: Draft advice – Services Australia

Services Australia should issue a direction that legal advice is to be left in draft form only to the extent that the administrative step of finalising it has not yet been undertaken by lawyers or there are remaining questions to be answered in relation to the issues under consideration and that, if the administering agency decides that a draft advice need not be provided in final form, that decision and the reasons for it must be documented. One of those steps – finalisation, or a documented decision against finalisation – should have been taken within three months of the receipt of the draft advice.

Recommendation 19.7: The Directions 1

The *Legal Services Directions 2017* should be reviewed and simplified.

Recommendation 19.8: Office of Legal Services Coordination to assist agencies with significant issues reporting

The OLSC should provide more extensive information and feedback to assist agencies with the significant legal issues process.

Recommendation 19.9: Recording of reporting obligations

The OLSC should ensure a documentary record is made of substantive inquiries made with and responses given by agencies concerning their obligations to report significant issues pursuant to para 3.1 of the Directions.

Recommendation 19.10: The Directions 2

The OLSC should issue guidance material on the obligations to consult on and disclose advice in clause 10 of the Legal Services Directions 2017.

Recommendation 19.11: Resourcing the Office of Legal Services Coordination

The OLSC should be properly resourced to deliver these functions.

Recommendation 19.12: Chief counsel

The Australian Government Legal Service's General Counsel Charter be amended to place a positive obligation on chief counsel to ensure that the Legal Services Directions 2017 (Cth) are complied with and to document interactions with OLSC about inquiries made, and responses given, concerning reporting obligations under those Directions.

Recommendation 19.13: Review of the Bilateral Management Agreement

The revised Bilateral Management Agreement should set out the requirement to consult on and disclose legal advices between the two agencies where any intersection of work is identified.

Chapter 20 – Administrative Appeals Tribunal**Recommendation 20.1: AAT cases with significant legal and policy issues**

Services Australia should put in place a system for identifying AAT1 cases which raise significant legal and policy issues and ensuring that they are brought to the attention of senior DSS and Services Australia officers.

Recommendation 20.2: Training for DHS legal officers

Services Australia legal officers whose duties involve the preparation of advices in relation to AAT1 decisions should receive training which emphasises the requirements of the Standing Operational Statements in relation to appeal recommendations and referral to DSS; Services Australia's obligations as a model litigant; and the obligation to pay due regard to AAT decisions and directions.

Recommendation 20.3: Identifying significant AAT decisions

DSS should establish, or if it is established, maintain, a system for identifying all significant AAT decisions and bringing them to the attention of its secretary.

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Recommendation 20.4: Publication of first instance AAT decisions

The federal administrative review body which replaces the AAT should devise a system for publication on a readily accessible platform of first instance social security decisions which involve significant conclusions of law or have implications for social security policy.

Recommendation 20.5: Administrative Review Council

Re-instate the Administrative Review Council or a body with similar membership and similar functions, with consideration given to a particular role in review of Commonwealth administrative decision-making processes.

Chapter 21 – The Commonwealth Ombudsman**Recommendation 21.1: Statutory duty to assist**

A statutory duty be imposed on departmental secretaries and agency chief executive officers to ensure that their department or agency use its best endeavours to assist the Ombudsman in any investigation concerning it, with a corresponding statutory duty on the part of Commonwealth public servants within a department or agency being investigated to use their best endeavours to assist the Ombudsman in the investigation.

Recommendation 21.2: Another power to obtain information

The Ombudsman Act be amended to confer on the Ombudsman a power in equivalent terms to that in s 33(3) of the Auditor-General Act.

Recommendation 21.3: Oversight of the legal services division

Departmental and agency responses to own motion investigations by the Ombudsman should be overseen by the legal services division of the relevant department or agency.

Recommendation 21.4: Log of communications

The Ombudsman maintain a log, recording communications with a department or agency for the purposes of an own motion investigation.

Recommendation 21.5: Powers of referral

The AAT is soon to be replaced by a new administrative review body. S 10A and s 11 of the Ombudsman Act should be amended so as to ensure the Ombudsman has the powers of referral and recommendation of referral in respect of that new administrative review body.

Chapter 23 – Improving the Australian Public Service**Recommendation 23.1: Structure of government departments**

The Australian Government should undertake an immediate and full review to examine whether the existing structure of the social services portfolio, and the status of Services Australia as an entity, are optimal.

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Recommendation 23.2: Obligations of public servants

The APSC should, as recommended by the Thodey Review, deliver whole-of-service induction on essential knowledge required for public servants.

Recommendation 23.3: Fresh focus on “customer service”

Services Australia and DSS should introduce mechanisms to ensure that all new programs and schemes are developed with a customer centric focus, and that specific testing is done to ensure that recipients are at the forefront of each new initiative.

Recommendation 23.4: Administrative Review Council

The reinstated Administrative Review Council (or similar body) should provide training and develop resources to inform APS members about the Commonwealth administrative law system. (see Automated Decision-Making and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal chapters)

Recommendation 23.5: “Knowledge College”

The Commonwealth should explore the feasibility of establishing an internal college within Services Australia to provide training and development to staff linked to the skills and knowledge required to undertake their duties.

Recommendation 23.6: Front-line Service

SES staff at Services Australia should spend some time in a front-line service delivery role and with other community partnerships.

Recommendation 23.7: Agency heads being held to account

The Public Service Act should be amended to make it clear that the Australian Public Service Commissioner can inquire into the conduct of former Agency Heads. Also, the Public Service Act should be amended to allow for a disciplinary declaration to be made against former APS employees and former Agency Heads.

Recommendation 23.8: Documenting decisions and discussions

The Australian Public Service Commission should develop standards for documenting important decisions and discussions, and the delivery of training on those standards.

Closing observations**Section 34 of the Cth FOI Act should be repealed**

The Commonwealth Cabinet Handbook should be amended so that the description of a document as a Cabinet document is no longer itself justification for maintaining the confidentiality of the document. The amendment should make clear that confidentiality should only be maintained over any Cabinet documents or parts of Cabinet documents where it is reasonably justified for an identifiable public interest reason.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-26

TITLE: FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM AND CHILD SUPPORT SCHEME

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Australian Government supports individuals experiencing family and domestic violence through the social security system, including addressing weaponisation of the system.
- These supports include Crisis Payment, assistance for victim-survivors of family and domestic violence who have a Social Security debt, priority processing of claims, access to social worker support and exemptions from mutual obligation requirements.
 - In 2024-25, there were 36,755 Crisis Payment grants made to income support recipients who were victims of family or domestic violence.
 - As at 29 August 2025, around 730 recipients of income support payments were exempt from a mutual obligation because of family and domestic violence.
- In September 2024, National Cabinet approved an audit of key Commonwealth systems, including the social security system and the Child Support Scheme, to identify how perpetrators of family and domestic violence may be exploiting them.
- In response to the government's commitments, the Department of Social Services (the Department), in consultation with Services Australia, is undertaking an audit of the social security system and Child Support Scheme.
- The government is responding to key review recommendations, such as the Commonwealth Ombudsman's report on the Child Support Scheme and financial abuse and the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporation and Financial Services inquiry into financial services regulatory framework in relation to financial abuse.
- On 31 August 2025, the government announced it will introduce new measures to reform the special circumstances debt waiver, giving Services Australia extended powers to waive social security debts that have been incurred as a result of domestic and family violence.

KEY INFORMATION

Support for victim-survivors of family and domestic violence with a debt

- The Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Technical Changes No. 2) Bill 2025 was introduced into the House of Representatives on 4 September 2025.
- The Bill allows Services Australia to better account for circumstances like coercion or financial abuse when administering the special circumstances debt waiver.
- These changes will give Services Australia extended powers to waive social security debts where the debt was a result of:
 - the debtor knowingly provided false information or failed to comply with the law, but they were justified in the circumstances for doing so, or
 - another person (other than the debtor) knowingly provided false information or failed to comply with the law, but the debtor either did not know of that act, or they were justified in the circumstances for not correcting the act.

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- The expansion of the special circumstances waiver provisions is estimated to apply to an additional 500 debts each year.
- The changes will take effect the day after the Bill receives Royal Assent. Services Australia and the Administrative Review Tribunal will be able to apply the amended waiver in all decisions after that date to all debts (regardless of age or value).

Child Support Scheme

- The Department is working with Services Australia on responses to recommendations made by the Commonwealth Ombudsman in the report *Weaponising Child Support: When the system fails families*. Services Australia has committed to a public response by the end of 2025.
- For parents engaged in the Child Support Scheme, exemptions from the Family Tax Benefit Part A Maintenance Action Test are available to people in fear of violence. Of those children who were subject to the Maintenance Action Test, 180,680 (14.9%) were exempt, with 110,615 (61.2% of those exempt) having fear of violence recorded as the exemption reason.

Audit of Commonwealth Systems

- The Department and Services Australia have undertaken initial work to assess the effectiveness of the social security system and child support scheme for victim-survivors of family and domestic violence. This work will identify gaps in assistance and areas where perpetrators can exploit or abuse the system.
- To build on this, Services Australia has undertaken Safety by Design review of its processes and service delivery arrangements. The Department is working with Services Australia to implement findings from this review.
- The Office for Women is responsible for the framework for the audits. The Department will also undertake consultation and further analysis to progress this work in 2025.

Background*Crisis Payment*

- Crisis Payment is a one-off payment available to income support recipients who are in severe financial hardship and have experienced an extreme circumstance such as family or domestic violence and have changed their living arrangements.
- The amount of Crisis Payment is equal to one week of a person's maximum basic rate of income support. For example, from 20 September 2025 a Parenting Payment Single recipient would be paid \$499.10.

Temporary exemption from mutual obligations requirements

- Victims of family and domestic violence can also seek a temporary exemption from a mutual obligation (up to 13 weeks) which can be extended, if needed.

Priority claim processing

- Services Australia has procedures in place to ensure victim-survivors of family and domestic violence have their claims processed as quickly as possible to alleviate hardship.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-26

TITLE: CHILD SUPPORT: PROGRESS ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FAMILY LAW INQUIRY

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- The final report of the Joint Select Committee on Australia’s Family Law System was delivered in November 2021.
- The Committee made **19** recommendations related to the Child Support Scheme.
- The Social Services portfolio is responsible for **13** of these recommendations. Other recommendations are the responsibility of Services Australia and the Attorney-General’s Department.
- The Australian Government response was published in January 2023 setting out the government’s commitments to respond to the recommendations.
- In relation to the recommendations which the Social Services portfolio is responsible for, **eight** recommendations have been finalised, **three** recommendations will be finalised by the end of 2025, and **two** recommendations are subject to the passage of legislation in the future.
- As of 30 June 2025, **1.15 million** separated parents used the Child Support Scheme, supporting **960,665** children.
- Services Australia collected **95.8%** of all child support assessed in Agency Collect cases.

KEY INFORMATION

- The objective of the Child Support Scheme is to ensure that children are financially supported after separation.
- The government acknowledges some parents do not comply with their obligations to pay child support and others weaponise the Child Support Scheme to exert control and financial abuse.
- The government is committed to improving the Child Support Scheme.

Response to recommendations of the Family Law Inquiry

- The Department of Social Services (the Department) is leading several reviews of the Child Support Scheme, examining compliance closely and focusing on income accuracy, collection, and enforcement (recommendations 6, 7 and 8).
- These reviews are part of the actions the government has taken to respond to the recommendations of the Family Law Inquiry.
- The Child Support Stakeholder Consultation Group was established in July 2023 and meets twice a year to discuss policy and service delivery issues impacting the operation of the Child Support Scheme (recommendation 3).
- The Child Support Expert Panel was established in August 2023, to provide advice to the Department including on the Costs of the Children Table and the child support formula (recommendations 14, 18 and 19). Members include academics who are experts in child support research, family law and expenditure data.

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- A range of research has been commissioned by the Department to inform responses to recommendations of the Family Law Inquiry and inform future research. This includes:
 - Cost of children research undertaken by the Australian National University with Social Policy Research Centre (University of New South Wales) and the Social Research Centre, including updated budget standards, a financial stress survey, community attitudes survey and a report on child support data collections. It found the existing child support formula reflects the cost of raising children.
 - A survey of separated parents undertaken by the Social Research Centre to better understand views and experiences of child support including feedback from around 450 parents engaged in child support or Family Tax Benefit.
 - A literature review on research related to the costs of children conducted by the Australian Institute of Family Studies.
 - A Survey of Public Attitudes to Child Support in Australia conducted by the Australian National University drawing on two online panels: the Life in Australia panel, and the Online Research Unit panel. This looked at community attitudes on the Child Support Scheme and expectations of fairness, issues, and recommendations for change. The report was based on responses from 2,328 participants, including 1,191 from the general population (588 women, 603 men), and 1,137 separated parents (652 women, 485 men).
- Three recommendations are in progress, including consideration of lump sum arrangements (recommendation 13), a review of how assessments are updated with amended court orders (recommendation 16) and a review interim care rules (recommendation 17).
- Two recommendations are subject to legislative reform, including to allow Services Australia to accept DNA evidence to make a decision on a child support application (recommendation 9) and end a child support assessment (recommendation 10). The government has accepted these recommendations and they will be considered in future legislative reform.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-26

TITLE: FAMILY TAX BENEFIT ISSUES

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- As of 29 August 2025, there were 1,233,890 families with 2,356,845 children receiving Family Tax Benefit (FTB).
 - 1,226,570 families with 2,323,370 children were receiving FTB Part A.
 - 959,900 families were receiving FTB Part B.
- In 2024-25, 805 families received Stillborn Baby Payment, and 1,160 parents started receiving Paid Parental Leave (PPL) for a stillborn birth.
- As at 29 August 2025, 595 FTB families received Multiple Birth Allowance.
- In 2024-25, 3,740 parents started receiving PPL for a child who was part of a multiple birth, including a twin.
- Expenditure on Multiple Birth Allowance for the 2022-23 entitlement year was around \$2.5 million.
- In 2024-25, 30 Approved Care Organisations received \$2.6 million in FTB payments for 4,330 children in their care (around 0.2% of all FTB children).

KEY INFORMATION**Stillborn Baby Payment**

- A qualified medical professional, such as a doctor or midwife, is responsible for determining if the definition of a stillborn baby under section 3(1) of the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999* is met for the purposes of the Stillborn Baby Payment.
- Under the legislation, a stillborn child means a child:
 - who weighs at least 400 grams at delivery or whose period of gestation was at least 20 weeks; and
 - who has not breathed since delivery; and
 - whose heart has not beaten since delivery.
- The qualified medical professional is required to provide written evidence that a stillborn child was delivered (for example, a birth certificate as proof of birth or a letter on a hospital letterhead from the doctor or midwife attending the birth). This evidence is provided by the applicant to Services Australia.
- Services Australia then assesses the evidence and documentation provided for consistency with the legislation. Subject to other eligibility rules being met, this ensures the payment is only made if a qualified medical professional determines a stillborn child was delivered.
- The definition of a stillborn child used by the government aligns with the medical definition used by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and the legislated definition of all state and territory Registrars of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
- There is no evidence Stillborn Baby Payment is being used inappropriately.

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- MBA may be paid to FTB Part A eligible families who have triplets or larger multiple birth sets but is not available to families who have twins.
- MBA design recognises that families with three or more children born at the same time face disproportionately higher costs across their children's lives, as well as additional challenges related to workforce participation.
- Eligible families with twins can access PPL for one child and the Newborn Supplement (NBS) and Newborn Upfront Payment (NBU) for the other child. This provides up to an additional **\$2,735.05** per year for families who have twins, which is not available to families who have one child.
- Eligible families with twins can receive up to **\$42,912.90** in family assistance in the first year after the birth of their children (including PPL and FTB payments).

Approved Care Organisations

- An Approved Care Organisation (ACO) is an organisation that coordinates or provides residential care services to young people in Australia under family assistance legislation.
- ACOs currently receiving FTB include residential group homes for children and young people involved with state and territory government child protection authorities, charities and not-for-profit organisations, and state government Juvenile Justice Centres.
- Payments to ACOs have been a long standing feature of family payments, with child endowment payments extended to children in approved organisations in 1942.
- This is based on FTB policy principle that FTB follows the child and is paid to the eligible person or organisation who has legal responsibility for the day-to-day care, welfare, and development of the individual.
- Generally, a parent or carer retains care of a child during short absences (e.g. less than 4 weeks). For example, while a child is in childcare or while a child stays at their grandparents' house during school holidays.
- FTB can be restored or reclaimed once a child re-enters a parent's care.

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Background**Stillborn Baby Payment**

- Stillborn Baby Payment is paid in recognition of the emotional stress and turmoil of losing a child, and the associated medical costs. It is an income tested lump-sum payment of **\$4,326.57** in 2025-26.
- In 2025–26, to meet the Stillborn Baby Payment income test an individual or couple's Adjusted Taxable Income must be **\$77,177** or less in the 6 months after the child's birth or eligible for FTB for another child within 52 weeks of the stillbirth.
- PPL is paid based on the National Minimum Wage, **\$948.10** per week before tax, for up to 24 weeks.

Multiple Birth Allowance (MBA)

- According to 2023 research from the Australian Multiple Birth Association, the cost associated with raising children in higher order multiple births (triplets or more) are almost 13 times greater than that of a single birth child in the first year after birth, while the costs associated with twins are 5 times higher.
- These costs are due in part to the increased likelihood of premature birth and higher hospital costs.
- MBA is paid in addition to FTB Part A entitlements, which can be up to **\$6,865.65** per year, per child aged 12 and under, or up to **\$8,650.50** per year, per child aged 13 to 19.
- For triplets, the payment rate is **\$5,124.60** per year (**\$196.56** per fortnight). For quadruplets or more, the payment rate is **\$6,829.15** per year (**\$261.94** per fortnight).
- In addition, families not receiving PPL may also be eligible for FTB Part B. FTB Part B is an ongoing payment that takes into account that some parents and non-parent carers may have differing abilities to engage with the workforce based on their circumstances and the age of their youngest child.
- FTB Part A coverage has reduced over time (from **52.6%** in 2017-18 to **41.5%** in 2022-23), which in turn means fewer families with multiples qualify for assistance through FTB, including multiple birth allowance.

Approved Care Organisations (ACOs)

- ACOs may receive the base rate of Family Tax Benefit (FTB) for children in their care which is **\$5.21** per day, **\$72.94** per fortnight, and **\$1,901.65** annually – no end of year supplement is payable. ACOs are not eligible for FTB Part B.
- In 2024-25, there were **4,330** children in care of an ACO receiving Family Tax Benefit (FTB).
 - Over **60%** of these children were in Juvenile Justice Centres and the majority (**91%**) were in the care of a state or territory run organisation (this includes both Juvenile Justice Centres and agencies responsible for child protection services).
 - Only a small proportion (**9%**) were in non-government organisations.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-26

TITLE: PAID PARENTAL LEAVE ISSUES

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Australian Government introduced changes to make Paid Parental Leave (PPL) more accessible, flexible and gender neutral from 1 July 2023.
- This included giving more families access to the payment, making it more flexible to support parents in the transition back to work, and making it easier to share care by creating a single payment that both parents can access.
- From **1 July 2024**, the government began extending the PPL scheme by two weeks each year until it reaches **26 weeks** from **1 July 2026**.
- This six-week expansion is the largest expansion since the PPL scheme was introduced in 2011.
- As part of a 26-week scheme, the government is reserving four weeks for each parent, to encourage both parents to take leave after the birth or adoption of a child. The amount they can take concurrently will be increased from two weeks to four weeks.
- From July this year, the government will pay superannuation on government funded PPL.
- For babies born or adopted on or after **1 July 2025**, eligible parents will receive an additional **12%** of their PPL as a contribution to their superannuation fund.
- The addition of superannuation to PPL is another important step to gender equality.
- The government's total investment in PPL will be around **\$4.7 billion** a year from 2026–27 and will benefit around **180,000** families.
- Government-funded PPL is designed to complement leave provided by employers, who also play a key role.
- In Australia, around **68%** of employers now offer their own PPL, and we look forward to seeing this number continue to grow.
- The government has provided **\$10 million** to Services Australia to improve the experience of employers, particularly small business employers, when administering PPL.
- This includes system enhancements to simplify registration and streamline employer engagement with Services Australia, and the creation of resources to help employers better understand their obligations and navigate the process.

KEY INFORMATION

PPL work test and implications for mothers unable to work due to redundancy or disability

- The PPL scheme is designed to support families where the mother is in paid work.
- A parent needs to have worked at least 10 of the 13 months prior to the birth or adoption of their child (with no more than a 12-week gap between 2 consecutive working days).
- There are a limited number of exceptions to the work test that may mean a parent can still meet the work test.

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- For example, a person with a severe medical condition may meet the work test if they can demonstrate that without the condition they would have met the work test.
- Under the *Fair Work Act 2009*, it is unlawful to dismiss an employee, or not hire a job candidate, because of their pregnancy.
- Families not eligible for PPL may be eligible for other government assistance including Family Tax Benefit payments such as a Newborn Upfront Payment and Newborn Supplement.

Fathers and partners not eligible to receive PPL if the mother does not meet the work test

- On **1 July 2023**, Dad and Partner Pay (**2 weeks**) and Parental Leave Pay (**18 weeks**) were combined to make a single **20-week** PPL payment.
- Some fathers and partners are ineligible to receive PPL because the birth mother does not meet the work test.
- PPL has a work test because it is designed to support working families, particularly mothers, in taking time off work to care for their babies.
- The Regulation Impact Statement for the Boosting Parental Leave to Enhance Economic Security, Support and Flexibility for Australia's Families published in October 2022, estimated around **23,500** fathers and partners would be precluded from accessing PPL due to the work status of the birth parent.
- The financial support provided by the PPL scheme is intended to complement and supplement workplace entitlements to paid or unpaid parental leave.
- The proportion of Australian employers who offer PPL is increasing over time (around **68%** of employers in the 2024 Gender Equality Scorecard), and the Australian Government continues to encourage employers to enhance their parental leave entitlements for all parents.
- Families not eligible for PPL may be eligible for other government assistance including Family Tax Benefit payments.

PPL support for parents of premature or sick babies

- PPL provides additional flexibility for families whose children are required to remain in hospital after birth.
- For example, parents can take more PPL together, or one parent can access the full entitlement, allowing the other parent to return to work and extending the time the first parent can spend with their child.
- The government's expansion of PPL to 26 weeks from July 2026 will also help families with a premature or sick baby to manage the care of their child in a way that best suits their circumstances.

PPL support for parents of twins and other multiple births

- For a multiple birth family, PPL can only be paid for one child.
- While there is no extra payment for parents of multiple births under PPL, parents of two or more children can benefit from additional flexibility in accessing their payment, for example an exemption from the limit parents can take off at the same time.
- Recipients of PPL can also access Family Tax Benefit for their other children.

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Background

Table 1: Overview of the expansion of the PPL scheme

Commencement date	Weekly PPL rate	Total weeks per family	Max. weeks for partnered parents	Reserved weeks	Concurrent weeks
1 July 2023	\$882.75	20	18	2	2
1 July 2024	\$915.80	22	20	2	2
1 July 2025 (current)	\$948.10	24	21	3	4
1 July 2026	N/A	26	22	4	4

Table 2: Recipients of PPL

Year	Total Recipients	Birth Mother	Father/ Partner/ Other*	Expenditure (\$'000)
2021-22	276,640	177,620	99,025	2,660,620
2022-23	259,925	170,125	89,800	2,625,122
2023-24	246,725	172,045	74,675	2,983,159
2024-25	252,370	168,815	83,525	3,224,003
2025-26 (Year to date)**	47,385	31,555	15,830	4,130,964

*Other includes adoptive/legal parent, foster carer or other carer, e.g. grandparent.

** 2025-26 FYTD figures as at 31 August 2025.

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TITLE: ECONOMIC INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES**Funding**

- \$8.7 million funding was announced in the 2023-24 Budget for the Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee (the Committee) including:
 - \$3.2 million over four years (\$800,000 per year ongoing) of departmental funding to support the Committee to commission its own research and undertake consultation.
 - \$5.5 million over four years (\$1.4 million per year ongoing) for the Department to provide secretariat and other support including funding for eight ASL.

Funding expenditure (procurement)

- In 2025-26, \$200,878.70 (GST inclusive) has been committed to date for consultation activities to support the 2026 Report to Government. Remaining funds (\$599,121.30) may be allocated for the Committee's research requirements.
- In 2024-25, a total of \$890,143.15 (GST inclusive) was spent for research and consultation activities, strategic authorship, editing and publishing services to support the 2025 Report to Government. Additional funds above the allocated \$800,000 were sourced from departmental funding.

Meetings

- The Committee has met 33 times since 16 December 2022.
- The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for Social Services and the Hon Ged Kearney MP, Assistant Minister for Social Services attended a Committee meeting on 14 May 2025. The Treasurer, the Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP attended a meeting of the Committee on 27 June 2025.

KEY INFORMATION

- The Committee was established to provide independent, expert advice ahead of every Budget on ways to support Australians in need, broaden opportunity, and reduce disadvantage in our communities.
- The Australian Government considers the Committee's advice in developing the Budget.
- Since May 2022, the government has provided additional support to address disadvantage, promote economic inclusion and support some of the most vulnerable in the community.
- Disadvantage is a complex and systemic problem. This is an issue that is not limited for consideration in a single Budget process.

2025 Report

- The 2025 Report was published on the Department's website on 11 March 2025.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**SB25-000157****Membership Vacancies**

- On 10 February 2025, 11 members (Chair and 10 members) were formally appointed to the Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee (the Committee) for a three year period. The membership is made up of academics, peak industry bodies and community advocates.
- Appointments to fill the remaining four vacancies are being progressed.
- Of the four vacancies, two are positions held by interim members (Ms Emily Carter AM and Ms Leah van Poppel) and two vacant positions following resignation of previous members.
 - On 23 April 2024, Mr Bran Black, CEO of the Business Council of Australia resigned.
 - On 22 April 2025, Dr Angela Jackson, formerly a lead economist with Impact Economics and Policy resigned upon being appointed as a Social Policy Commissioner with the Productivity Commission.

JobSeeker Payment recommendations

- Increasing the JobSeeker Payment rate has been a recommendation in the Committee's three reports to government.
- The government has committed to considering the rate of JobSeeker Payment at every Budget.
- The government has delivered \$11.5 billion in additional funding for social security payments in the 2023-24 and 2024-25 Budget. This includes increases to working age and student payments by at least \$40 per fortnight and the extension of the higher rate of JobSeeker Payment to single recipients with an assessed partial capacity to work of less than 15 hours per week.
- Since the government was elected in May 2022, the typical rate of JobSeeker Payment for a single person with no dependents has increased by \$150.90 per fortnight (23.2%).

Poverty measure recommendation

- The government monitors various indicators to understand poverty and the wellbeing of Australians, including income and material deprivation measures.
- The government has released a national wellbeing framework – Measuring What Matters. This is tracking our progress towards a more healthy, secure, sustainable, cohesive and prosperous Australia.

Composition of the Committee membership and lived experience

- The Act requires the Committee to include representatives of organisations which advocates for, works with or includes people experiencing economic exclusion and disadvantage.
- Through its consultation processes, the Committee considers and listens to the perspectives of people experiencing economic exclusion and disadvantage.

Background

- The *Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee Act 2023* received Royal Assent on 8 December 2023.

Current formally appointed Committee members

- Chair - the Hon Jenny Macklin AC.
- Members - Professor Robert Breunig, Professor Jeffrey Borland, Professor Kay Cook, Mr Matthew Cox, Dr Cassandra Goldie AO, Dr Travers McLeod, Associate Professor Ben Phillips, Professor Peter Whiteford and Ms Sally McManus.

Attachment A: 2023, 2024 and 2025 EIAC Report Recommendations

Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee

2025 Report to Government: Recommendations

Recommendation	
<p>Recommendation 1:</p> <p>Substantially increase the base rates of JobSeeker and related working age payments</p>	<p>Substantially increase the base rates of JobSeeker and related working age payments: The Government commit to a substantial increase in the base rates of JobSeeker Payment and related working age payments as a first priority.</p>
<p>Recommendation 2:</p> <p>Commit to a timeframe for full increases in JobSeeker and related payments</p>	<p>The Government commit to a timeframe for the full increases of JobSeeker and related payments to be implemented, if increases are to be staged</p>
<p>Recommendation 3:</p> <p>Improve indexation arrangements for working age payments</p>	<p>The Government improve the adequacy of indexation of working-age payments immediately and regularly reviews and monitors the relationship between working age payments levels and widely accepted measures of community living standards, including wages.</p>
<p>Recommendation 4:</p> <p>Addressing Housing Stress</p>	<p>As well as substantially increasing base rates of JobSeeker and related payments, the Government should further increase the rate of Commonwealth Rent Assistance to address the long-term reduction in adequacy and better reflect contemporary rents paid.</p>
<p>Recommendation 5:</p> <p>Lift the Remote Area Allowance</p>	<p>a. Immediately increase the Allowance in line with its loss in value over time through inflation (CPI), lifting the single rate to \$52.50 per fortnight.</p> <p>b. Fund the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to research remote area costs in partnership with remote communities to develop a remote area index that will guide ongoing indexation of the Allowance. Once developed, the payment should be benchmarked at a rate that reflects remote area costs and regular ongoing indexation to this new index applied.</p> <p>c. Review and adjust the Allowances' geographic boundaries to ensure it is available in remote and very remote areas only.</p>
<p>Recommendation 6:</p> <p>The Government legislate official poverty measures for Australia</p>	<p>A monetary and multidimensional measure, to be publicly reported on annually and supported by sufficient resourcing of the ABS for the necessary data. Although a monetary measure can be set and reported on immediately, reporting should not be required on a multidimensional measure until 2028 to allow for the measure and data to be appropriately developed.</p>
<p>Recommendation 7:</p> <p>The Government to accelerate a full-scale rebuilding of Australia's employment services system</p>	<p>Priority actions include:</p> <p>a. Commit to a timeframe to achieve comprehensive reform and consider a new legislative framework for Australia's employment services system, aligning reforms to Workforce Australia Employment Services, Disability Employment Services, and the Remote Jobs Program.</p> <p>b. End harm caused by the compliance system by:</p> <p>i. removing automated payment suspensions</p>

	<p>ii. implementing the Digital Protections Framework to protect people’s basic human rights and ensure the system complies with administrative law principles</p> <p>iii. relaxing Points Based Activation System (PBAS) targets while broader changes are progressed</p> <p>iv. ensuring there are exemptions to mutual obligations for people where they are unreasonable and counterproductive, noting it appears many have difficulty receiving exemptions.</p> <p>c. Use the Workforce Australia license review to wind up parts of the system at odds with the reform agenda, rather than extend licenses that perpetuate a failed system. In doing so, change the commissioning approach to enable better outcomes and longer term system stewardship.</p> <p>d. Trial a formal relational contracting approach to shift government’s role from contract manager to active participant and steward, including in partnership with state and local governments, and use innovation zones to build the evidence base for the new system, including adequate payment levels, voluntary participation, and reconceptualising mutual obligations.</p> <p>e. Facilitate better matching of skills for people seeking paid work, including better recognition of overseas skills and qualifications, and supporting participants to find employment that is aligned to their skills and interests rather than requiring them to take the first job they are offered.</p> <p>f. Replace the ineffective and punitive Work for the Dole program with investment in vocational education and training and subsidies for work placements to support people who are disadvantaged in the labour market.</p>
<p>Recommendation 8: Reform of Early Childhood Development Services</p>	<p>The Government should work with states and territories to implement planning, budgeting and administration reforms to integrate child and maternal health, disability, and early learning services more effectively. These reforms should include a place-based capacity to plan and commission services locally and should extend delivery of holistic early years hub models. The first priority should be to address needs in underserved communities.</p>
<p>Recommendation 9: Reform of Early Childhood Development Services</p>	<p>The proposed Early Childhood Service Delivery Price should consider the limitations of the current demand-side childcare subsidy scheme and the potential benefits of introducing supply-side funding elements for early childhood funding. Modelling of future ECEC service costs should account realistically for high quality provision, inclusion support, joined up delivery with maternal and child health, and more intensive support models in the communities where they are needed most.</p>
<p>Recommendation 10: Reform of Early Childhood Development Services</p>	<p>The Government should work with states and territories to integrate free access to pre-school for 3- and 4-year-old with the new national entitlement (3 Day Guarantee) proposed for the early education system, turning the Preschool Reform Agreement (which expires in 2025) into the Early Childhood Reform Agreement.</p>

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2024 Report to Government: Recommendations

Adequacy of working age payments

- Recommendation 1** The government commit to a substantial increase in the base rates of JobSeeker Payment and related working age payments as a first priority.
- Finding: Indexing JobSeeker Payment and related income supports only in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has resulted in their relative base rates falling significantly below existing benchmarks such as the Age Pension. Increasing their rate to 90% of the Age Pension would improve adequacy and return them to payment relativities of 1999.
- Recommendation 2** The government commit to a timeframe for the full increases of JobSeeker and related payments to be implemented, if increases are to be staged.
- Recommendation 3** The gap between the current level of JobSeeker Payment and the Age Pension is primarily the consequence of the benchmarking of pensions but not allowances to Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE) since 1997. Maintaining the current approach to benchmarking in the long run will recreate the same or an even wider gap. The Committee recommends the government improve the adequacy of indexation of working-age payments immediately, and regularly reviews and monitors the relationship between working age payments levels and widely accepted measures of community living standards, including wages.
- Recommendation 4** The Committee recommends that the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) or an appropriate researcher or research centre in partnership with remote communities should be funded to undertake analysis of the additional costs of living in remote areas, but the case for an immediate increase in the RAA seems particularly strong.

Commonwealth Rent Assistance

- Recommendation 5** In addition to substantially increasing base rates of JobSeeker Payment and related payments, further increase the rate of CRA to address the long-term reduction in adequacy and better reflect rents paid.

Removing barriers to employment and participation

- Recommendation 6** That the government commits to a full-scale re-design of Australia's employment services system by adopting the recommendations in the report from the Select Committee on Workforce Australia Employment Services Review.
- As a priority the government should:
- (a) Finalise an implementation plan and enact necessary legislative changes in 2024.
 - (b) Commit to a full re-design of the mutual obligations and compliance settings in the Workforce Australia system that focus on building capability and confidence to support people into work, consistent with the directions outlined in the Select Committee's report.
 - (c) Build and refine a new practice model that genuinely meets the needs of people furthest from the labour market, including through:
 - A network of demonstration sites and regional hubs that enable stronger connections to local human services systems and place-based direction of effort
 - Strengthened approaches to employer engagement

- Greater investment in national paid work experience and training programs assessed as significantly improving employment prospects of people who are unemployed long term
- Commissioning that incentivises collaboration and rebuilds the public core of the system
- An independent Employment Services Quality Commission to set minimum quality standards, drive improvements qualifications and skills of frontline staff, share best practice, and handle licensing and complaints
- A client council (or councils) so the voices of people experiencing the system influence its redesign.

Recommendation 7 That the government take immediate actions to end automatic payment suspensions and the damaging effects of current settings while broader reforms are progressed, including by:

- (a) Tripling the Liquid Assets Waiting Period (LAWP) amount threshold, consistent with increases in inflation and its relativity to payments, and have a single waiting period of four weeks, and reconsidering the need for the LAWP given the complexity it adds to the system when there are already income and asset tests in place.
- (b) Reviewing the role of sickness allowances, the length for which medical exemptions are granted and the process to obtain them, and eligibility for the Disability Support Pension (DSP), as suggested by Recommendations 32-34 of the Select Committee's report.

Recommendation 8 That the government changes Working Credit settings that have not been updated since 2003, to bring the Working Credits system closer in line with other employment credit schemes such as the Pension Work Bonus and help smooth the transition to work. Specifically, to:

- a) Grow the Working Credit accrual rate for all eligible payments from \$48 to \$150 per fortnight, consistent with the income free area, and shift from a daily to fortnightly calculation
- b) Increase the maximum balance of the Working Credit up to \$7,800 (equivalent to two years of accruals of \$150 per fortnight), and index to CPI
- c) Introduce an initial 'boost' so each eligible recipient has a starting balance of \$500 in the Working Credit
- d) Develop a communications approach to accompany the reforms, so that people receiving payments better understand the Working Credit and how it can help them, and design implementation to enable evaluation of the impacts of these changes.

Recommendation 9 That the government relax work limit rules on payments to encourage and enable workforce participation, particularly for people who have fluctuating or episodic conditions or caring responsibilities, including by:

- a) Removing the 30 hour per week work limit for DSP recipients.
- b) Adjusting the 25-hour participation rule for the Carer Payment to give carers greater flexibility to undertake paid work, by:
- c) Changing the 25 hours per week work participation limit to an allowance of 100 hours over four weeks, and applying the participation limit only to employment (not study, volunteering or transport time)
- d) Suspending, rather than cancelling, the Carer Payment where a carer exceeds a participation hours or earnings limit

- e) Allowing the single Temporary Cessation of Care days provision to be applied to one-off or occasional instances of exceeding the participation hours limit.

Recommendation 10 Remote housing. That the government urgently commit substantial investment to address need in public housing and homelessness for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including maintenance and upgrades, community infrastructure and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing sector.

To improve the economic efficiency of investments, the government should fund a National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Data Register to improve data availability, quality and sharing. The register should be developed in partnership with the Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Peak Organisations and the Housing Policy Partnership and agreed as part of the new Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA).

To better target existing investment, including from the Housing Australia Future Fund and Social Housing Accelerator Fund, the government should:

- a) Negotiate improved performance reporting and data sharing within intergovernmental agreements and arrangements;
- b) Undertake rapid needs assessments of homelessness and overcrowding, maintenance, repair and community infrastructure requirements in remote hotspot areas;
 - Commission a redesigned Community Housing Infrastructure Needs (CHINS)-like survey, which considers limitations of earlier iterations and subsequent advancements in data collection.

Information collected through these mechanisms, along with existing collections, can underpin the new register. The register should be accessible to communities to support local decision making.

Improving support for families and children

Recommendation 11 The government should commit to developing a national early child development system in partnership with the states and territories.

- a) This system should connect child and maternal health services, early learning, family supports, and other services into a well joined-up pipeline of supports for children and families through the early years.
- b) The system should be built upon proportionate universalism principles and particularly focus on improving supports for families with the lowest incomes or with extra needs.
- c) The commitment to Australia's new child development system should be enshrined in legislation and a new or expanded national partnership agreement.
- d) The federal government, in collaboration with state and territory governments, should establish an Early Childhood Development Commission to oversee the coordination and implementation of the early years reform agenda that will deliver the new system over time.

Recommendation 12 The government build upon the recommendations from the Productivity Commission and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to support access to Early Childhood Education and Care services for all children in Australia.

- (a) As an immediate first step the government should abolish the Activity Test on the Child Care Subsidy and guarantee all children access to a minimum three days of ECEC.

	<p>(b) The government should further progress funding model reform to make appropriate use of supply as well as demand side supports and consider block funding if necessary to ensure access.</p> <p>(c) The government should support through the reformed funding mechanism the delivery of new, more holistic models of ECEC that include opportunities for health and family support services.</p>
Recommendation 13	Support applications in the Fair Work Commission that seek to raise the wages and improve the job quality of early childhood educators. As a step to remedying historical undervaluation of educators' work, ensure that the outcomes of these cases are fully funded.
Recommendation 14	<p>As an early action of the new Early Years Strategy, the government commits to wider scale delivery of integrated child and family centres and holistic "full service" school models targeted to communities of highest need.</p> <p>(a) To deliver on this commitment the government should create a national framework, funding scheme and evaluation and learning framework</p> <p>(b) The Commonwealth should accept an ongoing stewardship role of the network of integrated centres and full-service school models in partnership with states and territories, using opportunities such as the National Schools Reform Agreement to embed long term commitments from all parties.</p> <p>(c) As a supporting measure the government should take further steps to advance place-based approaches in target communities and consider a fuller response to recommendations provided in the Committee's 2023 Report.</p>
Recommendation 15	The government implement Recommendation 33 from the Committee's 2023 Report, namely, to remove the Maintenance Income Test (MIT) from the calculation of Family Tax Benefit Part A (FTB Part A) for child support customers. Payment criteria should be adjusted so that affected families receive a similar amount of family benefits as would have resulted under the MIT. The desired outcome is that FTB Part A payments are made more predictable for recipients, rather than significantly altering payment values. The removal of the MIT would result in more certain FTB Part A payments for financially vulnerable families, remove the prospect of retrospectively applied FTB Part A debts, and concurrently close a loophole that allows child support and FTB Part A to be used as vehicles for enacting financial abuse.
The culture, purpose and intent of the social security system	
Recommendation 16	That the government adopt a refreshed mandate for Australia's social security system and that this mandate should be to promote economic inclusion and wellbeing.
Recommendation 17	<p>That the government adopt a set of guiding principles to support an ongoing process of renewal in culture and practice across the social security system. These guiding principles should align with the system's primary purpose to support economic inclusion and wellbeing. The Committee proposes that these principles be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequacy • Dignity and autonomy • Equity and fairness • Accountability and acting on evidence • Person-centredness • A safety net for all.

Recommendation 18	That the government regularly update language guidance with respect to people receiving income support and that terms like “dole” and “welfare” are replaced in legislation. This language guidance should be extended as a requirement for contracted service providers who engage with people receiving income support and incorporated into their performance and contract review framework.
Recommendation 19	That the government reform aspects of the compulsory activation and compliance framework within the social security system that are at odds with its proposed mandate to support economic inclusion and wellbeing. This will require the systematic improvement of many practices over time. A priority focus should be on rethinking processes and rules that risk harmful effects on people who are more at risk – such as people with long-term barriers to employment who rely on the JobSeeker payment. The government should establish co-design, feedback and consultation structures with people directly affected and other stakeholders to inform the program of reform.
Recommendation 20	The Committee recommends that people with current, direct experience of receiving income support and/or economic exclusion be members of the Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee. Attention must be given to ensuring there is sufficient representation of different experiences in the Membership.
Recommendation 21	<p>That the government revise strategies that delay access to payments for those who need them by addressing the underlying policy, legislative and resourcing drivers of these delays. This should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Taking urgent action to reduce wait times for claims (b) Reconsider the need and rationale for waiting periods for payments that currently attract them.
Recommendation 22	<p>That the government should consider a collaborative process to develop a new charter for the Australian social security system. This charter should be centred upon the proposed new mandate for the social security system to promote economic inclusion and wellbeing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) This co-design process should involve people receiving social security payments and a broad range of other stakeholders. b) The government should consider legislating the resulting statement, so it guides reform, policy development and practice long term. c) The charter legislation should contain mechanisms that hold public servants, political representatives and others engaged with the social security system to standards of behaviour that prevent use of stigmatising language or other forms of vilification of people receiving income support.

Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee

2023 Report to Government: Recommendations

Adequacy of working age payments	
Recommendation 1	The Government commit to a substantial increase in the base rates of JobSeeker Payment and related working age payments as a first priority.
Recommendation 2	The Government commit to increase Commonwealth Rent Assistance and reform its indexation to better reflect rent paid.
Recommendation 3	The Government commit to a timeframe for the full increases to be implemented, if increases are to be staged.
Recommendation 4	The Government consider any increase in income support be accompanied by, but not contingent upon, major reform of employment services to support people who have been on payments for an extended period, including exploring demand-led and place based approaches.
Full employment objective	
Recommendation 5	The Government commit to a full employment objective as a critical means of maximising economic inclusion.
Recommendation 6	The Government commit to a full employment objective receiving increased weight in the design of macroeconomic policy – both monetary and fiscal.
Recommendation 7	The Government commit to a full employment objective including a target for labour utilisation that encompasses both unemployment and underemployment; ideally expressed as a (hours-based) rate of labour underutilisation.
Recommendation 8	The Government commit to an appropriate full employment target for labour utilisation, based on recent labour market outcomes, at a rate of unemployment close to 3.5 per cent. Moreover, there still being uncertainty about what the rate of unemployment can be reduced to without causing excessive wage inflation, the possibility that the target rate should be lower needs to motivate macroeconomic policy. [Expressed in terms of labour underutilisation incorporating both unemployment and underemployment, this corresponds to a target for the ABS (hours-based) rate of labour underutilisation of 5 per cent to 5.5 per cent.]
Recommendation 9	The Government commit to a full employment objective incorporating the objective of achieving high rates of labour utilisation for specific groups who face high barriers to employment and economic inclusion. For example, First Nations people, people with disability, young disengaged people, refugees and recent immigrants from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds, people living in regions with low levels of employment opportunity, and homeless people or people with insecure housing.
Recommendation 10	The Government explore broadening the full employment objective to encompass issues of job quality, for example, for inclusion in the set of Wellbeing Indicators for the 2023-24 Budget and through the Employment White Paper process. That similarly, the House Select Committee on Workforce Australia Employment Services takes a broad perspective on the objectives of the employment services system.

Addressing disadvantage in places where it is concentrated

Recommendation 11	The Government provide long-term certainty around funding provision for place based strategies, with a priority on ensuring operational continuity for successful existing initiatives.
Recommendation 12	The Government agree to a whole-of-government policy and investment framework for place based initiatives, informed by an audit of current place based initiatives and their funding, administrative and support arrangements across different levels of government and philanthropy. This work should also embrace the priorities set out by the Closing the Gap Implementation Plan.
Recommendation 13	The Commonwealth and state and territory governments should proceed with the creation of key enabling infrastructure such as a Community Data Asset to inform decision making and measure progress. This Community Data Asset might best be developed leveraging the National Disability Data Asset which should be fully funded and progressed without delay. The voices and agency of people in communities should be reflected in the design and implementation of data strategies. The data initiatives underway via the Closing the Gap Implementation Plan should be supported and linked where appropriate.
Recommendation 14	<p>The Government progress two key administrative instruments to support place based strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mechanisms to coordinate and control services investment into target communities from across multiple agencies and multiple levels of government. b) Mechanisms to support shared local decision making at scale. These should be designed in concert with similar work underway via the Closing the Gap agenda.
Recommendation 15	The Government create “Innovation zones” in partnership with a select number of communities to allow trial and learning of new social and economic development strategies, including as part of the Employment White Paper and Early Years Strategy. This opportunity should also be open to First Nations communities if it is of value to them.
Recommendation 16	The Government commit to systematic developmental and summative evaluation of all existing and new place based strategies. This should include evaluation that is properly funded and conducted independently, including randomised control trials and effective use of administrative data. The funding and continuation of individual programs should depend upon the outcomes of evaluation. Funding should be re-allocated from things that do not work to things that do so that approaches that are found to deliver the best outcomes can be scaled up.
Recommendation 17	The Government should set out a Local Jobs Deals framework to guide future decision making and resourcing by governments, industry, the community sector and philanthropy. This framework should build on work underway through the Net Zero Economy Taskforce, Employment White Paper, Local Jobs Program, the House

	Select Committee inquiry into Workforce Australia Employment Services, and employment initiatives priorities under the Closing the Gap Implementation Plan.
Recommendation 18	The Government commit to an innovation, evaluation and strategic learning framework to be designed as an intrinsic part of any Local Jobs Deals framework to support agile development of localised schemes and the wider framework to support them. The evaluation strategy should be fully funded and should be developed simultaneously with program design.
Recommendation 19	The Government establish a national framework to manage an equitable and inclusive energy transition for people experiencing poverty and disadvantage, including coordination, monitoring and recommending reforms to reduce energy inequity and stress, promote access to household electrification, efficiency and renewables, and other measures to ensure people experiencing disadvantage benefit from the transition.
Recommendation 20	The Government establish an independent and properly resourced National Energy Transition Authority to manage an orderly and fair transition process for workers in emissions intensive industries and impacted communities to support economic and social inclusion - that has governance of governments, industry, community and unions.
Recommendation 21	The Government use the Early Years Strategy to explore how it can partner with States and Territories, philanthropy and other stakeholders to expand holistic child and family models across community, school, primary health, early learning and other relevant settings, including by creating common infrastructure, workforce and standards to support these at network scale.
Recommendation 22	The Government commit to an audit of existing integrated models is undertaken, and secure resourcing provided for those which are (or have the potential to be) high performing.
Recommendation 23	Pending the outcome of recommendations 21 and 22, the Government commit to establish a forward program of projects creating a pipeline of shovel-ready capital and services projects that can be accelerated in the event that economic stimulus is required in a future downturn.
Recommendation 24	The Government work with the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) and other First Nations stakeholders to re-invigorate, re-fund and expand the Aboriginal Child and Family Centre model, learning the lessons of past successes and challenges. This should include a robust evaluation strategy and funding which is linked to outcomes.
Recommendation 25	The Government continue to build support for Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) so these multidisciplinary service models are led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, and create a dedicated fund to support ACCO-led innovation, monitoring and evaluation.
Recommendation 26	The Government progress all actions from the Closing The Gap Implementation Plan relating to early childhood.

Recommendation 27	The Government commit that Measuring What Matters reporting includes legislated measures on economic inclusion and poverty, and an expansion of the Intergenerational Report to include forecasting, benchmarking, tracking and modelling of savings from the alleviation of disadvantage, with a specific focus on outcomes in places of persistent disadvantage.
Recommendation 28	The Government commit to use actuarial and whole-of-society modelling such as the Priority Investment Approach to underpin long-range investment in alleviation strategies, with returns tracked and savings through cost avoidance reported. This may best be first applied to communities where place based strategies are active and to delivery of the kinds of holistic integrated models set out above. New models and tools capable of capturing social and non-monetary benefits that are difficult to quantify will also be needed.
Recommendation 29	The Government commit to a whole-of-government strategic learning framework to coordinate evidence, evaluation, learning, innovation and adaptive decision-making. This includes leading cross-jurisdictional efforts to ensure data held by all levels of government is made readily available to inform and evaluate place based approaches.
Recommendation 30	The Government review public service capability to deliver a place based agenda and an appropriate skilling and workforce development program be introduced. This review should consider what arrangements, tools, capacity and resources are required for effective policy-to-practice implementation, including in cross-departmental governance and coordination.
Removing barriers to economic inclusion - families with children	
Recommendation 31	The Government abolish the Activity Test on the Child Care Subsidy and commit to guaranteeing all Australian children access to three days of early childhood education and care. All children benefit from access to early childhood education and care, and government policies that ensure affordable access can lift female participation.
Recommendation 32	The Government abolish the ParentsNext program. Its resources should be redirected to a co-designed set of voluntary support programs for vulnerable families, particularly low income parents with young children who want to enter or re-enter the workforce, or access more financially secure employment. These voluntary support programs should be designed with a fully-funded evaluation strategy, to inform ongoing service improvements.
Recommendation 33	The Government remove the Maintenance Income Test (MIT) from the calculation of Family Tax Benefit Part A (FTBA) for child support customers. Affected families should be provided with a similar amount of family benefits as would have resulted under the MIT. The removal of the MIT would result in more certain FTBA payments for financially vulnerable families, remove the prospect of retrospectively applied FTBA debts, and concurrently close a loophole that allows child support and FTBA to be used as vehicles for enacting financial abuse.
Advice on legislated measures on economic inclusion and poverty reduction	
Recommendation 34	The Government specify and include measures on economic inclusion and poverty reduction in the legislation to establish an Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee.

	The legislation should follow the release of the Measuring What Matters statement and specify the process to agree targets and track progress against economic inclusion and poverty measures over time.
Recommendation 35	The Government develop a data, evidence and consultation strategy to support the legislated measures and agreed targets.
Recommendation 36	The Government establish a multidimensional poverty index to supplement legislated measures, to provide a more comprehensive picture of the nature and extent of poverty, and to enable monitoring of trends and targeting of effort by population and dimensions such as health, education and living standards.
Recommendation 37	The Government include Economic Inclusion and Poverty Reduction in the Treasury Portfolio, with the Treasurer to be the responsible Minister for setting targets and driving whole of government implementation.

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TITLE: WORKING AGE PAYMENT ADEQUACY

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Australian Government has delivered significant increases to the rate of JobSeeker Payment as part of measures to strengthen the social safety net across the 2023-24 and 2024-25 Budgets.
- Since the government was elected, the typical rate of JobSeeker Payment for a single person will have increased by **\$150.90** per fortnight (as at **20 September 2025**).
- This increase is a result of the government's \$40 per fortnight increase to working age payments in the 2023-24 Budget and regular indexation.
- As a result, the rate of JobSeeker Payment has increased by **23.2%** since the government was elected, providing JobSeeker Payment recipients over **\$3,900** in additional support each year.
- The government has delivered **\$11.5 billion** in additional funding for social security payments in the 2023-24 and 2024-25 Budget.
- The 2024-25 Budget provided around **\$2 billion** in additional support, including expanding access to the higher rate of Jobseeker Payment to recipients with a partial capacity to work of less than 15 hours.
- The 2023-24 Budget provided around **\$9.5 billion** in additional support, including increasing the rate of working age and student payments by at least **\$40 per fortnight** and extending eligibility to the higher single rate for single JobSeeker Payment recipients aged 55 years and over after 9 continuous months on payment.
- The government has also provided a **10%** increase to maximum rates of Commonwealth Rent Assistance in September 2024. This followed an increase in Commonwealth Rent Assistance maximum rates of **15%** a year, which was the largest in **30 years**.
- Through these actions and regular indexation, the maximum rates of Commonwealth Rent Assistance will have increased by **48%** since **March 2022**.
- As at **29 August 2025**, there were **987,955** recipients of unemployment benefits. This includes **887,795** JobSeeker Payment recipients, and **100,160** Youth Allowance (job seeker) recipients.

KEY INFORMATION

Adequacy of JobSeeker Payment

- JobSeeker Payment supports Australians who are unable to support themselves whilst they look for a job or have a temporary injury or incapacity.
- It is not designed to replace lost salary or wages.
- The government has committed to consider the rate of JobSeeker Payment at every Budget.
- It is important that measures are not viewed in isolation. JobSeeker Payment recipients may also be eligible for other cost of living measures, including the additional increase to Commonwealth Rent Assistance.

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- Income support payments are regularly indexed to address the effects of inflation on cost of living for those on a payment.
- Income support recipients may also be eligible for other cost-of-living measures announced in the 2025-26 Budget such as extending energy bill relief to the end of 2025 for every household, providing even cheaper medicines through reducing the maximum price of PBS medicines to \$25, strengthening Medicare to make more GP visits bulk billed for all Australians and delivering more Medicare Urgent Care Clinics.

Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee recommendations

- The Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee has recommended in all three of their reports to government, the rate of JobSeeker Payment is increased to **90%** of the Age Pension.
- Boosting economic inclusion and tackling disadvantage are complex challenges and require sustained commitment over time and across government.

Employment outcomes for JobSeeker Payment recipients

- The government has a vision for a dynamic and inclusive labour market where everyone who wants a job is able to find one.
- More than **1.1 million** jobs have been created since the government was elected in 2022.
- The number of employed people in Australia has reached over **14.6 million**.

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Background

Summary of stakeholder proposed increases

	Per fortnight*	Per day	Percentage increase
Current typical rate (JSP single, no children)	\$802.40	\$57.31	N/A
Grattan Institute	\$901.10	\$64.36	12.30%
The Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee	\$1,060.83 (90% of the Age Pension)	\$75.77	32%
ACOSS	\$1,148.00	at least \$82.00	43.07%
The Greens	\$1,232.00	\$88.00	53.5%
Anglicare	\$1,232.00	\$88.00	53.5%

* Note some recommendations were made prior to the 20 September 2025 indexation increase.

Relative Growth of JobSeeker Payment Rates

- The JobSeeker Payment single typical fortnightly rate has experienced a:
 - **\$150.90 (23%)** nominal increase since **May 2022**.
 - **\$265.95 (50%)** nominal increase in the last ten years since **September 2015**.
- The **23%** nominal increase in the JobSeeker Payment single typical rate since May 2022 is slightly higher than the pension and on par with the minimum wage benchmarks:
 - The Gross National Minimum Wage has increased **23% (\$350.80 per fortnight)**.
 - The Age Pension single typical rate has increased **19% (\$191.10 per fortnight)**.

Current Typical Rates Comparison to National Minimum Wage – Fortnightly and Annual Comparison

Rates (as at 20 Sept 2025)	Maximum Rate of Payment (pf)	Per Annum	Income Free Area and Taper rate	Income Threshold Cut Out (pf)
Minimum Wage*	\$1,896.00	\$49,296.00		
Pension	\$1,178.70	\$30,646.20	50c taper for every dollar above \$218	\$2,575.40
JSP, single, no children	\$802.40	\$20,862.40	50c taper for every dollar between \$150 and \$256. 60c taper for every dollar above \$256.	\$1,505.00
YA (job seeker), single away from home	\$670.30	\$17,427.80	50c taper for every dollar between \$150 and \$250. 60c taper for every dollar above \$250.	\$1,283.84
Parenting Payment Single, 1 child	\$1,046.50	\$27,209.00	40c taper for every dollar above \$224.60	\$2,840.85

Rates are annualised based on 52 weeks or 26 fortnights in a year. Social Security Rates are the Typical Fortnightly Rate (including essential supplements).

* Rate as of 1 July 2025. Based on \$948.00 per 38-hour week.

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TITLE: DURATION ON INCOME SUPPORT PAYMENTS

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- As at 29 August 2025, there were **987,955** recipients of unemployment benefits (including JobSeeker Payment and Youth Allowance (job seeker) recipients), which is around **9.9%** (or **88,880** recipients) higher than pre-pandemic levels at 20 March 2020.
- As at 29 August 2025, there were **887,795** JobSeeker Payment recipients:
 - This is around **10.5%** (or **84,115** recipients) above pre-pandemic levels.
 - **64.9% (576,570)** of recipients have been on payment for over a year. This is an increase compared to 10 years ago when **60.5% (486,285)** of NewStart Allowance recipients were on payment for over a year.
- As at 29 August 2025, there were **100,160** Youth Allowance (job seeker) recipients:
 - This is around **5.0%** (or **4,765** recipients) above pre-pandemic levels.
 - **49.2% (49,245)** of recipients have been on payment for over a year. The average duration on payment has decreased from **85 weeks** in August 2015 to **67 weeks** as at August 2025.
- Unemployment rates are at low levels, down from rates around **6.0%** in 2015.
- In the last 12 months, the unemployment rate has remained reasonably steady, at **4.2%** in August 2024, down to **4.0%** in December 2024, increasing to **4.3%** in June 2025 and decreasing again to **4.2%** at August 2025 (in seasonally adjusted terms).
- As a proportion of the labour force, the number of recipients on these payments is lower than pre-pandemic levels.
 - Prior to COVID (March 2020), unemployment payment recipients represented **6.72%** of the labour force population. As at August 2025, this proportion is lower at **6.46%**.

KEY INFORMATION

- The structure of income support payments has changed significantly in the last 10 years with the introduction of JobSeeker Payment and expansion of Parenting Payment Single. It is important to consider these changes to payment structures in assessing changes to duration on payment.

Number of long term recipients

- The average length of time a person is on JobSeeker Payment has increased over the last 10 years, up from 119 weeks in August 2015 to 172 weeks in August 2025.
- This increase occurred prior to 2022. Since May 2022, the average length of time a person is on JobSeeker Payment has reduced from 175 weeks to 172 weeks.
- Since May 2022, the number of very long term JobSeeker Payment recipients (on payment for two or more years) has decreased from 524,510 to 395,820 (around 25%). This reflects increasing employment following the COVID-19 pandemic and efforts by the government to increase productivity.

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- The current demand for labour remains strong, however, there are still several difficulties with finding work for those who remain unemployed.
- According to the 2023-24 ABS Barriers and Incentives to Labour Force Participation survey, the majority (85.2%) of JobSeeker Payment recipients who wanted to work or work more hours reported having difficulties finding work or more hours. The two most common problems were “lacked necessary training, qualifications or experience” (36.2%) and “too many applicants for available jobs” (25.4%).
- Many long-term recipients do not have the qualifications or occupational experience that employers are seeking to fill vacancies, or may live in areas where there are fewer vacancies.
- 51% of JobSeeker Payment recipients reported Year 12 as their highest level of education. According to the 2021 Census around 89% of internet vacancies in August 2025 required higher qualifications.

Productivity agenda

- The government has a vision for a dynamic and inclusive labour market where everyone who wants a job is able to find one.
- More than 1.1 million jobs have been created since the government was elected in 2022. The number of employed people in Australia has reached over 14.6 million.

Participation settings

- Current income support system settings mean that people are always better off if they take up employment, even at the minimum wage.
- The system is designed to encourage people to supplement their payments with other income; participation requirements, income free areas and gradual reduction in payment as income increases support this objective.
- Arrangements built into the Disability Support Pension (DSP) eligibility criteria seek to encourage and support people to re-enter and remain in the workforce.
- Once granted, all DSP recipients can engage in paid employment for less than 30 hours a week and still receive a part-pension, subject to income testing.
- People who have high earnings from employment or are starting work of 30 hours or more a week can have their DSP suspended for up to two years. This means if the person is unable to continue with the job or need to reduce their hours of work, they can return to DSP without having to make a new claim.
- In addition, when returning to work, they retain access to the Pensioner Concession Card for two years. This card provides various concessions, including Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme prescriptions at a cheaper rate and access to the lower threshold of the Extended Medicare Safety Net.
- In the 2024-25 Budget, the government provided \$18.6 million to change the 25 hour per week rule for Carer Payment recipients to instead allow up to 100 hours work over a four-week period and remove the restrictions on study, volunteering and travel for work.
- As at 27 June 2025, over 34,000 Carer Payment recipients had employment income and may benefit from the changes. Over 80% of those Carer Payment recipients with earnings are female.

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Background

Payment type	Number of recipients*	<1 year on payment	1-2 years on payment	2-5 years on payment	5+ years on payment	Average weeks on payment
JobSeeker Payment	887,795	311,225	180,750	179,415	216,405	172
Youth Allowance (jobseeker)	100,160	50,910	27,705	20,970	570	67
Age Pension	2,674,380	172,750	148,055	413,580	1,939,995	595
Disability Support Pension	833,200	57,680	57,800	120,310	597,405	736
Carer Payment	325,670	44,760	38,560	81,850	160,500	356

*As at 29 August 2025. Note that duration on payment is the amount of time the recipient has spent on their current income support payment.

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TITLE: DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT REFORMS - INCLUDING DES TENDER AND SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SECTOR VIABILITY

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- The \$5.5 billion specialist disability employment program, Inclusive Employment Australia (IEA), will commence on 1 November 2025 for an initial five-year period.
- 83 organisations were offered deeds to deliver IEA following a competitive tender process. Of these, two subsequently handed back their deeds based on their own commercial decision.
- The Transition Period commenced on 1 August 2025 and will end 31 October 2025.
- Approximately 245,000 participants are being supported in the transition from the current Disability Employment Services (DES) program to the new program.
- 16 DES providers will fully exit on 31 October 2025 and have access to market adjustment supports.
- The new program will be supported by a Centre for Inclusive Employment and 25 organisations appointed to the National Panel of Assessors program.
- \$52.7 million over four years has been allocated to assist the supported employment sector, including through the Structural Adjustment Fund.

KEY INFORMATION**Inclusive Employment Australia (IEA) Support for Participants**

- The Department of Social Services (the Department) is actively supporting DES participants to transition to the new program via a range of communications products such as hard copy letters, fact sheets, websites, and social media.
- Participants can access a dedicated page on the Department's website – Information for Participants, where they can access Easy Read, Auslan and CALD appropriate materials.
- Participants can call a dedicated DES Transition Line if they have any questions about Inclusive Employment Australia.
- DES Participants and their nominees received a first letter (August) informing them about the new program, that a change was coming and no action was required.
- DES Participants received a second letter (late September/early October) advising them of their IEA provider and how they can exercise choice to change providers.
- Participants that change providers will continue to be supported by their current DES provider until the end of the DES Agreement and for vulnerable participants a warm handover to their new provider is encouraged to minimise disruption and support continuity of service.
- The Department published guidance to providers on how to engage with sensitive participants such as homeless participants and those on managed service plans along with information on warm handovers.

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- There will be a pause on Mutual Obligations from 16 October 2025 to 5 January 2026 for participants in DES or IEA to support commencement of the new program.

Inclusive Employment Australia General Information

- IEA aims to deliver higher quality services through participant led tailored services. Key policy changes to support this outcome include a meaningful engagement approach to mutual obligations, an intensive and flexible service stream reflecting individual needs and greater diversity of providers.
- More access to services with an additional 15,000 people each year eligible to participate, including people with an assessed future work capacity of under eight hours per week and people not on an income support payment.
- The open tender procurement resulted in 83 providers being offered IEA deeds, including 29 to solely service specific cohorts such as specific disability types, First Nations and refugees.
- Tenders were assessed on organisational capacity, service model design and local connections to deliver high-quality employment services, as well as past performance.
- Due to caretaker conventions associated with the federal election, the Department paused the procurement process and extended the current Grant Agreement for four months to 31 October 2025.
- All tenderers were advised the outcome of the tender process on 17 July 2025.
- The market design for IEA sought to support diversification and improve the viability of more small-to-medium sized providers.
- There will be a level of disruption given the introduction of more specific cohort providers and a reduction in providers in some Employment Service Areas. This is a necessary market adjustment as the current DES Grant Agreement produced an oversaturation of providers in some locations, and many smaller providers left the market.

Inclusive Employment Australia Transition

- Extensive planning and preparation have occurred, including development and implementation of approximately 190 policy decisions, command centre preparations and a transition hyper-care period, following the major ICT release weekend.
- Providers have received a range of supports including a Transition Provider Advice pack on 27 August 2025, seven provider workshops averaging around 600 persons in attendance, a Welcome Pack with 'onboarding' information and data on their indicative caseload by site on 18 September 2025.
- The post-transition period allows time for providers to engage and commence participants, undertake transition activities and work through any transition related issues with hyper-support from the Department. Participants also have access to the transition hotline for additional support.
- The Department will run reports during this time to monitor implementation and intervene as needed.

Centre for Inclusive Employment

- The Centre for Inclusive Employment (the Centre) commenced in March 2025, to support the introduction of IEA.
- Swinburne University of Technology and its consortium partners are delivering the Centre. The consortium includes Inclusion Australia, Family Advocacy, Disability Employment Australia, National Disability Services and the University of Melbourne.
- The government is investing \$23.3 million over four years from 2024-25 to establish the Centre.

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- It will provide an evidence-informed, best-practice hub that provides resources, tools, and training to help providers deliver quality employment services to both participants and employers.

Supported Employment – Financial Viability

- The Department is aware there are viability concerns in the supported employment sector and is monitoring this situation closely (see Background for information on Bedford Group).
- The government has invested \$52.7 million over four years to assist the supported employment sector evolve and offer a wider range of employment opportunities for people with disability with higher needs (details below).
- This includes a Structural Adjustment Fund to support 63 projects that increase the range of job opportunities and pathways into open employment for people with disability with high-support needs.
- Measures implemented are currently being evaluated between 2025 and 2027.
- More broadly, the Department is considering next steps for the supported employment sector and is mid-way through a public consultation process which will inform future policy development through public submissions and a series of workshop engagements.

BUDGET INFORMATION

Inclusive Employment Australia Funding - total \$227.6 million over five years until 2027-28*	
Implementation and procurement	\$46.4 million
ICT	\$166.3 million
Program evaluation, data and quality	\$15.0 million
Existing DES appropriation for next 4 years	\$5.3 billion
National Panel of Assessors Funding	
2025-2028 panel refresh	\$57 million
The Centre for Inclusive Employment Funding from 2024-25	
Establishment, grant funding and independent evaluation	\$23.3 million over four years
Supported Employment - \$52.7 million over four years from 2023-24	
Structural Adjustment Fund	\$35.0 million
Disability Employment Advocacy Service and Information Program for supported employees	\$11.7 million
Supported employment evaluation and Disability Employment Expos pilot	\$6 million

* Figures may vary slightly with rounding

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**SB25-000159****Background**

- Bedford Group is the largest supported employment provider in South Australia (SA) employing 1,600 people, 845 of whom are supported employees.
- On 3 October 2025, the Commonwealth Government announced funding of \$4.4 million to support the Bedford Group sale process.
 - This followed from a request on 25 September 2025 from Bedford Group/McGrathNicol for funding to assist with the sale, and/or entry into voluntary administration of the business.
- This is a complex matter. The Department will continue to work closely with the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and McGrathNicol who are supporting the Bedford Group through this process.
- This followed a commitment from the SA Government on 27 July 2025, of a \$15 million support package to develop a path to financial sustainability for Bedford Group.
- Bedford Group, as a NDIS provider, has and continues to receive substantial Commonwealth funding, which is the responsibility of the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

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TITLE: INCOME APPORTIONMENT

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- On 4 September 2025, the government introduced the *Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Technical Changes No.2) Bill 2025* (the Bill) into the Parliament. It comprised three measures: validation of income apportionment, an income apportionment resolution scheme, and debt waivers. The Bill is currently before the House of Representatives.
- It was referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs on 4 September 2025. The Committee is due to report on 21 October 2025.
- The Bill validates the use of income apportionment for past calculations and embeds the method for decisions to be made in the future concerning entitlement periods pre-December 2020 and establishes the Income Apportionment Resolution Scheme which will allow people with historical debts affected by income apportionment from 1 September 2003 to 6 December 2020 to apply for a resolution payment of up to \$600, depending on the debt amount.
- The Bill also increases the small debt waiver threshold to \$250, indexed annually on 1 July to the Consumer Price Index, and extends the special circumstances waiver to allow decision makers to consider extenuating circumstances, such as coercion or financial abuse, even when a person knowingly provided false information (refer **SB25-000158** for more detail on the special circumstances changes).
- Total cost of the measures is \$286.4 million over the 2025-26 forward estimates.
- Income apportionment applied to employment income received from at least the 1990s to December 2020 and was used to review social security entitlements and raise debts.
- Around 5.5 million debts may be affected by income apportionment, held by around 3 million people, totalling around \$4.4 billion.

KEY INFORMATION

- Income apportionment was a historical practice used in debt matters to assess employment income prior to December 2020 for the purposes of calculating social security debts. It is now understood the practice was not supported by the *Social Security Act 1991* at the time.
- Changes were made to the *Social Security Act 1991* from 7 December 2020. Income apportionment is not used to assess income earned post-7 December 2020, including income earned today.
- Income apportionment is not Robodebt. Its use arose due to a genuine misunderstanding of the relevant provisions.
- The government's legislative changes validate the historical use of income apportionment. Once the Bill commences, debt decisions affected by income apportionment will be valid and enforceable.
 - This is necessary to avoid the potential recalculation of millions of debts, many of which were paid off years ago. Recalculation of debts would place significant burden on individuals and employers, and would involve a significant diversion of resources, affecting Services Australia's ability to help Australians who need assistance now.

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- The Bill also establishes the Income Apportionment Resolution Scheme to provide resolution payments of up to \$600 to people with debts reasonably likely to be affected by income apportionment. The details of the scheme will be set out via a ministerial legislative instrument. Subject to the passage of legislation, it is anticipated applications will open for 12 months from January 2026. The payment amount is dependent on the value of a person's original debt.

Why don't you wipe all debts impacted by income apportionment?

- While income apportionment affected how some debts were calculated on the margins, in most cases, a debt was still owed.
- The sampling exercise conducted by Services Australia indicated about a third of people were actually better off under income apportionment. The median change to debts was less than \$100 when recalculated.
- The government has a legislative obligation to recover overpayments.

Why don't you recalculate all debts impacted by income apportionment?

- The government's Bill will validate past debt decisions and clarify lawful methods for assessing employment income prospectively for debts incurred before December 2020.
- This means debts raised and repaid do not need to be recalculated.
- Recalculating debts would cause distress and protracted uncertainty for people affected. In many of these cases, the debts are decades old, have been repaid, and people have moved on with their lives.
- Recalculating these debts would take many years and cost an estimated \$9 billion.

What will happen to those debts currently paused for debt recovery by Services Australia?

- Upon passage of legislation, assessment and recovery of affected debts will progress in line with the amended legislation. Until then, any matters progressed will be assessed in line with the current law (Full Federal Court case - *Chaplin*).
- People whose debts were recalculated during the debt pauses may be eligible for a resolution payment.
- People with a paused debt don't need to do anything now. Further information on next steps and eligibility for the resolution scheme will be available pending the passage of legislation.

Can people still seek a formal review or Administrative Review Tribunal appeal of their income apportionment debt once their debt is validated?

- All rights to administrative review and appeal related to debts are retained. A person can seek review of their debt at any time.

Why do people have to apply for a resolution payment? Why can't people just be paid?

- Automatically issuing resolution payments isn't feasible as we need to ensure we have the latest customer contact information and payment details.
- Some people may not want to engage with the process.
- By applying to the scheme, individuals can confirm their current information and have a choice if they want to participate in the scheme.

Why are you limiting the resolution scheme to income apportionment affected debts between 2003 to 2020?

- This timeframe captures the majority of debts we believe to be affected by income apportionment – 3.1 out of 5.5 million debts, belonging to 1.7 million people.

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- Anyone who has a debt dating before 2003 can still appeal their debt at any time.
- Unrelated legislative changes that commenced on 20 September 2003 made the practice of income apportionment clearly unlawful for most payment types. Prior to this date, it is less clear.

How are cases where there has been a conviction based on an income apportioned debt being handled?

- Nobody is referred for prosecution or convicted solely because they have a social security debt.
- Services Australia decides whether a brief of evidence is referred to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP) based on the sufficiency of the evidence.
- The handling of prosecutions is a matter for the CDPP.

Have there been wrongful convictions due to income apportionment?

- Prosecutions are very serious and where they result in a custodial sentence, this is because the nature of the offending is so significant. People are never referred to the CDPP for overpayments alone.
- The CDPP cannot definitively determine whether any individual has been wrongfully convicted until Services Australia:
 - (a) identifies the individuals that are impacted by income apportionment; and
 - (b) has recalculated the debts that were the subject of prosecution.

[Small debt waiver] Why did you pick \$250 and not another number?

- The existing small debt waiver thresholds are \$50 and \$200 depending on the payment type and whether the person is currently receiving a payment.
- The new threshold of \$250 takes into account the broad cost of pursuing small debts, ensuring debt recovery remains cost-effective.

[Small debt waiver] What safeguards will be in place to ensure the small debt waiver is not exploited?

- The small debt waiver already exists. It is very rare for a person to receive multiple small debt waivers in a year.
- The incidence of fraud in the system is actually very low – the Robodebt Royal Commission found fraud accounts for only 0.1% of debts raised each year.
- Services Australia will continue to monitor the application of the small debt waiver and intervene to correct ongoing errors in reporting that are often unintended or inadvertent.
- Where a person has multiple small overpayments, these can be raised as a debt greater than \$250.

[Statute of limitations] Why hasn't the government reinstated a statute of limitations on debt recovery, in accordance with Recommendation 18.2 of the Royal Commission into the Robodebt Scheme?

- The government is committed to a strong social security safety net and service delivery that puts people at the centre.
- The government has accepted this recommendation in principle on the basis it will carefully consider options for legislative reform, including appropriate statutory limitation periods for the raising and recovery of social security debts to comprehensively address the issues identified by the Royal Commission.
- The previous 6-year limitation was complex and created ambiguity while in place. Simply re-instating the previous statutory provision will not provide the certainty the Royal Commissioner sought in making the recommendation.

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The full suite of measures will cost \$286.4 million over the 2025-26 forward estimates, with \$41.2 million per year ongoing from 2029-30. Refer **SB25-000291** for key facts and figures.

Measure	Forward Estimates
Validating income apportionment	\$19.8 million
Debt reform - waivers	\$169.5 million
Income apportionment resolution scheme	\$97.2 million
Total	\$286.4 million

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TITLE: 52-WEEK CAP ISSUE

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- The 52-week cap issue arises when people receive employment income lump sums that were earned over long periods (for example, several years' worth of backpay). Under the income test, these amounts are attributed forwards over a period of equal length to the earning period (the assessment period).
- Indicative estimates suggest around **40,000** people are potentially affected by the incorrect application of a 52-week cap to the assessment period of employment income lump sums received between **7 December 2020** and **7 September 2024**.
- The vast majority of recipients will have **minimal (or no) rate impacts**, given most affected lump sums have relatively low values and/or short earning periods.
- Services Australia were instructed to cease applying the cap on **14 June 2023**. From this date, staff applied manual workarounds wherever possible while a system fix was developed.
- The system fix was implemented on **7 September 2024**. All lump sums reported from this date have been assessed correctly.
- The remediation pilot commenced on **14 July 2025**. As at **26 September 2025**, **190** cases have been reviewed, with **156** of these now completed or removed from the pilot.
 - Around **28% (27)** of completed cases resulted in **arrears being paid**.
 - **53% (51)** of completed cases resulted in **arrears being paid and debts being waived**.
 - Where arrears have been paid, the **average payment is around \$20**.
 - Around **16% (16)** of completed cases resulted in **no rate impacts**.
 - Around **31% (59)** of all cases reviewed were **removed from the pilot** due to lack of suitability (e.g. due to containing complications that are better addressed in later phases of remediation).
- This issue was identified in April 2023 as part of the Department's review into an Administrative Appeals Tribunal case.

KEY INFORMATION

- The Department and Services Australia have been working closely to rectify an issue in the income test treatment of certain employment income lump sums (the 52-week cap issue), which occurred when new legislation took effect on 7 December 2020.
- Services Australia commenced remediation on 14 July 2025, whereby staff conduct manual reassessments of affected recipients' records.
 - Recipients do not need to initiate this process; Services Australia will contact affected individuals if they require additional information.

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- Recipients who were overpaid will not be required to repay the excess funds, recipients who were underpaid will be paid any shortfall.
- Where possible, Services Australia will pay arrears under the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* (SSA Act). Where the SSA Act prevents arrears from being paid (due to limitations on how far back such payments can be made), the shortfall will be paid under the Scheme for Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration (CDDA Scheme).
- Affected recipients will also be advised of the option to seek additional compensation (through separate CDDA claims) if they believe they have experienced detriment beyond what is covered by the arrears payments. The Department will manage this part of the remediation process.

What are the impacts on recipients?

- The 52-week cap issue can cause underpayments of income support in the first year (due to the higher concentration of assessable income) and overpayments in subsequent years (due to the lump sum no longer being assessed).
- In many cases, application of the cap will not impact recipients' social security payment rates at all.
- It is not known how many recipients were incorrectly cancelled because of this error. Cancelled recipients' records need to be manually investigated to determine whether the cancellation would still have occurred if the lump sum had been attributed correctly.

Why has it taken so long to commence remediation? Why is progress slow?

- The immediate priority (following discovery of the issue) was to cease the incorrect application of the cap, initially through manual workarounds and later through a system fix.
- The issue's complexity required the remediation approach to be carefully designed, to ensure it was consistent with legislation, addressed any detriment and covered the range of recipient outcomes.
- Due to the complexity of the remediation process and need for manual reassessment of individual records, it is not possible to provide a timeframe for completion at this time.
- Services Australia is prioritising an assessment of the pilot outcomes to inform the strategy moving forward, with the intention of increasing the pace of remediation.

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Background

Summary

- The '52-week cap' issue is the (historic) incorrect application of a 52-week limit to the assessment period of employment income lump sums earned over more than a year. Such lump sums should have been assessed over a period of equivalent length to their earning period.
- For example, if an income support recipient received \$20,000 for three years' backpay from their employer:
 - Under the 52-week cap, the \$20,000 would have been assessed in equal parts over 52-weeks, and none of the lump sum would have been assessed in the subsequent two years; and
 - Without the 52-week cap, the \$20,000 payment would have been assessed in equal parts over three years.

Timeline

- The error commenced on **7 December 2020**, with the enactment of the *Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Income Reporting and Other Measures) Act 2020*, which significantly changed the income test treatment of employment income.
 - As part of a raft of significant changes, this Act removed the 52-week cap from the assessment of employment income lump sums, which had been in place prior to its commencement.
 - The Guide to Social Security Law was inadvertently not updated and continued to include the instruction to 'cap' such lump sums to 52 weeks.
- This issue was identified in **April 2023** as part of the Department's review into an Administrative Appeals Tribunal case.
- The Department instructed Services Australia to cease applying the 52-week cap on **14 June 2023**. Services Australia began implementing manual workarounds from this date where possible, while a full system fix was developed. The system fix was implemented on **7 September 2024**.
- The Department informed Minister Rishworth of this issue on **20 June 2023**. Subsequent briefings were provided to Minister Rishworth on **29 November 2024** and **27 March 2025**.
- The Department informed the Commonwealth Ombudsman of this issue on **2 July 2024**. The Department and Services Australia provided periodic progress updates to the Ombudsman in subsequent months.
- The Department informed Minister Plibersek of this issue on **17 June 2025**.
 - The Department informed key stakeholders (the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS), Economic Justice Australia and Legal Aid) on 1 July 2025. The Department has continued to engage with these stakeholders periodically since then.
 - ACOSS CEO, Dr Cassandra Goldie AO, wrote to Minister Plibersek and Minister Gallagher on 21 July 2025, expressing disappointment about the pace of the resolution process. The Ministers issued a joint response to Dr Goldie on 28 August 2025.
 - Remediation of the issue commenced on 14 July 2025.

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TITLE: DEEMING

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- From 20 September 2025, a deeming rate of 0.75% applies to financial assets under \$64,200 for singles and \$106,200 for couples combined. Financial assets over this amount are now deemed at a rate of 2.75%.
- After indexation is taken into account, these changes are expected to have reduced fortnightly payment rates for around 98,800 income support recipients. The median fortnightly reduction is estimated at \$6.70 for age pensioners and \$5.90 across all payment types.
- In the future, the Australian Government Actuary (AGA) will take on the role of recommending deeming rates.
- Future changes to the deeming rates will occur at the same time as the indexation of pensions and most allowances, on 20 March and 20 September each year. Changes outside of these times will remain possible in extenuating circumstances.

KEY INFORMATION

- The deeming rate freeze ended on 30 June 2025.
- On 20 September 2025, the deeming rates increased for the first time since they were set to their lowest-ever levels on 1 May 2020 during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Social security recipients impacted by deeming are estimated to have saved around \$1.8 billion due to the deeming rate freeze.
- Rates of return that meet or exceed the new deeming rates are available in the market.
- The lower deeming rate has increased from 0.25% to 0.75%. This rate of return is readily achievable in standard bank account products provided by the Big Four banks:
 - The average return currently offered on savings accounts targeted at older Australians by the Big Four banks is 1.05% per annum (p.a.) for someone with an account balance of around \$64,200 (the deeming threshold for a single person).
 - The average return currently offered on online savings accounts by the Big Four Banks is 1.09% p.a.
 - According to the RBA, the average interest rate paid to households on deposits across all Authorised Deposit-Taking Institutions (ADIs) was 2.5% p.a. in July 2025.
- The upper deeming rate has increased from 2.25% to 2.75%. The upper rate is intended to reflect the higher returns available on products that involve some reduced accessibility and/or increased risk. These include longer-date term deposits, shares, managed investments, and superannuation.
 - The average return currently offered on twelve-month term deposits from the Big Four Banks is 3.6% p.a.
 - According to the RBA, the average interest rate paid to households on new term deposits in July 2025 was 3.7% p.a.

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- The ASX All Ordinaries dividend yield was at 3.24% as at July 2025.
- At the end of August 2025:
 - there were almost 5.4 million people receiving an income support payment. Around 774,000 of these recipients had their payment rate affected by deemed income.
 - Age pensioners made up around 59% of the recipients affected by deeming. Age pensioners tend to experience the largest impact of deeming on their payment rates, because they hold more financial assets on average than people receiving other income support payments.
 - Deeming still only impacts a minority of age pensioners. Of more than 2.6 million Age Pension recipients, only 17% are currently on a rate of payment affected by deemed income.
- Only 2.6% of Age Pension recipients are estimated to have experienced a net decrease in their payment rate on 20 September 2025 after the combined impact of deeming and indexation.
- The table below shows the breakdown of recipients expected to experience a decreased rate of payment after 20 September 2025 as a proportion of the total number of recipients for each major payment type.

Payment type	Total number of recipients	Recipients with net payment decrease on 20 Sept 2025...	... as % of total recipients of payment type
Age Pension	2,675,000	69,500	2.6%
Austudy	26,000	2,800	10.8%
Carer Payment	325,000	1,800	0.5%
Disability Support Pension	833,000	5,600	0.7%
JobSeeker Payment	888,000	9,600	1.1%
Parenting Payment Partnered	60,000	200	3.4%
Parenting Payment Single	333,000	800	0.2%
Special Benefit	5,500	300	5.5%
Youth Allowance (student and apprentice)	164,000	7,200	4.4%
Youth Allowance (other)	100,000	1,000	1.0%

Note: All recipient numbers are rounded; recipients with net payment decrease are estimated based on departmental modelling.

Future deeming rate changes

- The AGA will take on the role of recommending future deeming rates.
- The AGA will advise government on the most appropriate rates, guided by the returns pensioners and other payment recipients can reasonably access on their investments.
- Future changes to the rates will occur at the same time as the indexation of pensions and most allowances, on 20 March and 20 September each year. Changes outside of these times will remain possible in extenuating circumstances.
- The AGA is expected to provide its first recommendations early next year to inform a possible further adjustment to the deeming rates on 20 March 2026.

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- The financial implications of the changes to the deeming rates have not been publicly released and are currently classified as Cabinet-in-Confidence material.
- This information will be published in the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Update.

IMPACT ANALYSIS

- The Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) discussed the Department's publicly available Impact Analysis in a recent article on the deeming changes ("Deeming rates have increased after a five-year freeze. Here's how that could impact pension payments", 23 September 2025).
 - After quoting several figures on distributional impact of the changes, the ABC noted "...this is all according to the department's draft impact analysis, which wasn't finalised or assessed by the federal Office of Impact Analysis before the government announced the changes in August."

If asked: Why wasn't the Department's impact analysis assessed by the Office of Impact Analysis (OIA)?

- The Government's decision on the deeming rates was announced as soon as possible, on 20 August 2025, to give affected recipients as much notice of the changes as possible.
- A draft Impact Analysis was provided to decision-makers earlier in the process, but was not finalised and assessed by OIA before announcement.
- As a result, the OIA found the impact analysis was insufficient to meet the requirements set out in the *Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis*.
- The Department subsequently prepared an impact analysis which is published on the OIA website for transparency purposes. The OIA has not assessed this impact analysis.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**SB25-000156****BACKGROUND**

- The social security deeming rates provide a fair and simple way to assess the income people can earn on their financial assets for social security purposes.
- Deeming assumes people can earn the kinds of returns on their financial assets that are available from simple investments such as bank accounts, term deposits, shares and managed funds. A recipient is assumed (deemed) to earn the amount determined by the deeming rates, regardless of the return they actually earn on their investments. Anything a person earns above the deeming rates does not affect their income support payment rate.
- Deeming was introduced in its current form in 1996 to simplify reporting and administrative requirements. It replaces the need for recipients to track and report their actual investment income from different types of financial assets, and encourages them to seek a reasonable rate of return across their financial investments as a whole.
- Deemed income will reduce a person's payment rate if:
 - The recipient is on an income-tested rate of payment, meaning the income test produces a lower payment rate for them than the assets test; and
 - The recipient's total income – which includes their deemed income together with any other sources of income, such as employment, business, assessable superannuation or a foreign pension – exceeds the income free area for their payment.
- On 1 May 2020, deeming rates were reduced by 75 basis points to their lowest-ever levels as an emergency COVID-19 measure. This reduced the lower deeming rate from 1% to 0.25% and the upper deeming rate from 3% to 2.25%.
- The deeming rates were subsequently frozen until 30 June 2025 to provide cost of living relief for pensioners and other income support recipients who rely on investment income in addition to their income support payment. As a result, the deeming rates remained at the levels set on 1 May 2020 for over five years.
 - An initial two-year freeze from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024 was an election commitment of the government. The freeze was extended for a further 12 months to 30 June 2025 as part of the 2024-25 Federal Budget.

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TITLE: VOLUNTEERING - INCLUDING GRANTS

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Australian Government is investing over **\$112 million** from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2026 to support volunteering, including:
 - Volunteer Grants to help with volunteering-related costs - **\$50 million**
 - Volunteer Management Activity (VMA) focussed on building capacity and capability of volunteer managers - **\$59.65 million**
 - Volunteering Awareness Campaign targeting young people - **\$3 million**

KEY INFORMATION

Volunteer Grants

- The Volunteer Grants program (the program) provides **\$10 million** annually in small one-off grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to support the work of over 3,800 community organisations.
- In 2024–25, the program was revised to align with the National Strategy, the government’s commitment to children and young people, and better respond to the environment for community organisations relying on volunteers.
- Community organisations could apply for grants to pay for mobile phones, new software, laptops, and radio communication equipment. Where volunteer activities were supporting the development and wellbeing of children (under 18), funds could also be used to purchase items such as training, first aid and educational equipment.
- For the first time, organisations could also pay for insurance premiums and internet service fees.

Volunteer Management Activity

- The VMA aims to build the capacity and capability of volunteer organisations (referred to as ‘Volunteer Involving Organisations’ (VIOs)) through online training and services and support to break down barriers to volunteering for priority groups, delivered by state and territory volunteering peak bodies.
- As part of the program, **\$14.2 million** has been provided between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2026, to support regional or location-specific organisations, 35 Volunteering Resource Centres (VRCs), funded under the previous VMA model, transition to and align their services with the VMA.
- An evaluation of the VMA will be completed in the second half of 2025. Learnings from the evaluation will inform improvements to the program beyond 1 July 2026.
- The Government has also supported the development of the National Strategy for Volunteering (2023–2033), including \$1.2 million to Volunteering Australia to consult with the sector and lead the development of a co-designed National Strategy and its first Three Year Action Plan.

National Advertising Campaign

- Between 20 October 2024 and 30 June 2025, ‘Hanging out to help out’ aimed to build awareness of volunteering and highlight the various ways in which young people (15-18 years of age) can benefit from contributing their time and skills and the benefits that volunteering has in communities.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**SB25-000160****Background****Status of Volunteering in Australia**

- Across Australia, it is estimated that over six million people volunteered through an organisation or group in 2021.
- The General Social Survey (GSS) conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics shows:
 - The rate of formal volunteering fell around 20% between 2010 and 2020.
 - Volunteering hours contributed decreased by over 34% between 2014 and 2020.
- ANU research conducted in April 2022 provided the following key insights into the volunteering sector (ANUpoll, April 2022).
- Per cent of Australians who undertook volunteering in the previous 12 months, by age category:
 - 18–24 years (25%)
 - 25–34 years (25.1%)
 - 35–44 years (23.5%)
 - 45–54 years (24.9%)
 - 55–64 years (27.9%)
 - 65–74 years (32.5%)
 - 75 or more years (31.6%)
- The type of organisations that involved the most volunteers were:
 - Sport/Recreation (25%)
 - Community/Welfare/Homelessness (22.2%)
 - Religious/Faith-Based/Spiritual (20.5%)
- The type of organisations volunteers indicated they most wanted to volunteer for in the future:
 - Animal Welfare (29.4%)
 - Environment (23%)
 - Children/Youth (22.7%)
- Key barriers to volunteering stated by individuals were:
 - Work/family commitments
 - Financial reasons
 - Health issues
 - Availability of opportunities
- Research conducted by the Australian National University (ANU) Centre for Social Research and Methods (October 2023), which used a smaller sample compared to the GSS but offers the most recent statistics, confirmed the COVID-19 pandemic compounded the decline in formal volunteering of people aged 18 years and over, and participation had yet to return to pre-pandemic levels by April 2023.
- This environment has created sector challenges. In 2022, 83% of organisations reported an immediate need for more volunteers now or in the near future.

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- According to ANU research, there are early signs of a recovery with 36% of people aged 18 years and over volunteering through an organisation in April 2023, up from 26.7% in April 2022.
- Results from the 2025 GSS are scheduled to be published in the first half of 2026 and will confirm whether formal volunteering participation has recovered to pre-pandemic levels.

Research/reports/studies announced or published in the last 6 months

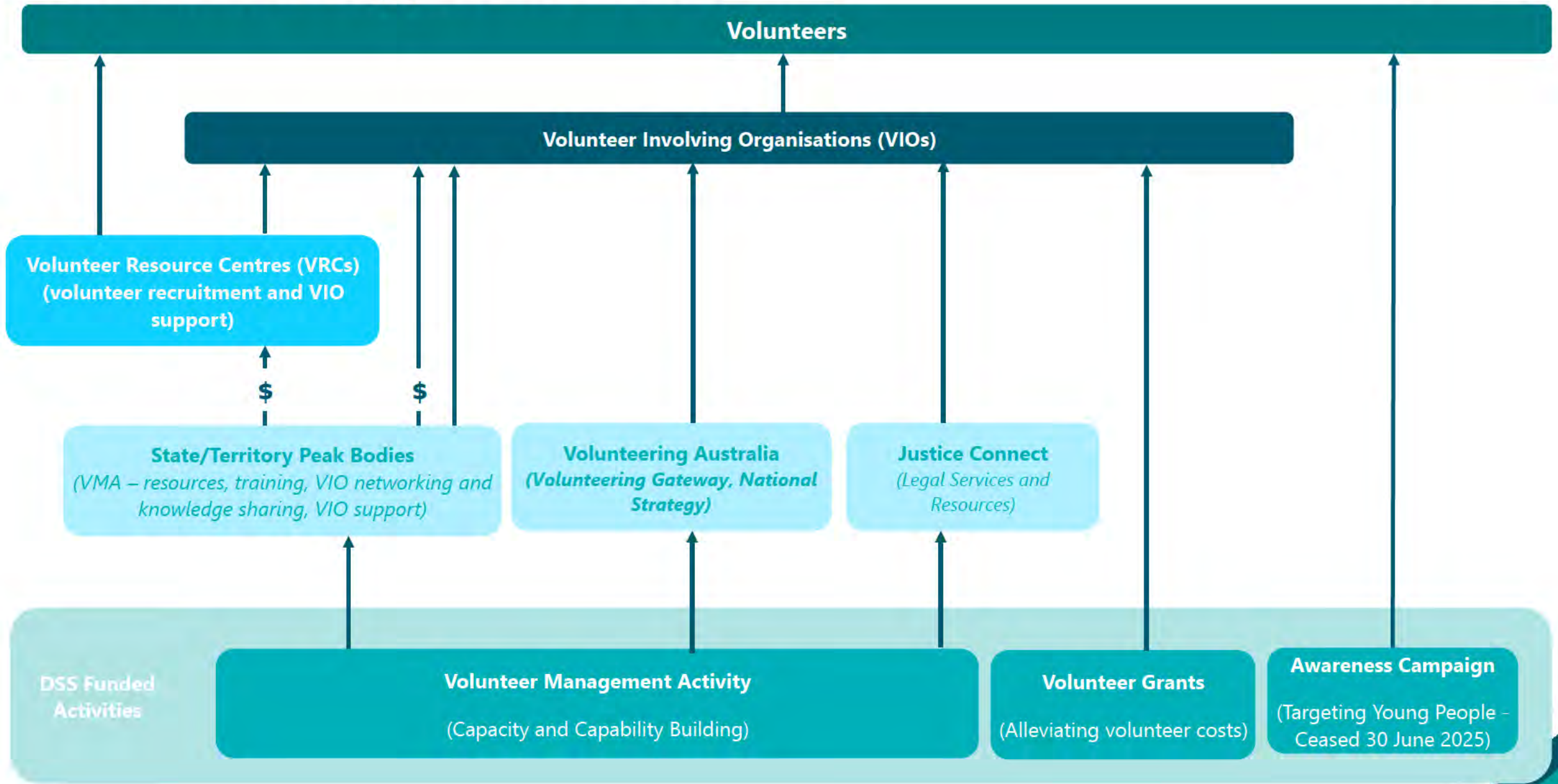
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July 2025	Incoming Government Brief	Volunteering Australia	The Incoming Government Brief was drafted by Volunteering Australia in collaboration with state and territory volunteering peak bodies. It provides a broad overview of volunteering in Australia and ecosystem level considerations for the returned government. In this brief, Volunteering Australia calls for expanded eligibility for the Volunteer Grants program to better reflect the true costs of volunteering, increased investment for the implementation of the National Strategy and increased investment in the VMA.
April 2025	Federal Election Platform	Volunteering Australia	In this document, Volunteering Australia call on all political parties to commit to implement the National Strategy, provide cost-of-living relief to volunteers, increase funding for the VMA, reform volunteer insurance and develop a national volunteer passport.

Attachments

Attachment A – Volunteering Funding Diagram

DSS funded support for volunteers

\$ = on-funding



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TITLE: TARGETING ENTRENCHED DISADVANTAGE (TED) PACKAGE

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Targeting Entrenched Disadvantage (TED) package delivers eight integrated initiatives with an investment of over \$230 million from 2023 to 2034.
- Together, these initiatives help change the trajectory of communities experiencing entrenched disadvantage through partnering with communities, building strategic partnerships with philanthropy, delivering innovative funding approaches. and supporting government to work closer with communities.
- TED is jointly implemented by the Department of Social Services (the Department), the Treasury and the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

KEY INFORMATION**Extension of Stronger Places, Stronger People (SPSP)**

- SPSP is a place-based partnership initiative supporting community-led change with ten communities.
- It seeks to disrupt disadvantage and create better futures for children and their families through locally tailored and evidence-driven solutions to local problems, in partnership with local people.
- \$64 million from 2023–24 to 2028–29 has been committed for the extension of SPSP. This includes resourcing for shared decision-making and local solutions funding in six of the ten communities.
- This initiative is led by the Department in partnership with participating states and territories.

Commonwealth Outcomes Fund (the Fund)

- \$105.5 million from 2024–25 to 2034–35 has been committed (\$100 million for the Fund and \$5.5 million to manage and evaluate the Fund).
- This initiative is led by the Department and relevant projects delivered in partnership with participating states and territories.
- The Fund will make contractual payments to states, territories and service providers based on delivering agreed social impact projects addressing entrenched disadvantage.
- It aims to reduce disadvantage through innovation, improve the evidence base for social policy interventions and grow social impact investing in Australia.
- Four projects have been selected to date. The South Australian, Victorian and New South Wales projects will receive a total of up to \$21.02 million from the Fund. States will match contributions. Bilateral schedules for the projects were executed by the Minister for Social Services on 6 March 2025.

Social Enterprise Development Initiative (SEDI)

- SEDI is a grants program helping social enterprises scale their impact and support for Australians experiencing disadvantage. It provides:
 - small grants (of up to \$120,000 GST exclusive) to build the capability of the social enterprise sector, administered through Impact Investing Australia (IIA).
 - education resources and mentoring services coordinated by Social Enterprise Australia (SEA).

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- \$11.6 million from 2023–24 to 2025–26 has been committed. A further \$3.3 million has been allocated to First Nations activities until 2026–27.
- The government is considering the future of SEDI beyond 30 June 2026.
- This initiative is led by the Department.

Social Enterprise Loan Fund (SELF)

- White Box Enterprises (WBE) established the SELF in March 2025. The SELF offers affordable and flexible finance for social enterprises to deliver greater social impact and job creation for people who face barriers to employment
- \$1.2 million for 2025–26 has been allocated.
- Work is currently underway to finalise the Commonwealth contribution to the SELF.
- This initiative is led by the Department.

Whole of Government Framework to Support Community Change (Framework)

- The Framework provides a range of tools and resources to help the Australian Government work differently and more closely with communities and other stakeholders to deliver place-based work.
- Resources include guidance on place-based work, community level data, shared decision-making, place-based evaluations, outcomes based contracting and partnering with philanthropy.
- The Framework and supporting resources will be published on the Department's website in 2025.
- \$11.31 million from 2023–24 to 2025–26 has been committed to support the Department and Treasury (this includes \$7.8 million over two years, and \$3.5 million extension for 12 months).
- This initiative is co-led by the Department and the Treasury.

Investment Dialogue for Australia's Children (IDAC)

- IDAC is a partnership between government and 25 philanthropic organisations that is co-led by the Department and the Treasury.
- It aims to improve the wellbeing of children, young people, and their families to reduce intergenerational disadvantage in Australia.
- IDAC roundtables have been held on 4 December 2023 and 15 November 2024.
- Following the second roundtable, members agreed to a range of new initiatives and reaffirmed their strong commitment to work together in partnership through the three key portfolios of place, the early years, young people as well as enhancements to the Outcomes Fund.
- This initiative is co-led by the Department and Treasury.

Partnerships for Local Action and Community Empowerment (PLACE)

- PLACE is an independent national organisation established to support and promote place-based approaches and community-led change. It is a commitment under the IDAC partnership and a joint initiative of the government and five philanthropic foundations as co-investors.
- PLACE was announced on 30 October 2024, and the Australian Government signed its funding agreement with PLACE on 25 February 2025.
- The government has committed \$19.31 million for PLACE from 2024–25 to 2028–29. A further \$19.31 million has been matched by philanthropic partners.
- This initiative is led by the Department.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**SB25-000161****Life Course Data Initiative (LCDI)**

- The LCDI brings together data from a range of early childhood, health and community services to inform long term policy responses to address entrenched disadvantage.
- Its delivered through a partnership between the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Government, and with South Australia (SA) through the SA Government and the University of Adelaide's BetterStart.
- \$16.4 million from 2023–24 to 2026–27 has been committed.
- This initiative is led by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Why place-based work matters

- Place-based work is a powerful tool for addressing entrenched disadvantage in communities where universal systems alone haven't made enough impact.
- It focuses on local solutions for local challenges, recognising that complex issues — like unemployment, and poor education outcomes — which often cluster in specific locations and require different, tailored and more community-led responses.
- Key reasons place-based work is essential:
 - Disadvantage is persistent and intergenerational in some communities, with children born into poverty more likely to remain in it.
 - Universal policies aren't always enough. Complex, interconnected issues need joined up, locally informed solutions.
 - Communities often know what works locally. They bring insight, creativity and resilience that government alone can't replicate.
 - Long-term change takes time, and place-based work can support sustained efforts across political cycles.
 - International evidence supports it. Countries like New Zealand, the UK, and Canada are investing in place-based models to empower communities and improve outcomes.
- Place-based work doesn't replace universal services—it complements them, ensuring no community is left behind and that solutions are designed with, not just for, the people they aim to support.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**SB25-000161****Background****Extension of Stronger Places, Stronger People (SPSP)**

- The SPSP initiative continues to progress in partnership with state and territory governments in: Logan, Rockhampton and Gladstone (QLD); Bourke and the Macleay Valley, including Kempsey (NSW); Mildura (VIC); Burnie (TAS); the Far West Region, including Ceduna (SA); and the Barkly Region, including Tennant Creek and Gove Peninsula (NT).
- The six communities receiving Shared Decision-Making (SDM) and Local Solutions Funding (LSF) have an established community-led strategy for change. These communities include Logan (QLD), Gladstone (QLD), Bourke (NSW), Mildura (VIC), Burnie (TAS), and the Far West region (including Ceduna, SA).
- Funding of \$64 million over six years from 2023–24, includes \$52 million in Administered and \$12 million in Departmental funding.
 - Administered funding provides continued backbone and capability support for the ten community partnerships for a further five years from 2024–25, and resources the initiative level elements, such as measurement and evaluation, and leadership and learning support.
 - It also provides \$12.2 million to support shared decision-making activities and funding to support local solutions projects aligned to community-led strategies in the six established SPSP community partnerships, from 2023–24 for six years.

Commonwealth Outcomes Fund (the Fund)

- The Fund commenced from 2024–25, following a Treasury led co-design process with over 100 stakeholders including state and territory governments, philanthropy, investors and service providers.
- The first process to identify projects opened on 28 May 2024 and closed on 16 August 2024. State and territory governments with well-developed projects were invited to submit an expression of interest.
- At the second IDAC roundtable held on 15 November 2024, IDAC members agreed to establish the Social Impact Investing Working Group to collaborate on projects under the Fund. This working group provides the opportunity for ongoing partnership between the government and philanthropy to support the Fund.
- On 28 May 2025, IDAC Strategy Group endorsed three recommended enhancements for the Fund responding to stakeholder feedback – to clarify the Fund objective, to narrow the focus of commissioning rounds and to enhance collaboration with stakeholders. The Minister is currently considering these enhancements.

Social Enterprise Loan Fund (SELF)

- The Social Enterprise Loan Fund (SELF) was established by White Box Enterprises (WBE) in response to the unique barriers social enterprises face in accessing affordable and appropriate finance.
- WBE is a specialist intermediary supporting jobs-focused social enterprises (or Work Integration Social Enterprises (WISEs)).
- It has been established with an initial \$4.15 million investment and a target of reaching \$5 million.
- Prior to the Commonwealth's investment, a \$3.15 million combined contribution was received from investors including banks, private philanthropic investors and the Victorian Government.
- The SELF will provide loans of between \$100,000 to \$500,000 that will focus on supporting activities that will grow the social enterprise and support more disadvantaged Australians into meaningful work. It is expected to support between 12 and 20 social enterprises.

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- Eligible social enterprises must be not-for-profit or a First Nations business, with deductible gift recipient (DGR) status and must create employment pathways for people with complex barriers to employment.
- The SELF will run for eight years, allowing for one round of loans to social enterprises, with payment terms of up to seven years.
- Funds available at the maturity of the SELF will be returned to investors. Repayments relating to the Commonwealth funding will be returned to WBE for specified future uses, including an evaluation of the SELF and reinvestment into jobs-focused social enterprises.
- The SELF is a trial that will be used to inform government and other investors on the impact that access to affordable finance has on social enterprises.

Whole of Government Framework to Support Community Change (Framework)

- The Framework sets the strategic intent for the APS when supporting community-led change. Supporting resources include:
 - APS guide to working in place
 - Guide to government partnership with philanthropy
 - APS shared decision-making guide
 - Community Data Toolkit
 - Place-based evaluation strategy
 - Resources on outcomes-based contracting.
- The Framework and first completed resources will be published online this year.

Investment Dialogue for Australia's Children (IDAC)

- IDAC Philanthropic partners include: The Berg Family Foundation; The Bryan Foundation; Tim Fairfax Family Foundation; Cages Foundation; Dusseldorp Forum; Sydney Children's Hospitals Foundation; Besen Family Foundation; Fogarty Foundation; Gold Coast Hospital Foundation; Hand Heart Pocket; Minderoo Foundation; The Ian Potter Foundation; The John Villiers Trust; Helen Macpherson Smith Trust; Perpetual; Philanthropy Australia; Paul Ramsey Foundation; RM Ansett Trust; Stan Perron Charitable Foundation; BHP Foundation; and Bowness Family Foundation.
- Commitments agreed to at the IDAC roundtable on 15 November 2024 include:
 - Inviting state and territory governments and additional philanthropic partners to join the dialogue.
 - Establishing the IDAC Social Impact Investment and Advisory Working Group to collaborate on projects under the Outcomes Fund.
 - Collaborating in up to 50 communities by 2030, providing a structured approach to aligning existing and future investment and efforts in community-led place-based change.
 - Partnering with three place-based community partners to trial innovation zones.
 - Developing innovative early learning models and integrated approaches to improve early childhood development (Early Years Models Project).
 - Co-designing an approach to collect better strengths-based data on children's sense of belonging, identity and wellbeing in line with the Early Years Strategy (Measuring Child and Family Wellbeing Demonstration Project).

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Partnerships for Local Action and Community Empowerment (PLACE)

- The concept of a national entity for place-based change was previously referred to as the National Centre for Place-based Collaboration or Nexus Centre, however the name of the newly established entity is Partnerships for Local Action and Community Empowerment (PLACE).
- PLACE philanthropic co-investors include: the Minderoo Foundation, the Paul Ramsay Foundation, the Bryan Foundation, Dusseldorp Forum and the Ian Potter Foundation.
- The design of the PLACE initiative responds to feedback from those already working in place-based change by bringing together people and resources, sharing data and research, and empowering local practitioners and communities to act on the things that matter most to communities.
- The PLACE organisation will provide the forum and practical tools required to accelerate the adoption and impact of community-led and place-based approaches.

Life Course Data Initiative (LCDI)

- Progress has been made in developing the pilot Life Course Dataset through safely linking the existing Person Level Integrated Data Asset (PLIDA) to selected new datasets and developing methodological enhancements to enable analysis of experiences over the life course.
- Two ABS Community Data Liaison Officers (CDLOs) are engaging with community-led or place-based projects to understand data needs and to put more data in the hands of communities.
- The ABS is working with the ACT Government and SA Government/BetterStart in linking their selected jurisdictional data to PLIDA.

Evidence for place-based work

Disadvantage is persistent and intergenerational in some communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Around one in three children born into families in the bottom 20% of the income distribution in Australia will remain there. <i>(Department of the Treasury, 'Working Future: The Australian Government's White Paper on Jobs and Opportunities', Department of the Treasury, 2023.)</i> • Children who spent more than half of their childhood with a parent or guardian receiving income support are 1.5 times more likely to receive income support themselves, and they are more likely to receive it earlier in life and for longer. <i>(Australian Government Actuary, Australian Priority Investment Approach to Welfare, 30 June 2022 Valuation Report)</i>
International examples of place-based work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In March 2025, the UK Government announced the Plan for Neighbourhoods, a ten-year program to address the foundations of disadvantage in 75 places left behind. The plan supports whole of community planning, devolved decision-making and cross-agency flexible funding mechanisms. • In April 2019, the Government of Canada launched the Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy to improve access to safe, affordable and stable housing for vulnerable people. Communities, local organisations and service providers work together towards achieving community-level outcomes and report on homelessness reduction targets. • In 2016, the New Zealand Government established three place-based initiatives aimed at improving outcomes for at-risk children and their families through localising collective decision-making

Attachments

Attachment A: Overview of place-based effort in Australia

Attachment A: Place based effort across Australia

A range of place-based effort operates across Australia, delivered by a range of government agencies. This effort includes:

- initiatives and programs working in place (place-focussed approaches, place-based approaches and place partnerships)
- strategic partnerships with organisations and governments
- innovative ways to fund in place
- data initiatives that support place-based effort
- National frameworks, strategies and resources which support place-based effort.

The list below represents the range of place-based effort operating across these categories. This work has been identified through the Department's 2023–24 stocktake of place-based work across the APS and ongoing engagement with government agencies. It may not include all place-based effort currently operating in Australia, and the content has not been cleared through the relevant program areas for this briefing.

How we define different kinds of place-based work:

Place-focussed approach	Place-based approach	Place partnership
Government gathers input from community to adapt programs and services, but ultimately has control over objectives, scope and implementation.	Initiatives are designed around a specific place and local community is an active participant in the development and implementation of solutions	Formal partnership between government and community that involves sharing power, governance, decisions, accountability and risk.

Initiatives and programs working in place

Agency	Initiative	Description
Department of Social Services	Stronger Places, Stronger People (SPSP)	A community-led, place-based partnership, collective impact initiative, co-funded with states and territories. It is stewarded by the Australian Government in partnership with state and territory governments and ten communities across Australia.
Department of Social Services	Strengthening Families and Communities Partnership	A place-based partnership to support the design and implementation family safety and community initiatives in the Central Australia region of the Northern Territory. The partnership is part of the Central Australia Plan, led by NIAA.

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Agency	Initiative	Description
Department of Social Services	Communities for Children Facilitating Partners (CfC FP)	A place-based approach that facilitates a whole-of-community approach to support and enhance early childhood development and wellbeing for children from birth to 12 years and can include children up to 18 years and their families. This place-based approach focuses on early childhood service coordination.
Department of Social Services	Leaving Violence Program (regional trials) (previously place-based trials of the Escaping Violence Payment – EVP)	A place-focused approach that provides financial, safety planning and referral support to victim-survivors to leave violent intimate partner relationships. There are four regional trials which focus on providing specialised and culturally appropriate support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victim-survivors. The trial locations are Broome WA, Cairns Qld, Darwin NT and Dubbo NSW.
Department of Social Services	Improving Multidisciplinary Responses (IMR)	A place-based approach that aims to protect First Nations children through addressing abuse and neglect. Partners co-design, lead, and deliver culturally appropriate and community-led projects that enhance existing initiatives and improve service delivery in the child and family sector across regional, remote, and metropolitan areas of Australia.
Department of Social Services	Children and Family Intensive Support program (CaFIS)	A place-focused approach that supports families in communities in the NT and Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands in South Australia. Services are required to meet the community's needs, and are evidence-based, trauma-informed, culturally appropriate and locally tailored.
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Empowered Communities (ECs)	A First Nations led place-based partnership between Commonwealth (DSS and NIAA) and EC leaders aiming to strengthen First Nations ownership and influence over decisions impacting them. EC leaders, who represent First Nations communities, work with government to set priorities, strengthen services and ensure funding is effective at the local level.
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Stronger Communities for Children (SCfC)	A flexible, place-based approach that works with ten Northern Territory communities to identify and implement local, integrated services and activities supporting children and young people to grow up strong, healthy and confident.
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Indigenous Skills and Employment Program (ISEP)	A placed based approach focusing on connecting First Nations people to jobs, career advancement opportunities, and to new training and job-ready activities. ISEP takes a new approach by supporting organisations to design activities with communities before implementing them.
National Indigenous Australians Agency	New Jobs Program Trial	Creates opportunities for community organisations to test and develop local approaches to jobs that achieve outcomes for community. The Trial will support up to 200 Community Development Program participants of working age to move off the income support system into paid employment at the minimum wage. The Trial will include strong community participation.

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Agency	Initiative	Description
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Supporting Healing for Families	Delivers Indigenous-led healing initiatives to support First Nations peoples affected by child sexual abuse. It includes co-design and delivery through a community partnership process
Attorney-General's Department	National Justice Reinvestment Program	Supports place-based justice reinvestment initiatives. It is underpinned by place-based principles and initiatives will be led and implemented by First Nations communities and organisations. This place-based approach involves collaboration with states and territories.
Department of Education and Department of Health, Disability and Ageing	Connected Beginnings	A place-based approach Draws upon the strength and knowledge of First Nations' communities to increase children and families' engagement with health and early childhood education and care. This place-based approach has a strong relationship with state and territory governments and is supported by SNAICC/NACCHO.
Department of Health, Disability and Ageing	Local Drug Action Team program (LDAT)	A place-focused approach that supports community organisations to reduce harms from alcohol and other drugs in their local area. The Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF), funded by the Australian Government, works with LDATs helping them to build or extend local partnerships, and develop and deliver evidence-based activities at the grassroots, community level.
Department of Health, Disability and Ageing	Integrated Care and Commissioning initiative	A place-focused approach trialling improved support and coordination of health, disability, aged care and veterans' services in First Nations, rural and remote communities. It will assist communities to identify improved access to care, create sustainable solutions, and adapt care and support to their needs.
Department of Health, Disability and Ageing	Primary Health Networks	Independent organisations operating to streamline health services and improve care coordination, especially for people at risk of poor health outcomes.
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	Local Jobs Program	A collaborative initiative involving local stakeholders, expertise and resources to design and deliver tailored approaches to reskilling, upskilling and employment in each of the 51 employment regions. It aims to provide tailored responses to support local labour markets and ensure the maximum number of people are placed in appropriate training or employment to meet employer needs. Local community groups and individuals are involved in designing local solutions.
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	Regional Deals – Barkly, Hinkler	Regional Deals bring together all levels of government around a clear set of objectives. The Deals operate using a place-based, multi-jurisdictional model where projects are developed and delivered collaboratively to meet the needs and ambitions of each community. This is a place-focused approach which varies region to region. It involves a partnership and co-funding with state and territory government.

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Agency	Initiative	Description
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	Growing Regions Program	Provides funding to local government entities and incorporated not-for-profit organisations, for capital works projects that deliver community-focused infrastructure projects across regional and rural Australia that revitalises regions and enhances amenity, social cohesion and liveability and drives regional economic prosperity.
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP)	Focuses on a partnership approach, bringing together governments and communities to deliver regional precincts that are tailored to local needs and have a shared vision for how that precinct connects to the region.
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.	Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program (uPPP)	Supports sustainable, productive, and liveable urban precincts through collaborative partnerships. This program will support the delivery of best-practice investment in urban infrastructure, connecting people and communities to services and opportunities that improve liveability and inclusion.
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Healthy Coorong, Healthy Basin program	Co-funded by the Australian Government and SA Government, it aims to improve the quality of wetland habitats. Some projects are being delivered in collaboration between organisations including the Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation, National Parks and Wildlife Service SA, Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board, and the Tolderol Wetlands Working Group.

Strategic Partnerships

Agency	Initiative	Details
Department of Social Services and Treasury	Investment Dialogue for Australia's Children (IDAC)	A government partnership with 24 philanthropic organisations to collectively support ways of working that improve the wellbeing of children, young people, and their families, and reduce intergenerational disadvantage in Australia.

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Agency	Initiative	Details
Department of Social Services	Partnerships for Local Action and Community Empowerment (PLACE)	An independent national entity established to support and promote place-based approach and community-led change. Funding provided by government and five philanthropic partners.
Department of Social Services	Implementation of Safe and Supported: National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children	A national framework driving change through collective effort across governments and sectors that impact the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.
Whole of government	National Agreement on Closing the Gap (the Agreement)	Represents the change in how governments work to support First Nations peoples, acknowledging the need for First Nations people to determine, implement and own outcomes. It includes 4 priority reforms, with Priority Reform One focussing on establishing policy and place-based partnerships to respond to policy and local priorities.
Whole of government	First Nations Economic Partnership	An Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community - Controlled Peak Organisations and the First Nations Economic Empowerment Alliance 2025–2030.

Innovative ways of funding

Agency	Initiative	Details
Department of Social Services	Closing the Gap Outcomes and Evidence Fund	Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCOS) are funded to co-design and deliver projects aimed at reducing the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care and reducing family violence (Targets 12 and 13). DSS is working in genuine partnership with First Nations peoples to implement the Fund, in line with the Commonwealth's commitments under Closing the Gap.
Department of Social Services	Commonwealth Outcomes Fund	The government is partnering with states, territories, philanthropy and social enterprises to tackle disadvantage by collaborating to deliver projects that improve outcomes in communities. The fund aims to reduce disadvantage through innovation, improve the evidence base for social policy interventions and grow social impact investing in Australia.
Department of Social Services	Social Enterprise Development Initiative (SEDI)	Helps social enterprises scale their impact and further their mission to support Australians experiencing disadvantage. Additional funding has been provided for to SEDI for First Nations activities, supporting First Nations social enterprise grants and learning communities.

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Agency	Initiative	Details
Department of Social Services	Social Enterprise Loan Fund (SELF)	Offers affordable and flexible finance that enables social enterprises to deliver greater social impact and job creation for people who face barriers to employment. White Box Enterprises (WBE) established the SELF, which launched in March 2025. The project is co-funded by the Commonwealth, philanthropy, private investors and the Victorian Government.
Department of Social Services	Transition of Income Management Support Services – Local Services Plans	To support communities during the transition off the Cashless Debit Card, Local Services Plans will be developed which will prioritise evidence-based local investments in support services and involve a range of stakeholders in the design, including community organisations, health services, businesses, state and local governments.
Department of Social Services	Enhanced Income Management	A tool that helping participants manage their welfare payments and prioritise spending operating in certain areas around Australia.
Department of Social Services	Social Impact Investing Trials	Trials delivered through the State and Territory Partnership and Payment by Outcomes Trials. The Trials are designed to test Social Impact Investing funding models, particularly outcomes-based contracting.

Data, evidence and evaluation initiatives that support place-based effort

Agency	Initiative	Description
Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)	Life Course Data Initiative (LCDI)	Enhances the understanding of experiences of disadvantage for individuals, and how to interrupt intergenerational disadvantage. It involves a partnership between the ABS, the Australian Capital Territory Government, and with South Australia (SA) through the SA Government and University of Adelaide's BetterStart.
Geoscience Australia	Digital Atlas	A platform providing national data in a central place for users to explore and use. This includes Commonwealth data about investment in social services in a geospatial format, to help understand where government investments are delivered.

National frameworks, strategies and resources which support place-based effort

Agency	Initiative	Description
Australian Public Service Commission	APS Charter of Partnerships and Engagement	Describes aspirational principles to support the APS to engage and partner meaningfully with all people, communities, non-government sectors, academia and industry. It highlights the importance of building relationships and working collaboratively towards shared outcomes and opportunities.

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Agency	Initiative	Description
Australian Public Service Commission	First Nations Partnership Playbook	The First Nations Partnership Playbook provides clear, practical guidance to public servants new to, or wishing to further develop skills in, working in partnership with First Nations people, communities, and organisations.
Department of Social Services and Treasury	Whole of government framework to support community change	Provides a range of tools and resources to help the Australian Government work differently with communities and other stakeholders to develop and deliver solutions that best fit a community's unique circumstances. Resources include guidance on place-based work, community level data, shared decision-making, place-based evaluations, outcomes based contracting and partnering with philanthropy.
Department of Social Services	Community Sector Grants Engagement Framework	Seeks to drive whole of government administrative and cultural change in how community sector grants are designed and how government works with the sector. The whole of government framework to support community change is activity 2.3.3 under the Community Sector Grants Engagement Framework.
Department of Social Services	Early Years Strategy	Supports children's development and success from an early age by prioritising child-centred policy development. Priority focus area three focuses on supporting and working with communities, including supporting local solutions to local problems and supporting shared decision making.
Department of Home Affairs	Office for Social Cohesion	Supports social cohesion and democratic resilience in Australia. The OSC have developed a <i>Connections that Matter</i> Guide to support communities, organisations, businesses and governments strengthen their understanding of social cohesion and consider how they can address challenges to social cohesion.
Department of Social Services, National Indigenous Australian Agency and Northern Territory Government	10-Year Generational Strategy for Children and Families in the NT	Determines how local communities, service providers and governments work together. It emphasises improved service delivery and support for children, young people and families, enables communities to voice support services they receive, and for investment to align with community needs.
National Indigenous Australian Agency	Framework For Governance of Indigenous Data	Emphasises the importance of partnering with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities regarding data. It establishes greater support from the APS of the principles of Indigenous Data Sovereignty, especially the significance of data for self-determination.

Additional initiatives with elements of working in place

Agency	Initiative	Description
Department of Social Services	Strong and Resilient Communities (SARC) inclusive communities	Provides grant funding to organisations for one-off, time limited projects that support vulnerable and disadvantaged people participate socially and economically through local community-driven solutions.
Services Australia	Community Partnership Pilot Program	Community Partnership Specialist Officers work in partnership with non-government organisations in local communities to support people with barriers accessing government payments and services.
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Indigenous Jobs Map	Uses artificial intelligence to create an online platform which supports alignment between potential employers and Indigenous workers' skills and experiences.
Department of Industry Science and Resources/CSIRO	Lindfield Collaboration Hub	Supports start-ups and established SMEs to develop innovative technical products and devices. Businesses can establish themselves within the Hub to access scientific expertise, quality facilities and networks.
Department of Industry Science and Resources/CSIRO	Monash Precinct Network	Provides a space for individuals and organisation focused on innovation and growth in the government, research, education and industry sectors to collaborate and connect, strengthening competitiveness.
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	Thriving Suburbs Program	Delivers investment in locally driven urban and suburban infrastructure and community projects. The program will help address priority community infrastructure by providing access to funding for capital works for community and economic infrastructure that enhances liveability and prosperity in urban and suburban communities.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-26

TITLE: SAFE AND SUPPORTED: THE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR PROTECTING AUSTRALIA'S CHILDREN 2021-2031

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- *Safe and Supported: The National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2021-2031* (Safe and Supported) is the Australian Government's main vehicle for addressing Target 12. Safe and Supported brings Commonwealth, State and Territory governments together with First Nations partners to drive systems change in child protection, such as developing a national approach to early intervention and increasing self-determination for First Nations people.
- The government has committed the following funding for Target 12:
 - \$5.9 million to establish the National Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People
 - \$30 million in the 2022-23 Budget for five initiatives under Safe and Supported (See Budget Information table below)
 - \$2.6 million per year in Administered funds over the forward estimates for implementation
 - \$98.5 million for four measures in the Closing the Gap Commonwealth Implementation Plan for First Nations children and Target 12
- To implement *the Safe and Supported Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Action Plan 2023-2026* and *First Action Plan 2023-2026*, the Department of Social Services (the Department) works with Australian governments, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership Group (Leadership Group), and the National Coalition for Child Safety and Wellbeing.
- Progress under the First Action Plans has included:
 - Establishment of the National Commission on 13 January 2025 and appointment of the National Commissioner, Sue-Ann Hunter, from 1 September 2025.
 - Flexible funding for 15 Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) through the Improving Multidisciplinary Responses program to strengthen supports for First Nations families by connecting providers to deliver holistic, coordinated and culturally safe services.
 - A legal supports scoping study by SNAICC: National Voice for our Children (SNAICC) and National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (NATSILS).
 - A draft of the National Child and Family Investment Strategy for consideration by Safe and Supported governance for endorsement. This was delivered by SNAICC through funding from the Department.
 - The Innovation Fund providing \$9.850 million to 10 ACCOs to prepare for the transition of family and children services from non-Indigenous organisations, by investing in organisational readiness such as staffing, IT systems, governance and compliance processes, and community-designed service models.
 - A scoping study for a National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centre of Excellence in Child and Family Support, by SNAICC.

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- Development of two Monitoring and Evaluation Strategies (MES). The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander MES and the Safe and Supported MES outline the monitoring and evaluation activities of Safe and Supported.

KEY INFORMATION

- The rate of First Nations children in out-of-home care is not tracking towards achieving Closing the Gap Target 12 (i.e. to reduce the rate of over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by 45%).
- To achieve this, the target will require a reduction in the rate to 26.0 per 1,000 by 2031.
- As at 30 June 2024, the rate of First Nations children aged 0-17 years in out-of-home care was 50.3 per 1,000 children (19,987 of the 44,868 [or 7.7 per 1,000] children in out-of-home care). *Child Protection Australia 2023-24 Table S5.5.*
- This is an increase from 47.3 per 1,000 children in 2019 (baseline year). Nationally, achievement against the target is worsening, based on progress from the baseline (Productivity Commission Closing the Gap Dashboard).

BUDGET INFORMATION

- In the 2022-23 Budget, a \$30 million package was reconfirmed for five initiatives to support Safe and Supported:

Initiative	Funding committed (administered and departmental)	Expenditure (including legally committed) (administered only)
<p>An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centre of Excellence (the Centre) to provide a central point to bring evidence-based and outcomes-focused approaches to the development and delivery of policies and programs affecting vulnerable and disadvantaged First Nations children and young people, including those at risk of, or who have experienced, family and domestic violence, abuse or neglect.</p> <p><u>Status update:</u></p> <p>A scoping study of the Centre has been produced by SNAICC. Following an Expression of Interest process, the Department is undertaking negotiations with the successful provider to establish the Centre.</p>	\$8 million (2022-23 to 2026-27)	\$0.340 million
<p>A National Advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People. The measure aimed to support increased oversight of systems affecting First Nations children and young people, more effective collaboration between and within governments, and a dedicated national effort to support the achievement of Target 12 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.</p> <p>This measure has since been superseded by the National Commissioner announcement. \$1 million has been re-allocated to support the establishment of the National Commission and the appointment of the inaugural National Commissioner.</p> <p><u>Status update:</u></p> <p>The National Commission was established on 13 January 2025 and appointment of the National Commissioner, Sue-Ann Hunter, from 1 September 2025.</p>	\$2 million (2022-23 to 2025-26)	\$0.003 million

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Initiative	Funding committed (administered and departmental)	Expenditure (including legally committed) (administered only)
<p>Improving support for non-parent carers through nationally consistent Carers Registers, carer standards and cross-jurisdictional recognition.</p> <p><u>Status update:</u></p> <p>Funding has been provided to the Governments of Tasmania (\$2 million), Northern Territory (\$1.2 million), South Australia (\$1.2 million) and NSW (\$500,00) to update their carers registers.</p>	\$7 million (2022-23 to 2026-27)	\$4.9 million
<p>A National Child and Family Investment Strategy to shift towards adequate and coordinated funding of early, targeted, healing-informed culturally safe support services that are effective in supporting children and families and are delivered by ACCOs. The principles of the Strategy will be tested and practically demonstrated through the Innovation Fund grant.</p> <p><u>Status update:</u></p> <p>A final draft of the National Child and Family Investment Strategy is ready for consideration by Safe and Supported governance for endorsement at the next Shared Decision Making Committee Meeting (expected October 2025). Implementation of the Innovation Fund is underway, with ten ACCOs receiving initial funding in June 2025.</p>	\$10 million (2022-23 to 2026-27)	\$10.927 million, including reallocation from other Safe and Supported initiatives (\$9.8 Million – Innovation Fund \$0.467 million – evaluation of Innovation Fund \$0.6million – policy development)
<p>Developing targeted communications and messaging, information and resources to better engage and change behaviours of parents and non-parent carers.</p> <p><u>Status update:</u></p> <p>The Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak was funded to develop an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Parenting Framework for use in parenting programs and by the child and family sector workforce. Work commenced on the framework in 2024 and will conclude in 2026.</p>	\$3 million (2022-23 to 2026-27)	\$0.35 million

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TITLE: NATIONAL PLAN TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN - PROGRESS

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

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TITLE: LEAVING VIOLENCE PROGRAM

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES***Leaving Violence Program (National Program)***

- The 2024-25 May Budget announced \$925.2 million (GST exclusive) over five years to permanently establish and operate the Program which includes:
 - \$263.3 million per year ongoing, including indexation for the National Program.
 - \$113.59 million (GST exclusive) to extend the Escaping Violence Payment (EVP) National Trial to 30 June 2025 whilst the Program was implemented.
 - \$16.5 million over five years from 2023-24 (and \$5.1 million in 2028-29) to continue to provide legal assistance for temporary visa holders leaving a violent relationship. Funding for legal assistance transferred to the Attorney-General's Department on 1 July 2025.
- The Leaving Violence Program is expected to provide financial support packages to over 36,000 victim-survivors each year. As at 31 August 2025, 2,727 victim-survivors have received financial support through the Program.

Leaving Violence Program (Regional Trials)

- \$38.7 million has been invested over two years to extend the EVP place-based trial in Cairns and establish the Leaving Violence Program Regional Trials.
- The Regional Trials are delivered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander led organisations in Broome, Cairns (established 2023), Darwin, and Dubbo.

KEY INFORMATION

- The Leaving Violence Program (the Program) commenced on 1 July 2025.
- The Program has two delivery models: the National Program delivered by the National Provider and four Leaving Violence Program Regional Trials delivered by Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations.
- The Regional Trial Providers are:
 - Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical Service (BRAMS) – Broome, WA
 - Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation (RAATSIC) – Cairns, QLD
 - North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service (NAAFLS) – Darwin, NT
 - Bunmabunmarra Service – Dubbo, NSW
- Following an open competitive procurement process, Telstra Health was selected as the strongest national service delivery partner.

BUDGET INFORMATION

- From 19 March 2025 to 30 June 2030, Telstra Health will receive approximately \$180 million in operational and service delivery fees to administer the Leaving Violence Program.

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- The Program victim-survivor financial support packages are indexed annually to help the payment keep up with the rising cost of living. The Escaping Violence Payment trial funding available for eligible victim-survivors was fixed.

BACKGROUND

- The Program provides a financial support package to eligible victim-survivors regardless of visa status, gender, or sexuality, up to \$5,000 in financial support, including a cash payment of up to \$1,500 and the remaining funds in goods and services. The support package also includes risk assessments, and safety planning and referrals to other services as needed for a period of up to 12 weeks.
- The Program is not a crisis service. If a victim-survivor is in crisis, they should contact emergency services such as 000.
- The Leaving Violence Program is a permanent program.
- The Program is accessible to any eligible victim-survivor residing in Australia, regardless of gender or visa status. This means that temporary visa holders do not need to apply through a different service.
- The delivery of the Program is underpinned by the principles of trauma-informed, culturally responsive, ethical and accountable.

Tender and outcome

- The procurement process was conducted in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.
- Telstra Health was assessed as offering the best value for money, with strongest service solution, with the national infrastructure, leadership and capability to provide a high quality, trauma-informed, responsive service to victim-survivors.
- Telstra Health has the established infrastructure to deliver the Program nationally.

Service Delivery

- The National Program can be accessed via the national phone line or via the Program's website.
- The Regional Trials service delivery is tailored to the needs of the local community; this may include face to face services.
- The two service delivery models operate under the same policy and eligibility criteria. The two service delivery models provide for choice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victim-survivors on how they would like to access support. In the four Regional Trial locations victim-survivors have a choice between the National Provider and the local Regional Trial Provider.

The Regional Trials

- The Regional Trials have the same eligibility criteria as the National Program and provide the same level of financial support, with a focus on meeting the needs of place-based service delivery – particularly to eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victim-survivors.
- The Regional Trials are run by Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations who are embedded in their community and provide culturally safe and accessible support.
- The Regional Trials provide choice for those living in the four Trial locations. They can choose to access the National Program or to be supported by the Regional Trial providers.
- The Regional Trials are due to cease on 30 June 2026. Decisions regarding the future of the grants are a matter for government.

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- Data for July-August 2025 is available in a Data Placemat at **Attachment A**.

Feedback from the Family Domestic and Sexual Violence sector

- The Department has heard the feedback about the challenges with the Program being raised by some of the sector, particularly in New South Wales (NSW). All feedback is being taken seriously and actioned with Telstra Health.
- The Department has been meeting with the state and territory peak bodies for family, domestic and sexual violence. These meetings are to hear from peak bodies and their members about the challenges they have had with the early service delivery of the program where there have been challenges. Feedback is a vital to support continuous improvement of this new service.
- Service improvements have been made after receiving the feedback and the Department is working closely with Telstra Health to make further needed improvements quickly while prioritising victim-survivor experience.

Attachments**Attachment A** - Leaving Violence Program Data Placemat - July-August 2025

Leaving Violence Program – Data Placemat 1 July to 31 August 2025

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Table 1: Application and Ineligibility

	Leaving Violence Program		National Program		Regional Trials		Cairns		Dubbo		Darwin		Broome	
Applications Received	14,640		14,245		395		285		55		44		11	
Webform	12,307	84%	11,974	84%	333	84%	284	100%	27	49%	22	50%	0	0%
Phone	2,288	16%	2,271	16%	17	4%	0	0%	4	7%	11	25%	2	18%
Face to Face	45	0.3%	0	0%	45	11%	1	0%	24	44%	11	25%	9	82%
Applications Finalised	7,365		7,082		283		188		52		32		11	
Eligible	3,015	41%	2,833	40%	182	64%	112	60%	32	62%	27	84%	11	100%
Ineligible	524	7%	454	6%	70	25%	48	26%	17	33%	5	16%	0	0%
Withdrawn/disengaged	3,423	46%	3,399	48%	24	8%	21	11%	3	6%	0	0%	0	0%
Duplicates	403	5%	396	6%	7	2%	7	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Ineligibility Reasons*														
Not completed or planned change in living arrangement	173	33%	156	35%	17	24%	7	15%	10	59%	0	0%	0	
Not experiencing intimate partner violence	151	29%	146	32%	5	7%	3	6%	2	12%	0	0%	0	
Under 18 years old	133	26%	132	29%	1	1%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	
Not experiencing financial stress	122	23%	121	27%	1	1%	0	0%	1	6%	0	0%	0	
Received package within the last 12 months	101	19%	74	16%	27	39%	20	42%	3	18%	4	80%	0	
Not residing in Australia	76	15%	76	17%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	
Outside of catchment area	18	3%	N/A		18	26%	17	35%	1	6%	0	0%	0	
Fraud	10	2%	10	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	
Returned to relationship	6	1%	5	1%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	20%	0	

*Ineligibility reasons are based on what victim-survivors provide evidence of. For example, if they don't provide required evidence of being in financial crisis, the reason they are ineligible is "not in financial crisis" even though they may be experiencing financial crisis.

*In the National Program, victim-survivors can be found ineligible for multiple reasons. Therefore, the sum of ineligibility reasons is greater than the total applications found ineligible.

*The fraud ineligibility reason does not capture all instances of fraud, only where the application was deemed ineligible due to fraud. Broader fraud data is captured separately.

Table 2: Payments to eligible victim survivors

Payments to Eligible Survivors	Leaving Violence Program	National Program	Regional Trials	Cairns	Dubbo	Darwin	Broome
Payments to victim-survivors	12,770	12,391	378	227	62	77	13
Victim-survivors paid	2,727	2,588	139	92	23	18	6
Victim-survivors who have received full \$5,000	2,449	2,366	83	77	5	1	0
Money paid to victim-survivors	\$13,023,079	\$12,470,985	\$552,094	\$439,578	\$60,741	\$43,289	\$8,485

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Table 3: Payment Purposes

Payment Purposes	Leaving Violence Program		National Program		Regional Trials	
	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage
Household appliances	\$5,363,582	41%	\$5,123,769	41%	\$239,813	43%
Cash	\$2,647,524	20%	\$2,558,495	21%	\$89,029	16%
Moving fees	\$1,486,374	11%	\$1,422,590	11%	\$63,784	12%
Security	\$983,042	8%	\$940,391	8%	\$42,652	8%
Bond	\$668,374	5%	\$642,881	5%	\$25,493	5%
Transport	\$758,408	6%	\$710,395	6%	\$48,013	9%
Other	\$1,115,773	9%	\$1,072,465	9%	\$43,309	8%

Table 4: Outbound referrals

Service Providers refer eligible and ineligible victim-survivors to other services that can support to the victim-survivor to meet their goals that are outside the scope of the Leaving Violence Program. A single victim-survivor may receive multiple referrals.

	Leaving Violence Program		National Program		Regional Trials	
Number of victim-survivors referred	953		862		91	
Number of referrals	4,791		4,666		125	
Referrals by Referral Purpose						
Housing	1,071	22%	1,054	23%	17	14%
Mental health wellbeing and self-care	872	18%	853	18%	19	15%
Financial resilience	675	14%	638	14%	37	30%
Material wellbeing and basic necessities	569	12%	562	12%	7	6%
Personal and family safety	157	3%	125	3%	32	26%
Physical health	79	2%	78	2%	1	1%
Education and skills training	85	2%	85	2%	0	0%
Age-appropriate development	101	2%	95	2%	6	5%
Community participation and networks	76	2%	75	2%	1	1%
Other	1,106	23%	1,101	23%	5	0%

Table 5: Funding

Funding for Leaving Violence Program is detailed below. All figures are GST exclusive.

Total announced funding (administered and departmental)	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	2027-28 \$m	Total \$m
National Program (including transition in costs)	15.7	241.6	246.5	252.5	756.4
Regional Trials	20.6	20.7	-	-	41.3
Total Allocation	36.3	262.4	246.5	252.5	797.8

Table 6: National Program Performance

National Program Performance*	
Number of inbound calls	22,271
Average wait time for inbound calls	10 minutes 9 seconds
Number of abandoned calls	5,103
*This table only refers to the National Program and does not include Regional Trials	

Table 7: Remoteness of applicants by Regional Trial

		Cairns		Dubbo		Darwin		Broome	
		Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Remoteness	Major city	11	4%	18	35%	1	2%	0	0%
	Inner regional	10	4%	4	8%	2	5%	0	0%
	Outer regional	183	68%	25	49%	12	29%	0	0%
	Remote	34	13%	3	6%	11	27%	8	73%
	Very remote	33	12%	0	0%	15	37%	3	27%

Table 8: SCORE results

Domain	National Program		Regional Trials	
	Victim-survivors assessed	Improvement	Victim-survivors assessed	Improvement
Changed knowledge and access to information	9	0.89	15	1
Empowerment, choice and control to make own decisions			18	1.44
Engagement with relevant support services	22	0.5	17	1.24
Material wellbeing and basic necessities	19	1.95	29	1.14
Mental health, wellbeing and self-care	5	1.6	20	0.7
Personal and family safety	10	1	22	1.14

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Table 9: Gender

Category	Response	Applicants		Eligible victim-survivors	
Gender	Woman or female	11,411	83%	2,829	94%
	Man or male	1,165	8%	142	5%
	Non-binary	44	0%	8	0%
	Other	3	0%	1	0%
	Not stated	1,207	9%	28	1%

Table 10: State/Territory

State/territory	NSW	4,075	29%	814	27%
	QLD	3,565	26%	768	26%
	VIC	3,292	24%	750	25%
	WA	1,469	11%	327	11%
	SA	655	5%	156	5%
	TAS	400	3%	91	3%
	ACT	169	1%	38	1%
	NT	205	1%	66	2%
	Other Territories	0	0%	0	0%
	Not stated	2	0%	0	0%

Table 11: Indigenous Status

Indigenous status	No	10,196	74%	2,279	76%
	Aboriginal	2,935	21%	609	20%
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	203	1%	39	1%
	Torres Strait Islander	94	1%	23	1%
	Not stated/Inadequately described	404	3%	60	2%

Table 12: LGBTQIA+

LGBTQIA+	Yes	1,380	10%	304	10%
	No	10,811	78%	2,635	88%
	Not stated	1,641	12%	71	2%

Table 13: Country of Birth

Country of birth	Australia	11,623	84%	2,365	79%
	Other	2,208	16%	645	21%
	Not stated	1	0%	0	0%

Table 14: Disability

Disability	Yes	1,066	8%	455	15%
	None or no disability	12,598	91%	2,471	82%
	Not stated/inadequately described	168	1%	84	3%

Table 15: Age groups

Category	Response	Applicants		Eligible victim-survivors	
Age groups	Under 18	17	0%	0	0%
	18-24	1,157	8%	215	7%
	25-29	2,085	15%	427	14%
	30-34	2,890	21%	585	19%
	35-39	2,697	20%	596	20%
	40-44	2,026	15%	464	15%
	45-49	1,454	11%	343	11%
	50-54	812	6%	190	6%
	55-59	400	3%	107	4%
	60-64	147	1%	40	1%
	65-69	76	1%	26	1%
70+	69	0%	16	1%	
Not stated	0	0%	0	0%	

Table 16: Visa status

Visa status	No visa	3,533	26%	1,619	54%
	Temporary	101	1%	24	1%
	Family	92	1%	26	1%
	Skilled	27	0%	6	0%
	Humanitarian	12	0%	2	0%
	Other	106	1%	12	0%
	Not stated	9,961	72%	1,321	44%

Table 17: Remoteness

Remoteness <small>The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure Telstra Health calculates this based on postcode</small>	Major city	7,240	52%	1,513	50%
	Inner regional	3,242	23%	714	24%
	Outer regional	2,260	16%	533	18%
	Remote	550	4%	120	4%
	Very remote	524	4%	126	4%
	Not stated	15	0%	4	0%

Table 18: Main language

Main language	English	13,681	99%	2,945	98%
	Other	150	1%	65	2%
	Not stated	1	0%	1	0%

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-26

TITLE: COMMONWEALTH'S APPROACH TO ADDRESSING FAMILY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Australian Government has invested over \$4 billion towards achieving the outcomes of the *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032* (National Plan) since its launch in 2022.
- As part of this investment, at the 2024-25 MYEFO, the government provided \$534.5 million over six years to address the national crisis of gender-based violence and support the delivery of National Cabinet priorities endorsed on 6 September 2024.
 - This includes \$366.8 million over five years, of which \$365.8 million of new investment from the Australian Government will be matched by states and territories, through the renewed *Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses 2021-30* component under the *Federation Funding Agreement (FDSV FFA)*. The remaining \$1 million will support an evaluation.
- The 2025-26 Budget provided a further \$45.9 million for emergency accommodation, to improve victim and survivor engagement in the justice system and to continue the delivery of prevention, early intervention and response services to address family, domestic and sexual violence (FDSV) in high needs First Nations communities.

KEY INFORMATION

- The government has invested over \$4 billion in women's safety since the launch of the National Plan in 2022, through the domains of prevention, early intervention, response, and recovery and healing administered by eight government entities and, where applicable, working with state and territory governments. **Attachment A** provides a breakdown of spending per domain and initiative.
 - \$2.7 billion (68%) of this funding is for initiatives under the 'response' pillar, primarily due to the Leaving/Escaping Violence Payment and the FDSV FFA funding being classified under this pillar.
- This figure includes the \$262.6 million to support initiatives to prevent and respond to FDSV in First Nations communities.
- This figure also includes \$169.4 million to implement the 500 Workers initiative, which was a 2022 Federal Election announcement, with funding committed through the 2022-23 October Budget (this is an ongoing measure).

BUDGET INFORMATION**Prevention**

- Since the October 2022-23 Budget, funding of \$491.1 million (12% of total) has been provided to strengthening initiatives focussed on preventing gendered violence, including \$93.6 million at the 2024-25 MYEFO. Funding specific to 2024-25 MYEFO includes:
 - \$58.0 million over four years to extend and increase nationally-consistent, two-way information sharing under the National Strategic Information Sharing Framework between the Family Law, Family Violence, and Child Protection Systems (National Framework) and its Co-location Program. Direct any questions about this initiative to AGD.

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- \$26.9 million over four years to strengthen system responses to high-risk perpetrators to prevent homicides, by trialling new focussed deterrence models and Domestic Violence Threat Assessment Centres. Direct any questions about this initiative to AGD.
- These initiatives build on funding from previous years since 2022-23 to prevent FDSV before it occurs, including \$114.0 million over four years from 2022-23 to increase funding for Our Watch, Australia's primary organisation for the prevention of FDSV.

Early Intervention

- Since the 2022-23 Budget, funding of \$403.8 million (10% of total) has been directed to extend and establish programs aimed at early intervention, including \$61.4 million at the 2024-25 MYEFO.
- 2024-25 MYEFO funding includes:
 - \$40.8 million over six years to expand and extend components of the Specialised Family Violence Service (SFVS), as part of the Support for children package (breaking the cycle for kids exposed to domestic violence).
 - \$20.1 million over six years to expand and extend funding to four existing Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) under SFVS and fund up to an additional 15 ACCOs to provide culturally safe child-centred support available to First Nations children and young people and their families under SFVS.

Response

- Since the 2022-23 Budget, funding of \$2.7 billion (68% of total) has been provided to programs to support women and their children who are experiencing FDSV, including \$375.9 million at 2024-25 MYEFO.
- 2025-26 Budget funding includes:
 - \$21.4 million over three years to strengthen justice system responses to sexual violence. The Attorney-General's Department (AGD) leads this initiative. Direct questions to AGD.
 - \$21.8 million over two years to deliver prevention, early intervention and response services for First Nations communities. The National Indigenous Australian's Agency (NIAA) leads this initiative. Direct questions to NIAA.
- 2024-25 MYEFO funding included:
 - \$366.8 million over five years to renew the FDSV FFA (refer to SB25-000166 for FDSV FFA detail).
- These initiatives build on funding from previous years since 2022-23 to support women and children who are experiencing FDSV including:
 - \$925.2 million invested over five years to establish the Leaving Violence Program, which commenced on 1 July 2025 as an ongoing program supporting eligible victim-survivors of intimate partner violence to make choices about leaving violent relationships through individualised financial support packages including safety assessments and referrals to support services.
 - This further builds upon the \$240.0 million over three years to further expand the initial Escaping Violence Payment trial from the 2022-23 Budget.
 - \$169.4 million over four years from 2022-23 to implement the 500 Workers initiative.
 - \$159.0 million over two years from 2023-25 for an extension of the FDSV FFA.
 - \$100.0 million from 2022-23 to extend the Safe Places program which provides emergency accommodation for women and children experiencing FDSV.

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- \$383.1 million (10% of total) has been provided to extend and expand program that support the recovery of FDSV victim survivors, including \$20.0 million at the 2024-25 MYEFO.
- 2024-25 MYEFO funding includes:
 - \$12.8 million over four years provided in one-off funding through small-medium grants to enable specialist and community support services, to enhance and expand support services provided to victims and survivors of child sexual abuse and children at risk of or engaging in harmful sexual behaviour. Direct any questions about this initiative to AGD.
 - \$6.8 million over two years provided to expand the Supporting Children After Separation Program (SCASP) to provide specialised, longer-term support for children of separated families who are already engaged in counselling support within SCASP. Direct any questions about this initiative to AGD.

Background

- On 17 October 2022, Australian, state and territory governments released the National Plan, which sets the national policy agenda for addressing violence against women and children in Australia until 2032.
 - The Australian Government has invested over \$4 billion since the 2022-23 October Budget to support the National Plan. This includes:

Budget	\$m
2025-26 Budget	45.9
2024-25 MYEFO	550.9
2024-25 Budget	1,167.2
2023-24 MYEFO	14.4
2023-24 Budget	533.3
2022-23 Budget (Oct)	1,711.7
Total	4,023.4

The National Plan and early investment into the development of Our Ways – Strong Ways – Our Voices: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Plan to End Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan 2023-2025

- As part of the investment of \$4 billion since the announcement of the National Plan and recognising that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children experience disproportionately high rates of violence, \$262.6 million over five years from 2022-23 to 2026-27, has been committed to support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan 2023-2025 (Action Plan) under the National Plan and early investment into the development of Our Ways – Strong Ways – Our Voices: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Plan to End Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence. This consists of:
 - \$68.6 million for the NIAA to support the national Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Forum to deliver legal and non-legal support for First Nations victim-survivors of family, domestic and sexual violence
 - \$41.9 million over two years for the extension and expansion of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Escaping Violence Payment Place-based Trial (now Leaving Violence Program (LVP) Regional Trial) in Cairns to include three new sites – Broome, Darwin and Dubbo.

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- \$41.4 million over three years from 2024-25 is being invested to support 13 ACCOs and Indigenous-led organisations in regional and remote locations to provide spaces for male domestic violence programs and activities such as prosocial interventions, cultural healing and education on respectful relationships, healthy parenting, mentoring, and understanding diverse experiences of abuse such as technology-facilitated abuse and coercive control.
- \$32.2 million is being invested over three years from 2023-24 to support women’s shelters and crisis accommodation services for First Nations women and children escaping violence.
- \$17.0 million over three years from 2024-25 is being invested to support 25 ACCOs with existing or emerging FDSV programs.
- \$12.7 million over two years from 2024-25 is being invested to support nine ACCOs and Indigenous-led organisations deliver activities including on-Country learning. Activities aim to prevent violence against women and children by challenging gender stereotypes and promoting healthy relationships from an early age.
- \$23.2 million for NIAA to fund place-based healing programs for First Nations children and families.
- \$17.6 million for NIAA to extend funding for one year for community-led First Nations family safety activities and to undertake service system mapping, community needs assessment and gap analysis in up to five regional and remote locations.
- \$7.7 million over three years to establish the National Peak Body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Safety.
- \$4.1 million over two years from 2023 24 to support the development of the Our Ways – Strong Ways – Our Voices including First Nations Secretariat, governance arrangements, community engagement and drafting.
- Plus an offset of \$4.0 million resulting from the transfer of the First Nations data program from Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to the Department of Social Services.
- A further investment of \$15 million in redirected funding over five years from 2022-23 is being used to develop a culturally appropriate data set that can show a national picture for First Nations women and children to report progress on Closing the Gap Target 13.

Funding for activities to address FDSV outside the National Plan

- In addition to funding appropriated to directly support the National Plan, there has also been material ongoing funding allocated to reduce for projects commencing prior to the National Plan:
 - National research and surveys, with ongoing funding of \$9.8 million per year since the 2021-22 Budget:
 - Personal Safety Survey (PSS) by the ABS.
 - The National Community Attitudes Towards Violence Against Women Survey (NCAS).
 - Australia’s National Research Organisation for Women’s Safety (ANROWS).
 - 1800RESPECT has been operating since 2010 and is funded for \$46.0 million per year on an ongoing basis.

Attachments

- Attachment A – Budget Breakdown

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Overview

Budget	\$m	DSS	Non-DSS	Notes
2025-26 Budget	45.9	2.7	43.2	
2024-25 MYEFO	550.90	445.4	105.5	
2024-25 Budget	1167.2	929.6	237.6	
2023-24 MYEFO	14.4	14.4	-	
2023-24 Budget	533.3	425.5	107.8	
2022-23 Budget (Oct)	1711.7	1208.0	503.7	All FDSV Federation Funding Agreement DSS/Treasury funding included as DSS
Total	4023.4	3025.6	997.8	

Prevention domain	Early intervention domain	Response domain	Recovery and healing domain
\$491.1 million invested (12% of total)	\$403.8 million invested (10% of total)	\$2.7 billion invested (68% of total)	\$383.1 million invested (10% of total)
29 initiatives	30 initiatives	48 initiatives	14 initiatives

Primary Domain – Prevention

Name of initiative	Lead Agency	Budget Round	Terminating Date	Total funding (\$m)
Development of the First Nations National Plan	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2025	4.1
First Nations Peak Body	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2026	7.7
First Nations Data	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2027	15.0
Our Watch Primary Prevention Program	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	104.4
Stop it at the Start Phase 5 and 6	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2026	55.3
Consent Can't Wait Campaign	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2026	32.2
Teach Us Consent – Promoting Consent initiative	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2025	3.9
Community-led Sexual Violence Prevention Pilots	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2027	8.3
Community-led prevention services, programs and campaigns for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2026	12.7
ANROWS priority research fund	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	23.3
Extension of Third and Fourth Action Plan grants	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2024	9.0
Preventing Tech-based Abuse of Women Grant Program	eSafety Commission	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	10.0
Lived Experience Advisory Council establishment	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	1.0
National Consent Survey	Department of Education	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2024	5.0
Consent and Respectful Relationships Education	Department of Education	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2028	83.2
Respect@Work Implementation	Attorney-General's Department	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2026	12.3
Strengthening Efforts to Prevent and Respond to Forced Marriage of Women and Girls	Attorney-General's Department	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2026	0.6
Rapid Review of targeted prevention approaches to violence against women	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	2024-25 Budget	30/06/2026	1.3
Expand Perpetrator research and evidence base	Department of Social Services	2024-25 Budget	30/06/2025	4.3
Office for Women - Ending Gender-Based Violence	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	2024-25 Budget	Ongoing	3.9

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Name of initiative	Lead Agency	Budget Round	Terminating Date	Total funding (\$m)
Enhancements to the National Criminal Intelligence System	Attorney-General's Department	2024-25 MYEFO	30/06/2025	0.0
Review the national framework for action to prevent alcohol-related family violence	Department of Health and Aged Care	2024-25 MYEFO	30/06/2027	1.0
Focused deterrence and Domestic Violence Threat Assessment Centre pilots	Attorney-General's Department	2024-25 MYEFO	30/06/2028	26.9
Extend and increase the National Strategic Information Sharing Framework	Attorney-General's Department	2024-25 MYEFO	30/06/2028	58.0
Establish national standards for men's behaviour change	Department of Social Services	2024-25 MYEFO	30/06/2027	2.6
Audit of key Commonwealth government systems to identify areas where they are being weaponised by perpetrators of family and domestic violence	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	2024-25 MYEFO	30/06/2025	0.0
Consultation process to inform initiatives and interventions to support children and young people	Department of Social Services	2024-25 MYEFO	30/06/2026	1.0
Development of National Principles for Risk Assessment	Department of Social Services	2024-25 MYEFO	30/06/2027	0.5
Further funding for the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Criminal Justice Data Asset to expand available data on perpetrators	Department of Social Services	2024-25 MYEFO	30/06/2026	3.6

Primary Domain – Early Intervention

Name of initiative	Lead Agency	Budget Round	Terminating Date	Total funding (\$m)
National Perpetrator Referral Database	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2026	3.8
National FDV Risk Assessment Principles and Model Framework	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2027	2.4
Supporting Adolescent Boys Trial	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	34.8
Helping Children Heal	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	3.6
Targeted Communication to Support and Improve Parenting Practice	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	3.0
National Child and Family Investment Strategy	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	10.0
Support for Non-Parent Carers	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	7.0
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Support	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	8.0
National Advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2026	2.0
First Action Plan Priorities Fund	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	13.9
Extension of Speak Now forced marriage prevention and education grant	Department of Social Services	2023-24 MYEFO	30/06/2028	2.2
Extending DV-alert training	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	39.7
No to Violence extension - Men's Referral Service	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2026	10.9
Specialised Family Violence Services (SFVS)	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	75.2
MensLine Australia – Changing for Good - extension	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2026	2.4
Connected Family Safety Services	National Indigenous Australians Agency	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2025	3.2
Healing for Families	National Indigenous Australians Agency	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2027	23.2
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Safety Services	National Indigenous Australians Agency	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2025	27.8
Online Safety Campaign	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	4.5
Working Women's Centres	Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	2022-23 Budget	Ongoing	31.7
eSafety General Awareness Initiative	eSafety Commission	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	0.5
Accredited Training for Sexual Violence Responses in the Judicial Sector (AGD)	Attorney-General's Department	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	0.0

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Name of initiative	Lead Agency	Budget Round	Terminating Date	Total funding (\$m)
Continuing professional development for legal practitioners on coercive control	Attorney-General's Department	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2026	0.9
Enhancing training for law enforcement in Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence	Attorney-General's Department	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2026	4.1
National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-Based Violence	Department of Education	2024-25 Budget	Ongoing	18.7
Age Assurance Pilot to Protect Children from Harmful Online Content	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	2024-25 Budget	30/06/2025	6.5
Strengthening the Modern Slavery Act	Attorney-General's Department	2024-25 Budget	30/06/2026	2.5
Expand and extend components of the Specialised Family Violence Service	Department of Social Services	2024-25 MYEFO	Ongoing	40.8
Expand and extend components of the Specialised Family Violence Service - First Nations	Department of Social Services	2024-25 MYEFO	Ongoing	20.1
Funding to undertake a systems mapping project to identify key intervention points	Department of Social Services	2024-25 MYEFO	30/06/2025	0.5

Primary Domain – Response

Name of initiative	Lead Agency	Policy authority	Terminating Date	Total funding (\$m)
Partnering with states for innovative perpetrator responses	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	25.0
500 Workers	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	Ongoing	169.4
Escaping Violence Payment (EVP) – Indigenous place-based trial – Cairns, Qld	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2024	7.0
Expansion of place-based trials of Escaping Violence Payment	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2027	41.8
Safe Places - Emergency Accommodation (Inclusion Round)	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	100.0
Keeping Women Safe in their Homes and Safe Phones	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	57.9
Support for Trafficked People Program - Additional referral pathway	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	28/11/2025	4.0
Support for Trafficked People Program Evaluation	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2025	0.5
Options to extend support for jurisdictions under the National Partnership on Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence (FDSV) Responses	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2025	159.0
National Partnership Evaluation	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2025	1.0
1800RESPECT Evaluation	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2025	0.5
National Model of Care	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2026	2.8
Increasing Capacity of Crisis Accommodation Services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2026	32.2
Supporting Aboriginal and Community Controlled Organisations with existing family domestic and sexual violence programs	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2027	17.0
Forced Marriage Specialist Support Program - Establishment	Department of Social Services	2023-24 MYEFO	30/06/2028	12.2
Temporary Visa Holders Experiencing Violence Pilot (TVP)	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2024	12.6
Escaping Violence Payment Trial & Temporary Visa Holders Experiencing Violence Pilot (TVP)	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2025	38.2
Escaping Violence Payment trial additional funding for 2022-23	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2023	39.6
Escaping Violence Payment trial expansion	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2026	240.0
Support for Trafficked People Program	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	8.0
Support for Trafficked People Program - Australian Red Cross grant extension for enhancements	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	Ongoing	19.8
Northern Territory additional funding under the National Partnership on Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2023	10.7
Accredited Training for Sexual Violence Responses (DSS)	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	12.6
Crisis and transitional housing options under the Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF)	Department of Social Services	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	100.0
Restoring funding to the National Family Violence Prevention Legal Service forum	National Indigenous Australians Agency	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2025	3.0
Expanding Family Violence Provisions	Department of Home Affairs	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2028	8.9
Provision of specialised visa support service via the Domestic and Family Violence Support service	Department of Home Affairs	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2028	1.1
Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission - Engagement Activities	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2027	5.0

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Name of initiative	Lead Agency	Policy authority	Terminating Date	Total funding (\$m)
Technology-facilitated abuse technical support for victim-survivors and frontline workers	eSafety Commission	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2026	16.6
Paid family and domestic violence leave - small business assistance	Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2026	3.4
Strengthen criminal justice frameworks and responses to domestic, family and sexual violence	Attorney-General's Department	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2026	3.3
Family Law Priority Property Pool Program Expansion	Attorney-General's Department	2023-24 Budget	Ongoing	33.1
Roll out of Lawyer-Assisted Family Law Property mediation	Attorney-General's Department	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2025	13.4
Permanently establish the Leaving Violence Program	Department of Social Services	2024-25 Budget	Ongoing	925.2
Support for temporary visa holders experiencing domestic family violence	Department of Home Affairs	2024-25 Budget	Ongoing	6.1
Reforms to Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services	Department of Home Affairs	2024-25 Budget	30/06/2026	7.0
National Legal Assistance Partnership and Family Violence Prevention Legal Services	Attorney-General's Department	2024-25 Budget	30/06/2025	44.1
First Nations Family Dispute Resolution Pilot	Attorney-General's Department	2024-25 Budget	30/06/2026	11.7
National Student Ombudsman	Department of Education	2024-25 Budget	Ongoing	19.4
Online safety – eSafety Commission funding	eSafety Commission	2024-25 Budget	30/06/2026	1.4
Continued integration of state and territory law enforcement agencies into the National Criminal Intelligence System	Attorney-General's Department	2024-25	30/06/2026	109.0
Renewed National Partnership Agreement on Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses (FDSV National Partnership)	Department of Social Services	2024-25 MYEFO	30/06/2030	366.8
Further funding for the Escaping Violence Payment to meet increased demand	Department of Social Services	2024-25 MYEFO	30/06/2025	7.0
Strengthening local disaster recovery responses for women and children experiencing FDSV	Department of Social Services	2024-25 MYEFO	30/06/2027	2.0
Safe Places Emergency Accommodation Program extension	Department of Social Services	2025-26 Budget	30/06/2026	2.5
Extension of Local Support Coordinator (LSC) program	Department of Social Services	2025-26 Budget	30/06/2026	0.2
Strengthening Justice System Responses to Sexual Violence	Attorney-General's Department	2025-26 Budget	30/06/2026	21.4
Delivering prevention, early intervention and response services for First Nations communities	National Indigenous Australians Agency	2025-26 Budget	31/12/2026	21.8

Primary Domain – Recovery and Healing

Name of initiative	Lead Agency	Policy authority	Terminating Date	Total funding (\$m)
Community-led Men's Wellness Centres for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples	Department of Social Services	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2027	41.4
Trauma-informed recovery care	Department of Health and Aged Care	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2026	67.2
Supporting the primary care response to family, domestic and sexual violence	Department of Health and Aged Care	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2026	48.7
Women's Trauma Recovery Centre	Department of Health and Aged Care	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2029	25.0
Specialised and trauma-informed legal services for victim-survivors of sexual assault	Attorney-General's Department	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2026	8.4
Improving Safety of Women and Children in Child Abduction Cases	Attorney-General's Department	2023-24 Budget	Ongoing	18.4
Strengthening and Harmonising Sexual Assault and Consent Laws	Attorney-General's Department	2023-24 Budget	30/06/2027	6.5
Expansion of the Lighthouse Project	Attorney-General's Department	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2026	87.9
Safety Net Grant	Attorney-General's Department	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2026	1.2
Maintain protection against cross-examination by family violence perpetrators	Attorney-General's Department	2022-23 Budget	30/06/2026	52.4
Healthcare in women's crisis accommodation and services	Department of Health and Aged Care	2024-25 Budget	30/06/2026	6.0
Grants for services responding to child sexual abuse	Attorney-General's Department	2024-25 MYEFO	30/06/2029	12.8
Expand the Supporting Children After Separation Program	Attorney-General's Department	2024-25 MYEFO	30/06/2027	6.8
Medicare access for Forced Marriage Specialist Support Program	Department of Social Services	2024-25 MYEFO	Ongoing	0.4

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-26

TITLE: FAMILY, DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESPONSES FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT 2025-2030

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- Under the Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Federation Funding Agreement (FDSV FFA), the Australian Government has invested \$985.7 million since its establishment in 2021.
- The renewed 2025-30 FDSV FFA is a five-year agreement which commenced 1 July 2025 and supports states and territories (states) to deliver critical frontline services responding to family, domestic and sexual violence.
- This includes \$365.8 million from the Australian Government, with new matched investments, commensurate 1:1, by state governments each year over the life of the agreement – amounting to over \$700 million in matched Commonwealth and state funding.

KEY INFORMATION

- Three key focus areas for the renewed 2025-30 FDSV FFA (as agreed by National Cabinet on 6 September 2024) are:
 1. specialist services for women
 2. supporting children exposed to family, domestic and sexual violence to heal and recover
 3. working with men including men's behaviour change programs for perpetrators.
- Key differences between this renewed agreement and previous agreements include:
 - First Ministers sought a five-year agreement to provide funding certainty and stability to the frontline service sector. Previous agreements were only two years.
 - The inclusion of indexation over the five-year agreement.
 - Increased transparency and accountability. States' project plans and elements of progress reports will be published on the Department of Social Services (the Department) website from 2026.
 - Greater flexibility for states to direct funding to areas of need within the three focus areas agreed at National cabinet.
 - Expanded scope to include prevention activities through frontline services.

If asked, how is funding distributed to states and territories?

- The FDSV FFA funding is allocated on a per capita basis with a remoteness loading of 3:1 for remote and 4:1 for very remote locations, as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics Statistical Area data.
- This model was agreed between the Australian Government and all states at the time it was established.
- While states and territories acknowledge a needs-based funding model would be desirable there is currently insufficient data collected by jurisdictions to support such a model.

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If asked, is funding going backwards for states and territories under the 2025-30 FDSV FFA?

- Over 2025 to 2030, the combined investment for all three initiatives under the FDSV FFA will equate to a similar amount of funding per year.
- From 2024-25 to 2029-30, the funding envelope remains similar year on year with states receiving approximately \$130 million annually for frontline services, and the 500 Workers and Innovative Perpetrator Responses initiatives.
- For example, in 2025-26, combined total funding will be \$129.708 million, which is set to increase through indexation for each subsequent year of the 2025-30 FDSV FFA.
- In 2027-28, the funding provided to states will surpass 2024-25 funding.

If asked, what is the Department doing to support the Northern Territory (NT) to address family, domestic and sexual violence?

- As of July 2025, investment addressing FDSV in the NT by the Department and Treasury is \$140.931 million from 2022 to 2030.
- This includes \$35.47 million through the FDSV FFA to support the NT Government in delivering critical frontline services, the recruitment of 20 frontline workers and innovative approaches to address perpetrator behaviour.
- In addition to the FDSV FFA, the Government is directly funding a number of community-led organisations in the NT to deliver trauma-informed, place-based responses.

If asked, why has the Australian Government increased reporting requirements under the 2025-30 FDSV FFA?

- National Cabinet agreed the reporting requirements on 6 September 2024, based on the findings and recommendations from the May 2024 Rapid Review of Prevention approaches.
- Increased reporting requirements will provide greater transparency and accountability of work being undertaken by states and territories, and greater oversight on the use of Commonwealth money.
- Data collection is also crucial for effective policy development and implementation as it provides the evidence needed to understand the impact of FDSV, design appropriate solutions and evaluate the impact of policies.

If asked, what are the increased reporting requirements of the 2025-30 FDSV FFA?

- States must report on progress of activities funded under the FDSV FFA more frequently (verbal check-ins and bi-annual progress reporting) and agree to have their project plans and progress reports published on the Department's website.
- States are required to report on the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people supported, and the percentage of funding provided to Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and other Aboriginal organisations, sexual violence services, services to support children and young people, and services that work with men, over the preceding 6-month period.
- States are required to confirm that national standards for service quality have been met, provide updates on service delivery since the previous progress report, and detail how much funding has been paid to providers to date and how much is expected to be paid over the next reporting period.
- States are required to undertake improved data collection in order to report on unmet need, unmet demand, and the impact of programs funded under the FDSV FFA.

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If asked, which states have approved project plans and have received payment?

- As of 2 September 2025, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia and New South Wales have approved project plans and have received Payment one.
- For remaining states, state budget timings or Ministerial responsibility changes have delayed finalisation of project plans.
- It is anticipated that all project plans will be finalised by the end of 2025.

If asked, when will project plans be published on the Department's website?

- The Department is working with states to publish project plans in the first half of 2026.

BUDGET INFORMATION

- The below table provides a breakdown of funding, for each state and territory, under the different components of the FDSV FFA from 2021-30:

	2021-23 FDSV FFA	2023-25 FSDV FFA	2025-30 FDSV FFA	500 workers	Innovative Perpetrat ors	Combined Schedule Totals	
	Total (\$m)	Total (\$m)	Total (\$m)	Total (\$m)	Total (\$m)	2021-30 (\$m)	Funding Split (%)
NSW	80.13	47.80	110.64	48.84	3.37	290.78	30.05
VIC	62.94	38.37	89.68	32.48	3.37	226.84	24.06
QLD	53.02	32.33	75.85	37.16	3.37	201.73	20.31
WA	30.14	18.30	42.98	16.18	3.37	110.97	11.52
SA	19.12	11.33	26.11	12.17	3.37	72.10	7.12
TAS	5.65	3.47	7.87	8.65	3.37	29.01	2.14
ACT	4.22	2.66	6.13	2.50	3.37	18.87	1.64
NT	15.51	2.93	6.64	7.02	3.37	35.47	3.16
TOTAL (\$m)	270.73	157.17	365.88	164.98	26.99	985.76	100

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – 2025-30 FDSV FFA Funding and Payment 1 summary

Attachment B – 2025-30 FDSV FFA Schedule (ACT)

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Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses 2025-30 component of the Federation Funding Agreement (FDSV FFA)

2025-30 FDSV FFA Funding allocations

2025-30 FDSV FFA Funding						
State/Territory	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	TOTAL (\$m)
NSW	21.167	21.675	22.087	22.595	23.114	110.639
VIC	17.158	17.570	17.903	18.315	18.736	89.682
QLD	14.511	14.859	15.141	15.489	15.845	75.845
WA	8.222	8.419	8.579	8.777	8.978	42.975
SA	4.995	5.115	5.212	5.332	5.455	26.109
TAS	1.505	1.541	1.570	1.606	1.643	7.865
ACT	1.173	1.202	1.224	1.253	1.281	6.134
NT	1.269	1.300	1.325	1.355	1.386	6.635
TOTAL (\$m)	70.000	71.680	73.042	74.722	76.440	365.884*

*This total does not include \$1 million allocated for the evaluation

2025-30 FDSV FFA – 2025-26 Payment 1 and Payment 2 status

State/ Territory	2025-30 Payment 1		
	Total paid (\$m)	Payment to be made (\$m)	Date payment made*
NSW	10.584	0	7-Aug-25
VIC	0	8.579	
QLD	0	7.256	
WA	4.111	0	7-Aug-25
SA	2.498	0	7-Jul-25
TAS	0.753	0	7-Jul-25
ACT	0	0.587	
NT	0	0.635	
TOTAL (\$m)	17.946	17.056	n/a

*VIC, QLD, ACT and NT are yet to finalise their project plan and receive Payment 1.

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Schedule

Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses

2021-30

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - AFFORDABLE HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales Victoria Queensland Western Australia South Australia Tasmania the Australian Capital Territory the Northern Territory
Duration	This Schedule will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and one other Party sign it and is expected to expire on 30 June 2030.
Purpose	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This Schedule supports the Commonwealth working in partnership with State and Territory (States) governments to deliver the vision of the <i>National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2032</i> (National Plan) and other national strategies and plans including the <i>National Agreement on Closing the Gap</i>. 2. It supports States to deliver frontline services that respond to family, domestic and sexual violence (FDSV) in line with the three focus areas outlined by National Cabinet on 6 September 2024: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Funding for specialist services for women, b. Services to support children exposed to FDSV to heal and recover and, c. Working with men (including men's behaviour change programs for perpetrators). 3. Frontline FDSV services are services that deliver expert support that is trauma-informed, culturally safe, integrated and coordinated, and can include accommodation, counselling, financial, legal or medical assistance as well as police and justice responses, family law services and perpetrator interventions services. 4. The Schedule will:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Support service providers to deliver critical FDSV frontline services to meet demand, and to support those who need it most in line with focus areas listed in Clause 2. b. Improve data and reporting nationally to enhance the national evidence base on the use, impact and outcomes of the Schedule funding. c. Support jurisdictions to use the Schedule funding flexibly to implement activities within the context and setting of their jurisdictional needs, in line with the terms of the Schedule. d. Support the recruitment of 500 new frontline and community FDSV sector workers nationally. e. Deliver innovative approaches to address perpetrator behaviour, and build on and enhance men’s behaviour change programs to meet a national standard for supporting working with men who are perpetrators of gendered violence. f. Support children and young people who have experienced FDSV. g. Support frontline services to support the prevention of the perpetration of violence, and/or stop violence from recurring and/or escalating. <p>5. In entering this Agreement, the Commonwealth and the States will work together in preventing, intervening early and responding to gender-based violence.</p> <p>6. Appendix 1 includes a Glossary of key terms developed for the purpose of this FDSV Responses 2025-30 Schedule.</p>
Funding Principles	<p>7. This schedule is provided to States to use flexibly to deliver frontline FDSV services based on the needs of their jurisdiction. Funding will be allocated in consideration of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. fund services to support victim-survivors directly by implementing early intervention and prevention measures that address drug addiction, gambling, mental health, social and emotional wellbeing, perpetrator behaviour, financial hardship and housing; b. Invest in the capacity or capability of services, including for emergency planning and disaster responses; c. address priority areas of need, with need determined by the States; d. support the needs of children and young people who have experienced FDSV as victims in their own right;

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">e. embed inclusion, access and equity as a key tenet across all services to ensure diverse people and groups who have experienced and continue to experience systemic barriers to support can access help in a timely and appropriate manner, including, but not limited to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples,ii. Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) peoples,iii. People on temporary visas,iv. People with disability,v. LGBTIQ+ people,vi. Older people,vii. People living in regional, rural and remote locations,viii. Women and children at risk of imprisonment or exiting imprisonment,ix. Victim-survivors leaving violent situations who have pets.f. implement new or extend existing initiatives (that have demonstrated success) or reforms aimed at addressing emerging priorities, based on collaboration and information sharing between Parties and, as identified in the National Plan and associated Action Plans, and by the Women and Women's Safety Ministerial Council;g. commit to improved reporting requirements in funding agreements with service providers in order to provide high-quality and consistent data to the Commonwealth, as per the Schedule reporting requirements, and continue to work with the Commonwealth to improve national FDSV data collection, including a commitment to capture the voices of people with lived experiences accessing services.h. meet the reporting performance milestones as outlined in Table 10: Performance Requirements, Reporting and Payment Schedule;i. share, through collaboration and national discussion, best practices, evaluations and lessons learned. |
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Estimated financial contributions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of up to \$985.73 million in respect of this Schedule since it commenced in 2021. 9. The ACT will make financial contributions of funding for the FDSV National Partnership 2025-30 component of this Schedule, which demonstrates a commitment to addressing priorities and demand in their respective jurisdiction outlined in the criteria above and are commensurate (minimum 1:1 year-on-year from 2026-27) with the Commonwealth's investment. 10. State contributions must be new funding to commence from 6 September 2024 and over the duration of this Schedule to fulfil National Cabinet's commitment. 11. States are not expected to exclusively fund new activities and can extend or expand existing activities that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. align with the three focus areas of National Cabinet as set out in Clause 2, b. have demonstrated success, and/or c. meet the principles outlined in Clause 7(a-i) above. 12. States' financial contributions will need to be confirmed prior to the Commonwealth making relevant payments (not applicable to funding for 500 workers and innovative perpetrator responses). 13. State financial contributions are not required in relation to the 500 workers and innovative perpetrator responses components of this Schedule, however States are encouraged to contribute additional funding to these components if they choose to. 14. The Commonwealth contribution against Table 1, Table 4 and Table 5 is allocated across States on a per capita basis with a loading for remote and very remote communities. Table 1 also reflects additional funding of \$10.73 million allocated to the NT in 2022-23.
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15. The Commonwealth contribution against Table 2 and Table 3 is outlined below.

Table 1: Estimated financial contributions – FDSV Responses 2021-23 Payments 1-4*			
(\$ million)	2021-22	2022-23	Total
Estimated total budget*	107.0	163.8	270.7#
Estimated Commonwealth contribution*	107.0	163.8	270.7#
– New South Wales	40.064	40.064	80.128
– Victoria	31.471	31.471	62.942
– Queensland	13.255	39.767*	53.022
– Western Australia	7.535	22.605*	30.140
– South Australia	9.562	9.561	19.122
– Tasmania	2.825	2.825	5.650
– Australian Capital Territory	1.054	3.162*	4.216
– Northern Territory	1.195	14.315*	15.510

** Reflecting movement of funds from 2021-22 to 2022-23*
Totals do not add due to rounding
Please refer to Table 6 for milestones

Table 2: Estimated financial contributions – 500 community sector and frontline workers					
(\$ million)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Total
Estimated total budget	14.9*	43.2*	52.4	54.5	165.0
Estimated Commonwealth contribution	18.2*	39.9*	52.4	54.5	165.0
– New South Wales	5.349	11.769	15.556	16.164	48.837
– Victoria	0*	10.92*	10.559	11.001	32.480
– Queensland	4.203	9.082	11.714	12.156	37.154
– Western Australia	1.674	3.825	5.232	5.446	16.176
– South Australia	1.346	2.952	3.860	4.008	12.167
– Tasmania	1.128	2.243	2.599	2.679	8.649
– Australian Capital Territory	0.273	0.598	0.796	0.828	2.496
– Northern Territory	0.910	1.822	2.113	2.178	7.022
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

** Reflecting movement of funds from 2022-23 to 2023-24*
Please refer to Table 9 for milestones

Table 3: Estimated financial contributions – Innovative perpetrator responses

\$ million)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Total
Estimated total budget	0.5	9.745	6.245	5.25	5.25	26.99
Estimated Commonwealth contribution	0.5	9.745	6.245	5.25	5.25	26.99
- New South Wales	0.0000	1.280625	0.780625	0.656250	0.656250	3.373750
- Victoria	0.0000	1.280625	0.780625	0.656250	0.656250	3.373750
- Queensland	0.0000	1.280625	0.780625	0.656250	0.656250	3.373750
- Western Australia	0.0000	1.280625	0.780625	0.656250	0.656250	3.373750
- South Australia	0.0000	1.280625	0.780625	0.656250	0.656250	3.373750
- Tasmania	0.0000	1.280625	0.780625	0.656250	0.656250	3.373750
- Australian Capital Territory	0.5000	0.780625	0.780625	0.656250	0.656250	3.373750
- Northern Territory	0.0000	1.280625	0.780625	0.656250	0.656250	3.373750

Please refer to Table 8 for milestones

Table 4: Estimated financial contributions – FDSV Responses 2023-25 (\$ million)

	2023-24	2024-25	Total
Estimated total budget	84.851	72.322	157.173
Estimated Commonwealth contribution	84.851	72.322	157.173
- New South Wales	25.80384	21.99368	47.79752
- Victoria	20.71167	17.65341	38.36508
- Queensland	17.45348	14.87632	32.32981
- Western Australia	9.880124	8.421236	18.30136
- South Australia	6.114225	5.211406	11.32563
- Tasmania	1.873578	1.596928	3.470506
- Australian Capital Territory	1.433232	1.221603	2.654835
- Northern Territory	1.580844	1.347419	2.928263

Please refer to Table 7 for milestones

Table 5: FDSV Responses 2025-30						
(\$ million)	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	Total
Estimated total budget	70	71.680	73.042	74.722	76.440	365.884 *
Estimated Commonwealth contribution	70	71.680	73.042	74.722	76.440	365.884
- New South Wales	21.167	21.675	22.087	22.595	23.114	110.639
- Victoria	17.158	17.57	17.903	18.315	18.736	89.682
- Queensland	14.511	14.859	15.141	15.489	15.845	75.845
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- South Australia	4.995	5.115	5.212	5.332	5.455	26.109
- Tasmania	1.505	1.541	1.570	1.606	1.643	7.865
- Australian Capital Territory	1.173	1.201	1.225	1.253	1.281	6.134
- Northern Territory	1.269	1.300	1.325	1.355	1.386	6.635
Balance of the Australian Capital Territory's contributions	0.815	1.559	1.225	1.253	1.281	6.134
<i>Please refer to Table 10 for milestones</i>						
<i>*Please note an additional \$1 million has been allocated for an evaluation of this Schedule bringing the total Commonwealth investment to \$366.884 million.</i>						

<p>Services in scope / Outputs</p>	<p>16. The following service types and initiatives are in scope for this Schedule. States can determine which of the following service types are required based on the needs of their jurisdiction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. FDSV services and helplines; b. sexual violence services; c. housing and accommodation services, including short, medium and long-term housing; d. specialist support services for children and young people; e. specialist support services for diverse people and groups outlined in Funding Principle (7e); f. legal support and court based services; g. direct funding support for victim-survivors (for example, brokerage funding or flexible support packages); h. perpetrator interventions and men's behaviour change programs; i. Early intervention (secondary and tertiary prevention) activities delivered by frontline services in tailored settings. j. prevention and early intervention activities delivered by frontline services in tailored settings, excluding population level primary prevention activities. This can include addressing the effects of alcohol, gambling and drug addiction on the perpetration of gendered violence; and k. other generalist or specialist services providing support for people experiencing FDSV or gender-based violence. <p>17. States are to seek the Commonwealth's agreement in writing to fund services or initiatives not listed in Clause 16(a-k).</p> <p>18. States can seek the Commonwealth's agreement in very limited and specific circumstances proposals to fund government resources in circumstances where it directly contributes to the implementation of frontline service delivery and where a frontline service provider is unable to fulfil this role and requires state support to commence or continue implementation. The Commonwealth will consider proposals on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>19. Funding of government staff cannot be used to subsidise data and reporting improvement activities that are the responsibility of states as part of this Schedule. Funds are not to be used for the operations of State government departments or agencies where activities are not funded under this schedule.</p>
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	20. Funding must not be used to subsidise capital and/or operational infrastructure projects.
FDSV Responses 2021-23	<p>21. Payments will be made through four equal payments spread across two financial years, unless otherwise agreed by both parties in writing.</p> <p>22. States are to use Payment 1 to address frontline service gaps and demand in the context of the ongoing impacts the COVID-19 pandemic, as required where identified by States (see funding principle 7(a-b)).</p> <p>23. States are to use Payments 2-4 to support innovative service delivery models, implement reforms, address market gaps, support the needs of diverse people and groups, develop projects identified through the National Summit on Women's Safety, or to undertake evaluation to assess the activities proposed under the scope of Payments 2-4 and enhance frontline sector capability (see funding principles 7(b-g)).</p> <p>(a) The Commonwealth and States will seek to agree the scope for the full payments prior to Payment 2, where possible, in order to facilitate a strategic approach to planning and allocating funding.</p> <p>24. These arrangements, including identifying projects, must be agreed by the Commonwealth before payments will be released.</p>
FDSV Responses 2023-25	<p>25. Payments will be made through two equal payments spread across two financial years, unless otherwise agreed by both parties in writing.</p> <p>26. States are to use Payments to support frontline service delivery models, implement reforms, address market gaps, support the needs of diverse people and groups, develop projects identified through the 5 year Action Plans and dedicated <i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan 2023-2025</i>; or to undertake an evaluation to assess the services, programs or initiatives proposed and enhance frontline sector capability (see funding principles 7(b-g)).</p> <p>27. States' financial contributions outlined in Clause 9 must include work to improve coordination and integration across jurisdictions and to drive improved data collection, reporting and sharing by jurisdictions, in line with commitments made in the First Action Plan of the National Plan to improve the national evidence base by working towards consistent terminology and monitoring and evaluation frameworks, and by strengthening collection and sharing of data and evidence.</p> <p>28. States will be required to participate in evaluation activities for the FDSV National Partnership in 2023-25.</p> <p>29. These arrangements, including identifying projects, must be agreed</p>

	by the Commonwealth before payments will be released.
FDSV Responses 2025-30	<p>30. Payments will be made through two equal payments per financial year spread across five years as outlined in Table 5, unless otherwise agreed by both parties in writing.</p> <p>31. States can scale up activities demonstrated to work under the FDSV Responses 2021-23 and FDSV Responses 2023-25 Schedules by continuing to support frontline service delivery, implement reforms, address market gaps, and support the needs of diverse people and groups, particularly First Nations communities.</p> <p>32. States will commit to improve data collection and reporting including increasing transparency on the allocation of States' commensurate funding and Commonwealth investments in all reporting milestones though the life of this agreement.</p> <p>33. Consistent with Clause 55(b) of the <i>National Agreement on Closing the Gap</i>, states must allocate a meaningful proportion of Commonwealth and state funding to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, particularly Aboriginal community controlled organisations (ACCOs), that support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, FDSV, and/or respond to people who use violence.</p> <p>34. States are required to submit a project plan that supports the Funding Principles outlined in Clause 7(a-i) for agreement by the Commonwealth before payments will be released. An updated project plan must be submitted and agreed by the Commonwealth in the event a State wishes to change its approach. Project plans will be subject to a mid-point review in late 2027 or early 2028.</p> <p>35. Once approved by the Commonwealth, project plans will be published on the Department of Social Services' website. Project plans will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Information on how the project plan aligns with the National Plan <i>Outcomes Framework 2023-2032</i>, Performance Measurement Plan, <i>First Action Plan 2023-2027 Activities Addendum</i> and the <i>National Agreement on Closing the Gap</i>; b. how the funding will be used; c. level of funding allocated to each activity, and what proportion is being funded by the Commonwealth and the State; d. details of the proposed activity to be funded, including service type, target population, location, and intended outcomes

	<p>mapped to the <i>Outcomes Framework 2023-2032</i> and Performance Measurement Plan;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. how the activity is addressing a priority area of need; and f. confirmation that reporting of client-level, service delivery data will be included in States' agreements/contracts with their providers; <p>36. States are required to submit a bi-annual progress (states may submit reports in either March and September as Option One, or in July and January as Option Two reporting schedule) that provides a clear update on what has been delivered throughout the reporting period. Information to be provided will include the allocation, expenditure and progress of activities funded under the Schedule in the preceding six month period.</p> <p>37. Bi-annual progress reports must be agreed by the Commonwealth before any payment will be released. The Commonwealth will work with each State regarding the publication of their data on the Department of Social Services' website and relevant States website.</p> <p>38. Progress reports will include (but not necessarily be limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. details of the activity being funded including the providers delivering the activity and contract commencement and end date; b. total funding being provided to the provider and the proportion of funding provided by the Commonwealth and the State; c. how the activity is addressing a priority area of need; d. aggregate level service delivery data on clients accessing services e.g. total number of clients, client splits by gender, age, disability status, Indigenous status, service area location (urban, regional, remote, very remote), etc. e. Starting 1 July 2027, report on outcomes and impact achieved by funded activities in the preceding six-month period; f. data on the level of unmet demand for the funded activities over the previous six-month period, and data on the level of clients' unmet needs; g. data on a meaningful proportion of funding allocated to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people supported by activities over the preceding six-month period, as a percentage of all people; and
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. the percentage of total funding of activities provided directly to ACCOs and other Aboriginal organisations over the preceding six-month period. h. the percentage of total funding of activities provided specifically to sexual violence services, services to support children and young people impacted by FDSV, and services that work with men, over the preceding six-month period; i. confirmation that national standards for service quality have been met, where these exist; and j. updates on the provider's delivery of the activity since the previous progress report, including client numbers; and k. how much funding has been paid to the provider to date and how much funding is expected to be paid over the next reporting period. <p>39. In the event a State is unable to meet the requirements in Clause 38(e-f), an option to submit a comprehensive Data Improvement Plan (DIP) is available. States opting to implement a DIP, will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Demonstrate a financial commitment from their government to build or enhance IT systems to ensure the capability to collect and store de-identified client-level data will be available before the end of this Agreement in June 2030. b. Submit a DIP with the first bi-annual progress report, which includes concrete milestones detailing data improvement activities to be undertaken throughout each 6-month period, ending at the point where a State is able to provide de-identified client data including outcomes reporting. c. Payment 2 will be contingent on the Commonwealth's agreement to the Data Improvement Plan and its milestones. d. States will need to achieve the agreed milestone in each reporting period before a scheduled payment will be released. If milestones have not been met, States will be asked to provide a revised DIP with planned remediation work to receive a payment. <p>40. In addition to bi-annual progress reporting, the Commonwealth and States will undertake quarterly verbal check-ins to discuss progress, issues, risks and mitigation strategies ahead of the bi-annual progress report. Starting from December 2027, these verbal check-ins will be reduced if progress reports are tracking towards the outcomes expected.</p>
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41. A final report will be due in either October or December 2030 (states to select one option based on selected bi-annual reporting option) summarising what has been achieved under this 2025-30 Schedule. The final report will be published on the Department of Social Services website and the website of each jurisdiction.
42. In the event that, in a reasonable opinion of the Commonwealth, a State (**the defaulting State**) does not deliver a deliverable or deliverables under this agreement in a timely manner:
 - a. The defaulting State may submit to the Commonwealth for approval and agreement, a proposal setting out how and by what date the defaulting State will remedy its default or delay in meeting its deliverables. If approved and agreed to by the Commonwealth, the defaulting State's proposal will constitute a Remediation Plan;
 - b. The Commonwealth may withhold the payment, or those payments, that is or are contingent on the delivery of those deliverables (**the Withheld Payment/s**);
 - c. If the Withheld Payment/s is or are withheld for more than 12 months, or such other period of time provided for in the Remediation Plan, due to the delay or default of the defaulting State then the Commonwealth may, in consultation with the relevant affected States, reallocate the Withheld Payment/s to an area or areas of need in another State in line with the overarching purpose and funding principles outlined in this Schedule under Clauses 1 to 7.
43. States are required to conclude service delivery at the time in which this Schedule ceases, on 30 June 2030. Extensions for service delivery and reporting milestones will not be granted, unless otherwise agreed by both parties in writing. All requests to extend service delivery and/or reporting milestones must be formally submitted to the Commonwealth, and include the following:
 - a. what is being extended (e.g. activity);
 - b. why it is being extended;
 - c. when it will be extended until; and
 - d. risk mitigation strategies.
44. States will work with their services providers to ensure national standards for service quality are being met, particularly national standards for men's behaviour change, once established and subject to agreement between the Commonwealth and states and territories.

	<p>45. States will work with the Commonwealth on the development and implementation of the family and domestic violence risk assessment and management framework.</p> <p>46. The Commonwealth and States will work together on an evaluation of the Schedule as a whole, and States will conduct activity-level impact evaluations.</p>
500 workers	<p>47. Funding for 500 workers is subject to the same terms and conditions and in line with the overarching purpose and funding principles outlined in this Schedule, with the exception of Clause 16(g and h).</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Workers cannot be allocated to roles providing perpetrator intervention or men’s behaviour change programs. However, workers can be allocated to roles providing victim-survivor support within a perpetrator intervention service.</p> <p>48. This funding is being provided for commitments announced in the 2022-23 October Budget relating to new frontline and community sector workers who can provide support to those experiencing family, domestic and sexual violence.</p> <p>49. The funding bolsters frontline workers directly engaged in the FDSV specialist sector as well as workers that intersect with FDSV services, including (but not limited to) shelters and crisis services, financial counsellors, and specialist services to support children. Workers can perform a variety of roles within these organisations, but roles must include engagement with victim-survivors.</p> <p>50. Funding is to be used to recruit new workers, and is not to be allocated to existing workers. The number of workers outlined in Table 9 refers to FTE positions.</p> <p>51. The 500 workers initiative has been developed on the basis that half of the workers will be trainees and half will be fully qualified. States can fund a greater proportion of fully qualified workers if preferred (and contribute any additional funding required). States can determine what constitutes a trainee or fully qualified worker with reference to existing State employment and qualification frameworks. References to rural, regional and remote areas in Table 9 align with the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Inner Regional Australia</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. Outer Regional Australia</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c. Remote Australia</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">d. Very Remote Australia</p> <p>52. References to specific geographic areas in Table 9 align with the ABS</p>

	<p>Statistical Area Structure.</p> <p>53. Workers to support LGBTIQ+ people should be allocated to LGBTIQ+ health community organisations where practicable. In the event that a suitable LGBTIQ+ health community organisation is not available, workers to support LGBTIQ+ people can be allocated to a generalist service to support LGBTIQ+ clients.</p>
<p>Innovative Perpetrator Responses</p>	<p>54. Funding for Innovative Perpetrator Responses is subject to the same terms and conditions and in line with the overarching purpose and funding principles outlined in this Schedule, with the exception of Clause 16(a-g and i-k).</p> <p>55. This funding is being provided for commitments announced in the 2022-23 October Budget and 2023-24 Budget relating to innovative perpetrator responses.</p> <p>56. Each jurisdiction will be offered up to \$3.374 million over five years from 2022-23 to deliver innovative approaches to address family and domestic violence perpetrator behaviour. These approaches may include new technological solutions for electronic monitoring; or multi-agency groups (with support services for alcohol/drug, mental health, housing), coordinated by case managers who help perpetrators address their various needs; or other innovative approaches proposed by the state or territory.</p> <p>57. The States bear all risk should the costs of a project exceed the agreed estimated costs. Similarly, the States will not be required to pay a refund to the Commonwealth if the actual cost of the project is less than the agreed estimated cost of the project. The Parties acknowledge this arrangement provides the maximum incentive for the States to deliver projects cost effectively and efficiently.</p> <p>58. The overall outcome of this initiative is to eliminate violent or controlling behaviours by perpetrators and build evidence for ways of achieving perpetrator behaviour change by trialling new or different approaches of working in perpetrator behaviour change.</p> <p>59. Funding of up to \$500,000 may be released to undertake a scoping or feasibility study proposed by the State and agreed by the Commonwealth. The purpose of the study is to inform a future proposal/s of innovative approaches to be trialled by the State.</p> <p>60. Funding provided under the 2023-24 Budget (\$0.249 million per jurisdiction), which is in addition to the \$3.125 million provided as part of the 2022-23 October Budget, may be used:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To expand the trials to support an increased number of people b. To support evaluation of the trials and/or c. To support enhancements to the trials. <p>61. The State will be required to submit a project plan for agreement by the Commonwealth before any payment will be released. Project plans must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. how the funding will be used b. how the project addresses the Early Intervention or Response priority areas of the National Plan c. how the project will establish or utilise an appropriate advisory group including victim-survivors and experts such as the Australian Institute of Criminology d. details of the proposed innovative approach(es) to be trialled, including target population, location, and intended outcomes e. how the innovative approach(es) meets the specified criteria for innovation f. an appropriate evidence base to support that the approach(es) would have a reasonable prospect of success; and that success could be measured. This could include a similar program that has been successful in another location or that addressed a similar problem, and a monitoring and evaluation plan g. proposed evaluation methodology and how data will be collected to support this h. any sensitivities and/or concerns identified about the proposed approach. This may include potential issues, the sector's views, and how the new initiative will feed into, and be supported by, current service systems i. an assessment of risks and mitigation strategies j. if a scoping/feasibility study is to be undertaken the associated project plan may provide the following in lieu of the detail specified in Clause 61 (d-f): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. details of the scoping or feasibility study to be undertaken, including consultations to be undertaken, potential innovative approaches, available evidence to support proposed approaches, target populations, locations and intended outcomes under consideration ii. how the idea(s) to be scoped meet the specified criteria for innovation.
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	62. An updated project plan must be submitted and agreed by the Commonwealth in the event a State wishes to change their approach.
Reporting and accountability	<p>63. Under this Schedule, in relation to the frontline services being funded through this agreement, it is the responsibility of the States to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Work towards achieving the outcomes detailed in the <i>Outcomes Framework 2023-2032</i> and Performance Measurement Plan, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. supporting systems and institutions to effectively support and protect people impacted by gender-based violence; ii. implementing activities and prevention initiatives that are effective, culturally responsive, intersectional and accessible; iii. developing community attitudes and beliefs that embrace gender equality and condemn all forms of gendered violence without exception; iv. supporting people who choose to use violence to be held accountable for their actions and stop their violent, coercive and abusive behaviours; v. responding to the needs of children and young people by implementing effective and supportive systems and services; and vi. improving women’s safety and economic, social, political and cultural equality. b. Deliver on relevant outputs and outcomes detailed in this Schedule. <p>64. The Commonwealth and States will collaborate closely to deliver meaningful improvements in data and reporting, by transparently recording data on progress, service delivery and milestones to better understand the needs of the FDSV sector, ongoing demand, the client base, and the service delivery models that drive effective outcomes.</p> <p>65. The reporting expectations for this Schedule will build on those set under the National Partnership on COVID-19 Domestic and Family Violence Responses, including disaggregated service and client level data.</p> <p>66. This commitment will align with the FDSV-related data projects being undertaken by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and through the Data and Digital Ministers Meeting, to reduce duplication of effort and ensure consistency.</p>

Media and publicity	67. As provided for under Clause 21 of the Federation Funding Agreement – Affordable Housing, Community Services and Other – Parties must ensure prior agreement is reached on the nature and content of any events, announcements, promotional material or publicity relating to activities under this Schedule.
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Table 6: FDSV Responses 2021-23 - Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Schedule is established and arrangements for Payment 1 are agreed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each State will provide the Commonwealth with a project plan. The Plan will outline (using best endeavours with regard to the level of detail available): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ how the State will distribute Payment 1 to service providers, in line with the Schedule terms, and ○ the State's proposed financial contributions in line with the Commonwealth's financial contributions through Payment 1 • The Commonwealth and each State to agree the project plan, including that State's financial contribution. • The Commonwealth and States sign the Schedule <p><i>The Commonwealth will release the payments to States once the performance milestones are met.</i></p>	nil	\$65.0m split among States
State reporting	<p>Each State is required to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as part of Women and Women's Safety Ministerial Council meetings on funding allocation and expenditure to date, and key priorities for spending, in line with the Schedule terms 	Women and Women's Safety Ministerial Council	Nil – ongoing reporting requirement
Payment 2	<p>Each State is required to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Plan - outlining states' allocation of Payments 2-4 under the Schedule • Agreement to future reporting dates and milestones 	nil	\$65.0m split among States April-June 2022
Payment 3	<p>Each State is required to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress Report on the allocation, expenditure, and early outcomes of Payment 1 • Agreement to draft data plan • Payment 3 Project Plan if necessary 	31 May 2022	\$65.0m split among States October 2022
Payment 4	<p>Each State is required to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim Report on the allocation, expenditure, and early outcomes of Payments 1-3 	December 2022	\$65.0m split among States February 2023

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of the implementation of the data plan • Payment 4 Project Plan if necessary 		
State reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Interim / Final Report on the allocation, expenditure, and outcomes of Payments 1-4 <p><i>For states who will not have final data and outcomes available by September 2023, an additional final report will be due in June 2024.</i></p>	September 2023	Nil
State reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Report on the allocation, expenditure, and outcomes of Payments 1-4 <p><i>For states who will not have final data and outcomes available by September 2023, an additional final report will be due in June 2024.</i></p>	June 2024	Nil

Table 7: FDSV Responses 2023-25 - Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Payment 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each State will provide the Commonwealth with a project plan. The Plan will outline (using best endeavours with regard to the level of detail available): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ how the State will distribute Payments 1-2 to service providers, in line with the Schedule terms, and ○ the State's proposed financial contributions in line with the Commonwealth's financial contributions ○ support for data improvement activities ○ support for evaluation activities • The Commonwealth and each State to agree the project plan, including that State's financial contribution. • The Commonwealth and States sign the Schedule <p><i>The Commonwealth will release the payments to States once the performance milestones are met.</i></p>	December 2023	\$84.851 million split among States
Payment 2	<p>Each State is required to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress Report on the allocation, expenditure, and early outcomes of Payment 1 <p><i>The Commonwealth will release the payments to States once the performance milestones are met.</i></p>	October 2024	\$72.322 million split among States
State reporting	<p>Each State is required to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as part of Women and Women's Safety Ministerial Council meetings on funding allocation and expenditure to date, and key priorities for spending, in line with the Schedule terms 	Women and Women's Safety Ministerial Council	Nil – ongoing reporting requirement
State reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Interim / Final Report on the allocation, expenditure, and outcomes of Payments 1-2 • <i>For states who will not have final data and outcomes available, an additional final report will be due in June 2026.</i> 	October 2025	Nil
State reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Report (if needed) on the allocation, expenditure, and outcomes of Payments 1-2. 	June 2026	Nil

Table 8: Innovative Perpetrator Responses – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Innovative Perpetrator Responses 2022-23 payment	<p>Funding is conditional on Commonwealth agreement to each state’s project plan. The project plan must meet the requirements outlined in clause 61.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This applies to ACT only, other jurisdictions will receive this payment in 2023-24, aligned with when this deliverable is/was met. 	May 2023	\$0.500m June 2023
Innovative Perpetrator Responses 2023-24 payment	<p>Funding is conditional on Commonwealth agreement to each state’s current project plan and a progress report.</p> <p>ACT will be required to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current project plan, i.e. updated if necessary. The project plan must meet the requirements outlined in clauses 60 and 61 and clearly show intended use of all funds. Progress report on the activities and expenditure to date. <p>All jurisdictions excluding ACT will be required to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A project plan. The project plan must meet the requirements outlined in clause 60. Current project plan, i.e. updated if necessary. The project plan must meet the requirements outlined in clauses 60 and 61 and clearly show intended use of all funds; and Progress report on the activities and expenditure to date. 	<p>December 2023</p> <p>August 2023</p> <p>December 2023</p>	<p>\$0.780m January 2024</p> <p>\$0.500m September 2023</p> <p>\$0.780m January 2024</p>
Innovative Perpetrator Responses 2024-25 payment	<p>Funding is conditional on Commonwealth agreement to each state’s updated project plan and progress report. Each state will be required to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress report on the activities and expenditure to date Current project plan, i.e. updated if necessary. The project plan must meet the requirements outlined in clauses 60 and 61. 	August 2024	\$0.781m September 2024
Innovative Perpetrator	Funding is conditional on Commonwealth agreement to each state’s updated project plan and	August 2025	\$0.656m

Responses 2025-26 payment	<p>progress report. Each state will be required to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress report on the activities and expenditure to date • Current project plan, i.e. updated if necessary. The project plan must meet the requirements outlined in clause 61. 		September 2025
Innovative Perpetrator Responses 2026-27 payment	<p>Funding is conditional on Commonwealth agreement to each state's updated project plan and progress report, and each state's submission of an evaluation report. Each state will be required to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress report on the activities and expenditure to date • Updated project plan for final activities of the trial. The project plan must meet the requirements outlined in clause 61. • Evaluation report of the approach taken for innovative approaches to address family, domestic and sexual violence perpetrator behaviour and how it aligned with the National Plan. The evaluation should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ consider the National Plan's Outcome Framework ○ consider whether the intervention adequately assesses, monitors and responds to changes in clients' risk of committing further violence against victim-survivors, including women and children ○ outline if the trial met the overall objective of the measure ○ provide quantitative outcomes analysis suitable to inform policy decisions about longer term investment in the initiatives ○ measure outcomes including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ perpetrator use of violent or controlling behaviours ▪ impact on victim survivors, including women and children ○ use appropriate methods such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ interviews with individuals whose partner committed an offence against them on the success of implemented activities ▪ interviews or focus groups with practitioners in the area of domestic and family violence. 	August 2026	\$0.656m September 2026
Innovative Perpetrator Responses Final Report	Each state will be required to provide a final report on the activities, expenditure and outcomes of the project.	September 2027	Nil

Table 9: Australian Capital Territory – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
500 workers 2022-23 payment	<p>The Australian Capital Territory will receive funding for a total of 3.0 new workers over this period.</p> <p>By 2024-25, the Australian Capital Territory must allocate the specified number of workers towards the below cohorts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.0 workers must be allocated to rural, regional and remote areas; • 1.1 workers must support people from CALD communities; • 0.3 workers must support people with disability; • 0.2 workers must support LGBTIQ+ people; and • 0.7 workers must support First Nations people. <p>Any variation to the above allocation of workers must be agreed in writing between the parties. Agreement to vary the above allocation will not be unreasonably withheld if best efforts have been made to meet these allocations, acknowledging external factors beyond the parties control, including worker availability and other market factors.</p> <p>In the event that the Australian Capital Territory is unable to recruit the required workers in this period due to the timing of 2022-23 funds, these requirements are to be implemented in 2023-24.</p> <p>The Australian Capital Territory will receive the payment on signing this Schedule.</p>	Nil	\$0.273 m June 2023 (Payment 1)
500 workers 2023-24 payment	<p>The Australian Capital Territory will be required to fund 3.0 new workers over this period (as well as the 3.0 funded in 2022-23 making a total of 6.0 new workers).</p> <p>By 2024-25, the Australian Capital Territory must allocate the specified number of workers towards the below cohorts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.0 workers must be allocated to rural, regional and remote areas; • 1.1 workers must support people from CALD communities; • 0.3 workers must support people with disability; • 0.2 workers must support LGBTIQ+ people; and 	August 2023	\$0.598 m September 2023 (Payment 2)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.7 workers must support First Nations people. <p>Any variation to the above allocation of workers must be agreed in writing between the parties. Agreement to vary the above allocation will not be unreasonably withheld if best efforts have been made to meet these allocations, acknowledging external factors beyond the parties control, including worker availability and other market factors.</p> <p>Performance milestones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Australian Capital Territory to provide a project plan for allocation of funds through to June 2026 for approval. <p><i>The Commonwealth will release the payments to States once the performance milestones are met.</i></p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In February 2024, the Australian Capital Territory to provide a progress report on allocation and expenditure of its 500 workers funding to date. The report will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a breakdown of which organisations received funding, including location, number of workers, allocation of workers to diverse groups identified through the National Plan and funding amounts. de-identified client level data, including client numbers and demographics (if available / applicable). other narrative information relating to the 500 worker initiative. 	February 2024	Nil
500 workers 2024-25 payment	<p>The Australian Capital Territory will be required to fund 1.6 new workers over this period (as well as the 6.0 funded in 2023-24, making a total of 7.6 new workers).</p> <p>By 2024-25, the Australian Capital Territory must allocate the specified number of workers towards the below cohorts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.0 workers must be allocated to rural, regional and remote areas; 1.1 workers must support people from CALD communities; 0.3 workers must support people with disability; 0.2 workers must support LGBTIQ+ people; and 0.7 workers must support First Nations people. <p>Any variation to the above allocation of workers must be agreed in writing between the parties. Agreement to vary the above allocation will not be unreasonably withheld if</p>	August 2024	\$0.796 m September 2024 (Payment 3)

	<p>best efforts have been made to meet these allocations, acknowledging external factors beyond the parties control, including worker availability and other market factors.</p> <p>Performance milestones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Australian Capital Territory to provide a report on allocation, expenditure and outcomes of its 500 workers funding to date, and any updates required to the project plan. The report will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a breakdown of which organisations received funding, including location, number of workers, allocation of workers to diverse groups identified through the National Plan and funding amounts. ○ de-identified client level data, including client numbers and demographics (if available / applicable). ○ other narrative information relating to the 500 worker initiative. <p><i>The Commonwealth will release the payments to States once the performance milestones are met.</i></p>		
500 workers 2025-26 payment	<p>The Australian Capital Territory will be required to fund a total of 7.6 new workers (continued from 2024-25).</p> <p>By 2024-25, the Australian Capital Territory must allocate the specified number of workers towards the below cohorts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.0 workers must be allocated to rural, regional and remote areas; • 1.1 workers must support people from CALD communities; • 0.3 workers must support people with disability; • 0.2 workers must support LGBTIQA+ people; and • 0.7 workers must support First Nations people. <p>Any variation to the above allocation of workers must be agreed in writing between the parties. Agreement to vary the above allocation will not be unreasonably withheld if best efforts have been made to meet these allocations, acknowledging external factors beyond the parties control, including worker availability and other market factors</p> <p>.</p> <p>Performance milestones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim final report on the allocation, expenditure, and outcomes of Payments 	August 2025	\$ 0.828 m September 2025 (Payment 4)

	<p>1-3. The report will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a breakdown of which organisations received funding, including location, number of workers, allocation of workers to diverse groups identified through the National Plan and funding amounts. ○ de-identified client level data, including client numbers and demographics. (if available / applicable). ○ other narrative information relating to the 500 worker initiative. <p><i>The Commonwealth will release the payments to States once the performance milestones are met.</i></p>		
	<p>The Australian Capital Territory to provide a final report on allocation, expenditure, outcomes and analysis of the impacts of the 500 workers funding from Payments 1-4.</p> <p>A final report on the allocation, expenditure, and outcomes of all payments is to be provided in September 2026.</p>	September 2026	Nil

Table 10: Australian Capital Territory – FDSV Responses 2025-30 Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
2025-26: Payment 1	<p>The Australian Capital Territory will provide the Commonwealth with a project plan (as per the project plan template agreed by the Commonwealth and States), which will demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how the funding will be used; • the level of funding allocated to each activity, and what proportion is being funded by the Commonwealth and the State; • the details of the proposed activity to be funded, including service type, target population, location, and intended outcomes mapped against the Outcomes Framework and Performance Measurement Plan; • how the activity is addressing a priority area of need; • how the project plan aligns with the <i>Outcomes Framework 2023-2032</i>, Performance Measurement Plan, <i>First Action Plan 2023-27 Activities Addendum</i> and the <i>National Agreement on Closing the Gap</i>; • that reporting of client-level and service delivery data will be included in States' agreements/contracts with their providers; • support for data improvement activities; and • support for evaluation activities for the Schedule as a whole, and at an activity-level. <p>The Commonwealth and Australian Capital Territory will agree to the Project Plan, including the Australian Capital Territory's financial contribution, prior to publication of the Project Plan on the Department of Social Services website.</p> <p>The Commonwealth and the Australian Capital Territory sign the Schedule.</p> <p><i>Funding is conditional on Commonwealth agreement to each State's project plan. The project plan must meet the requirements listed above, and as per Clauses 34 and 35(a-f). The Commonwealth will release payments to States once the performance milestones have been met.</i></p>	March 2025	<p>\$0.5865m</p> <p>First payment is expected for July 2025 pending fulfillment of the milestone.</p>
State reporting	<p>The Australian Capital Territory is required to provide a Verbal Check-in on the delivery of Payments to date, in line with Clause 40. The Australian Capital Territory will be asked to respond to the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are all activities on track as per the Project Plan? 	Due either October or December 2025 (state to select)	Nil – ongoing reporting requirement

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If not, please provide additional details for the Commonwealth’s awareness. ● Are you on track to submit a Bi-Annual Progress Report noting that release of payments will be delayed until deliverables are met. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If not, please provide risk mitigation and management strategies. ● Are there any anticipated delays, issues or concerns with the progress of the Schedule and the funding? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If yes, please provide additional details for the Commonwealth’s awareness. 	reporting option based on chosen bi-annual report schedule)	
2025-26: Payment 2	<p>The Australian Capital Territory is required to provide a bi-annual progress report on the allocation, expenditure and progress of Payments to date (as per the Progress Report template agreed by the Commonwealth and States). As per Clauses 36 to 38(a-k), progress reports must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. activity and contract commencement, including the start and end date; b. level of funding allocated to each activity and service provider, and what proportion is being funded by the Commonwealth and the State; c. how the activity has addressed a priority area of need; d. aggregate level service delivery data on clients accessing services e.g. total number of clients, client splits by gender, age, disability status, Indigenous status, service area location (urban, regional, remote, very remote), etc. e. from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2030, report client-level demographic data including outcomes and impact achieved by funded activities in the preceding six-month period. f. the level of unmet demand for funded activities and client’s unmet needs g. In the event a State is unable to meet the requirements outlined in Clause 38(e-f), an option to submit a comprehensive Data Improvement Plan (DIP) is available. States opting to implement a DIP, will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Demonstrate a financial commitment from their government to build or enhance IT systems to ensure the capability to collect and store de-identified client-level data will be available before the end of this Agreement in June 2030. ii. Submit a DIP which includes concrete milestones detailing data improvement activities to be undertaken throughout each 6-month period, ending at the point of being able to provide de-identified client data including outcomes reporting. iii. Payment 2 will be contingent on the Commonwealth’s agreement to the Data Improvement Plan and its milestones. 	Due either January or March 2026 (state to select bi-annual reporting option, either Option One or Option Two)	\$0.5865m January or March 2026 (based on state’s chosen bi-annual reporting option)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. States will need to achieve the agreed milestone in each reporting period before a scheduled payment will be released. If milestones have not been met, States will be asked to provide a revised DIP with planned remediation work to receive payment. h. a meaningful proportion of funding allocated to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people supported by activities over the preceding six-month period, as a percentage of all people; and ii. the percentage of total funding of activities allocated and expended directly to ACCOs and other Aboriginal organisations. i. funding provided specifically to sexual violence services, services to support children and young people impacted by FDSV, and services that work with men as a percentage of total Commonwealth and state funding; j. (progress towards) national standards for service quality have been met, where these exist; k. the provider's commencement of the activity; and l. how much funding has been delivered to the provider to date and how much funding is expected to be paid over the next reporting period. <p><i>Funding is conditional on Commonwealth agreement to each states' Report. The Report must meet the requirements listed above, and as per Clauses 36 to 38(a-k). The Commonwealth will release payments to States once this performance milestone has been met. The Report will be published on the Department of Social Services website.</i></p>		
State reporting	Verbal Check-in Two (2025-26) on the delivery of Payments to date must be submitted in line with the above principles, and Clause 40.	Due either April or June 2026 (based on chosen bi-annual schedule)	Nil – ongoing reporting requirement
2026-27: Payment 1	Bi-annual Progress Report One (2026-27) on the allocation, expenditure and progress of Payments to date must be submitted in line with the above principles, and Clauses 36 to 38(a-k). Note: If you have selected the option to submit a DIP, please submit it as part of the bi-annual report.	Due either July or September 2026 (based on chosen bi-annual reporting option)	\$0.6005m July or September 2026 (based on state's chosen bi-annual reporting option)

State reporting	Verbal Check-in One (2026-27) on the delivery of Payments to date must be submitted in line with the above principles, and Clause 40.	October or December 2026 (based on chosen bi-annual schedule)	Nil – ongoing reporting requirement
2026-27: Payment 2	Bi-annual Progress Report Two (2026-27) on the allocation, expenditure and progress of Payments to date must be submitted in line with the above principles, and Clauses 36 to 38(a-k). Note: If you have selected the option to submit a DIP, please submit it as part of the bi-annual report.	January or March 2027 (based on chosen bi-annual reporting option)	\$0.6005m January or March 2027 (based on state's chosen bi-annual reporting option)
State reporting	Verbal Check-in Two (2026-27) on the delivery of Payments to date, must be submitted in line with the above principles, and Clause 40.	April or June 2027 (based on chosen bi-annual schedule)	Nil – ongoing reporting requirement
2027-28: Payment 1	Bi-annual Progress Report One (2027-28) on the allocation, expenditure and progress of Payments to date must be submitted in line with the above principles, and Clauses 36 to 38(a-k). Note: If you have selected the option to submit a DIP, please submit it as part of the bi-annual report.	July or September 2027 (based on chosen bi-annual reporting option)	\$0.6125m July or September 2027 (based on state's chosen bi-annual reporting option)
State reporting	Verbal Check-in One (2027-28) on the delivery of Payments to date, must be submitted in line with the above principles, and Clause 40. Additional verbal check-ins will be requested from jurisdictions that are not showing progress towards expected outcomes in line with Clause 40.	October or December 2027 (based on chosen bi-annual schedule)	Nil – ongoing reporting requirement
2027-28: Payment 2	The Australian Capital Territory is required to submit a current project plan (i.e. updated if necessary) in line with the principles above, and Clauses 34 to 35(a-f).	Late 2027 to early 2028 (by	\$0.6125m January or March

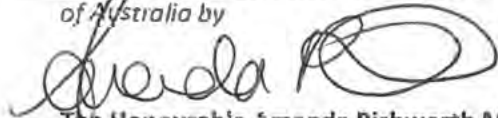
		January or March 2028 at latest, in line with selected reporting schedule)	2028 (based on state's chosen bi-annual reporting option)
	Bi-annual Progress Report Two (2027-28) on the allocation, expenditure and progress of Payments to date must be submitted in line with the above principles, and Clauses 36 to 38(a-k). Note: If you have selected the option to submit a DIP, please submit it as part of the bi-annual report.	January or March 2028 (based on chosen bi-annual reporting option)	
2028-29: Payment 1	Bi-annual Progress Report One (2028-29) on the allocation, expenditure and progress of Payments to date must be submitted in line with the above principles, and Clauses 36 to 38(a-k). Note: If you have selected the option to submit a DIP, please submit it as part of the bi-annual report.	July or September 2028 (based on chosen bi-annual reporting option)	\$0.6265m July or September 2028 (based on state's chosen bi-annual reporting option)
State reporting	<i>(if required)</i> Verbal Check-in (2028-29) on the delivery of Payments to date, must be submitted in line with the above principles, and Clause 40.	October or December 2028 (based on chosen bi-annual schedule)	Nil – ongoing reporting requirement
2028-29: Payment 2	Bi-annual Progress Report Two (2028-29) on the allocation, expenditure and progress of Payments to date must be submitted in line with the above principles, and Clauses 36 to 38(a-k). Note: If you have selected the option to submit a DIP, please submit it as part of the bi-annual report.	January or March 2029 (based on chosen bi-annual reporting option)	\$0.6265m January or March 2029 (based on state's chosen bi-annual reporting option)

2029-30: Payment 1	Bi-annual Progress Report One (2029-30) on the allocation, expenditure and progress of Payments to date must be submitted in line with the above principles, and Clauses 36 to 38(a-k). Note: If you have selected the option to submit a DIP, please submit it as part of the bi-annual report.	July or September 2029 (based on chosen bi-annual reporting option)	\$0.6405m July or September 2029 (based on state's chosen bi-annual reporting option)
State reporting	<i>(if required)</i> Verbal Check-in (2029-30) on the delivery of Payments to date, must be submitted in line with the above principles, and Clause 40.	October or December 2029 (based on chosen bi-annual schedule)	Nil – ongoing reporting requirement
2029-30: Payment 2	Bi-annual Progress Report Two (2029-30) on the allocation, expenditure and progress of Payments to date must be submitted in line with the above principles, and Clauses 36 to 38(a-k). Note: If you have selected the option to submit a DIP, please submit it as part of the bi-annual report.	January or March 2030 (based on chosen bi-annual schedule)	\$0.6405m January or March 2030 (based on state's chosen bi-annual reporting option)
State reporting	The Australian Capital Territory is required to provide updates as part of Women and Women's Safety Ministerial Council meetings on funding allocation and expenditure to date, and key priorities for spending, in line with the Schedule terms.	Women and Women's Safety Ministerial Council	Nil – ongoing reporting requirement
State reporting	The Australian Capital Territory is required to provide a Final Report on the allocation, expenditure, outcomes and outputs of funding under the 2025-30 FDSV Responses Schedule, noting a Final Report template will be developed in consultation between the Commonwealth and States, and in line with Clause 41. Final Reports must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of activities funded, including activity and contract commencement/start dates and end dates (ensuring that end dates do not fall after the due date of the Final Report unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Commonwealth and States); 	October or December 2030 (state to select bi-annual reporting option)	Nil

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the level of funding allocated to each activity and service provider, and what proportion is being funded by the Commonwealth and the State (noting all funding for the 2025-30 FDSV Responses Schedule should have been expended prior to submission of the Final Report); • how the activity has addressed a priority area of need; • final reporting on outcomes and impact achieved by Commonwealth and State funded activities over the life of the 2025-2030 FDSV Responses Schedule; noting every activity needs to have outcomes listed; • outcomes listed need to demonstrate concrete outcomes for clients and service providers, for example not only listing how many clients were assisted but what outcomes were achieved to help them in their path to healing; • specific reporting on funding allocated to, and outcomes for, priority cohorts as listed in the Funding Principles at Clause 7e, in particular to support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients and organisations (including ACCOs); ○ sexual violence services; ○ services to support children and young people impacted by FDSV; and ○ services that work with men; • the level of unmet demand for funded activities and clients' unmet needs, which could be considered in any potential future Schedules; • outcomes demonstrating that (progress towards) national standards for service quality have been met, where these exist; • targets for outcomes and service delivery have been achieved, such as nation-wide use of national principles for risk assessment; and • how outcomes identified align with the <i>Outcomes Framework 2023-2032</i>, Performance Measurement Plan, <i>First Action Plan 2023-27 Activities Addendum</i> and the <i>National Agreement on Closing the Gap</i>. <p>The Commonwealth and the Australian Capital Territory will agree to the Final Report, prior to publication on the Department of Social Services website.</p>		
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The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

*Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth
of Australia by*



The Honourable Amanda Rishworth MP
Minister for Social Services

25/2/2025

*Signed for and on behalf of the Australian Capital
Territory by*



Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency
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Minister for Corrections; Minister for Gaming
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The definitions outlined in the glossary below apply only for the purposes of this National Partnership Agreement and for no other context.

Appendix 1: Glossary	
Term	Definition
Activity	Also referred to in some jurisdictions as a program, project or initiative. An activity, for the purpose of this National Partnership Agreement (NPA) for family, domestic and sexual violence (FDSV) responses, refers to an initiative, program, or project established and managed by government to address a social issue such as family, domestic and sexual violence. Multiple service providers are often contracted through a grants arrangement to deliver an activity. As an example, Keeping Women Safe in Their Homes would be considered an activity. States and Territories fund a number of service providers to deliver a range of services as part of this activity.
Data improvement	Refers to the focus on enhancing the accuracy, completeness, consistency, relevance and reliability of data collected, stored and used, as agreed through the <i>National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2032</i> (the National Plan), Outcomes Framework and Performance Measurement Plan. For the purpose of this FDSV NPA, data improvement will seek to improve the reporting requirements of frontline service providers to include the reporting of client level data and outcomes achieved by individuals accessing services.
Evidence Base	An evidence base is the collection of research and data that provides a better understanding of what works and what isn't working to end gender-based violence in Australia. Under the FDSV NPA, activities will contribute to this evidence base by developing an understanding of the outcomes being achieved by individuals and through evaluations.
Existing Activities	Activities that have been implemented under any National Partnership Agreements, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the <i>National Partnership on Covid-19 Domestic and Family Violence Responses 2019-20</i>, • the 2021-23 National Partnership on Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses or, • the 2023-25 National Partnership on Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses.
Frontline service	Frontline services are those services funded or provided by the government to provide critical assistance and support directly to members of the public. For this FDSV NPA, FDSV frontline services comprise those services as detailed in Clause 16(a-i) of the Schedule.
Meaningful Proportion	For this FDSV NPA, a meaningful proportion is an amount of funding provided (by jurisdictions) to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations which is commensurate with the general proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within a community, noting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children are significantly more likely to experience family

	<p>violence compared to non-Indigenous women and children. A meaningful proportion of funding may differ depending on the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jurisdiction; • Nature and subject-matter; • Proportional level of need in the area (extent of service gaps); • Proportional differential costs of serving different priority cohorts (e.g. First Nations communities or remote service delivery); and • Capacity of organisations to deliver relevant services. <p>For further information refer to Clause 55(b) of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.</p>
New Activities	Includes any activities that did not commence prior to the 6 September National Cabinet meeting.
New funding	<p>New funding is defined as funding that is allocated to commence from 1 July 2025 and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ was committed following National Cabinet on 6 September 2024. <p>Funding is also considered new funding where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • funding to an existing service provider lapsed on or before 30 June 2025, or funding to an existing service provider commenced after 6 September 2024, and • funding was not committed until after National Cabinet on 6 September 2024, and will be delivered between 6 September 2024 and 30 June 2030. <p>State and territory new funding must be commensurate (1:1 year-on-year) with the Commonwealth's funding over the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2030.</p>
Primary Prevention Activities for FDSV NPA	<p>Primary Prevention activities target whole-of-population interventions as well as selected interventions aimed at priority groups who may be at increased risk of experiencing or perpetrating FDSV. Typically, activities focus on the underlying drivers of violence against women which include improving community attitudes, respectful relationships and gender equality but may also address risk factors such as adverse childhood experiences, substance abuse and mental health. Primary prevention, for the purposes of the FDSV NPA schedule, refer to activities that are those tailored to particular community settings, as defined in Clauses 2 and Clause 16(a-i) of the schedule.</p>
Program	A program, also called an activity in some jurisdictions, is a frontline service run by an organisation.

Remediation Plan	A document that outlines the actionable and achievable steps the impacted state will take to address the identified issues. The impacted State will be responsible for the development of the Remediation Plan which will be agreed to by both the Commonwealth and the impacted State.
Success	Noting that most activities do not currently collect outcomes achieved by participants, success can be demonstrated through the findings of an evaluation, by demonstrating an increase in demand across the life of the activity or through other means as agreed by the Commonwealth.

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TITLE: 500 WORKERS INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTATION

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- All states and territories (states) were to deliver their full allocation of the 500 new frontline and community sector workers (full-time equivalent (FTE) positions) by 2024-25, except Victoria, which was granted an extension to recruit their full allocation by the end of 2025-26.
- As at 30 September 2025, 518 (459.3 FTE) new workers have commenced.
 - The Australian Capital Territory, Tasmania, Queensland and Western Australia have commenced their full allocation of workers.
 - New South Wales, South Australia and the Northern Territory are close to meeting their worker commenced targets.
 - Victoria has an extension to meet their overall worker target (101 FTE) by the end of June 2026 and currently have 72 (66 FTE) workers commenced.
- The Australian Government continues to work closely with states that have not met their workers commenced targets as there continue to be challenges with recruiting to the family, domestic and sexual violence workforce, particularly in some rural and remote areas.
- The Australian Government has commenced negotiations with states on service delivery arrangements for the 500 Workers component of the *Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses 2021-30 Federation Funding Agreement (FDSV FFA)* from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2030.

KEY INFORMATION

- The Australian Government committed \$169.4 million over four years from 2022-23 to 2025-26, to support 500 new frontline and community sector workers to support victim-survivors of family, domestic and sexual violence (FDSV) across Australia.
- Funding is being delivered to states through the 500 Workers component of the FDSV FFA.
 - States have not been asked to contribute matched funding to this initiative.
 - States are required to recruit set numbers of community sector workers to support priority groups experiencing violence.
- \$141.5 million of the total administered funding of \$165 million, has been paid to states via four payments.
 - Payment four was due to be paid in September 2025. Victoria, Western Australia, the Northern Territory, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory have not yet received payment four as they have not submitted their performance milestones.

If asked, what is the Department of Social Services (the Department) doing to progress this initiative?

- The Department remains closely engaged with all states to support their recruitment of frontline and community sector workers under the 500 workers initiative.

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- To ensure transparency, the Department is working with states to publish data on the first business day of each month on the Department's website.
- The last monthly report was published on 1 September 2025.

If asked, has the Australian Government failed to meet its election commitment of delivering 500 new workers by 2024-25?

- The timeframe for delivery of the full complement of 500 new workers has been extended, with Victoria to engage its final share of new workers in 2025-26.
- I acknowledge the challenges presented by the current labour market conditions. The Department is working closely with states to understand and, where possible, provide assistance to address these challenges.

If asked, what is the Department doing to ensure the continuation of the 500 Workers initiative from 2026 onwards?

- Funding for the initiative is ongoing and detailed in *Federal Financial Relations Budget Paper No. 3*.
- On 27 June 2025, the Minister for Social Services, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, wrote to state Women's Safety Ministers advising that a new multilateral agreement will be established with states to deliver 500 Worker funding for a further four years, up until 30 June 2030.
- The Department is working with state government officials on the terms of a renewed 500 Workers component of the FDSV FFA which will commence from 1 July 2026.

BUDGET and WORKER INFORMATION

State	Australian Government funding paid to states as at 30 September 2025 (\$m)	Total Australian Government funding for states 2022-23 to 2025-26 (\$m)	Workers commenced targets (FTE)	Workers commenced as 30 September 2025 (FTE)	% of workers commenced as at 30 September 2025 against total FTE
QLD	\$37.2	\$37.2	111.6	112	100%
TAS	\$8.6	\$8.6	24.6	24.6	100%
ACT	\$1.7	\$2.5	7.6	7.6	100%
WA	\$10.7	\$16.2	50.0	50	100%
NSW	\$48.8	\$48.8	148.4	146.4	99%
SA	\$8.2	\$12.2	36.8	34.1	93%
NT	\$4.8	\$7.0	20.0	18.6	93%
VIC*	\$21.5	\$32.5	101.0	66	65%
Total	\$141.5	\$165.0	500.0	459.3	92%

*Victoria was granted an extension to recruit their full allocation to the end of 2025-26.

Background

- The Australian Government committed \$169.4 million over four years from 2022-23 to 2025-26:
 - \$165 million was allocated to states.
 - \$4.4 million was provided in Departmental funds which is not being distributed to states.
- The Australian Government committed a further \$170.7 million over four years from 2026-27 to 2028-29 for the initiative in the *Federal Financial Relations Budget Paper No. 3*. The distribution of this funding is being negotiated with states.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-26

TITLE: FIRST NATIONS WOMEN AND CHILDREN

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- In the 2023-2024 Budget, the Australian Government invested \$262.6 million over five years, from 2022-2023 to 2026-2027, in the safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, through implementation of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan 2023-2025* (Family Safety Action Plan).
- Initiatives taken forward by the Department of Social Services (the Department) include:
 - Implementation and expansion of the Leaving Violence Program Regional Trials
 - Implementation of four immediate priority grant programs for crisis accommodation, men’s wellness centres, programs in Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCOs), and programs for children
 - Development work for a First Nations-led family, domestic and sexual violence data collection
 - Development of Our Ways – Strong Ways – Our Voices: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Plan to End Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence (Our Ways).
 - Commencement of work to establish a National Peak Body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Safety.
- *The Safe and Supported: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Action Plan 2023-2026* (Safe and Supported Action Plan) sets out actions and activities to address the over-representation of First Nations children in out-of-home care, Target 12 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap (see SB25-000162 for further information).
 - Safe and Supported brings Commonwealth, State and Territory governments together with First Nations partners to drive systems change in child protection, such as developing a national approach to early intervention and increasing self-determination for First Nations people.
 - Progress under the First Action Plan has included the establishment of the National Commission for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People on 13 January 2025 and appointment of the National Commissioner, Sue-Ann Hunter from 1 September 2025.
- As part of the 2021-2022 Commonwealth Closing the Gap Implementation Plan announced on 5 August 2021, \$98.5 million in funding was provided towards four measures to address Target 12 and Target 13. The four measures are:
 - Measure 1: Improving Multidisciplinary Responses to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with multiple and complex needs (Target 12) - \$49 million over five years – provides flexible funding to ACCOs to deliver a service strengthening program that connects families and providers to wrap around responses.
 - Measure 2: Developing the cultural competency and trauma responsiveness of the Indigenous and non-Indigenous child and family sector workforce engaged through the Department’s grant funding (Target 12) - \$7.7 million over three years.

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- Measure 3: Stronger Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCOs), Stronger Families (SASF) – was a research project and pilot designed to increase the number of ACCOs delivering child and family services to Indigenous children, young people and families. It contributed to the evidence-base for what works, produced tools for supporting partnerships and led to new formal service delivery partnerships. It contributed to Priority Reform 2 and Target 12 - \$3.2 million over two years
- Measure 4: Outcomes and Evidence Fund (Targets 12 and 13) - \$38.6 million over three years.

KEY INFORMATION

- First Nations women are up to seven times more likely to be victims of homicide and 27 times more likely to be hospitalised due to family violence.
- The Family Safety Action Plan supports Target 13 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap (National Agreement): to reduce the rate of all forms of family violence and abuse against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children by at least 50% by 2031.
- Our Ways is being jointly developed by a Steering Committee, comprising First Nations, state and territory and Commonwealth Government representatives, and is supported by an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Secretariat, SNAICC – National Voice for Our Children (SNAICC) and the Department.
- In 2024, rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care were 10.8 times higher than non-Indigenous children.
- The Safe and Supported Action Plan and 2021-2022 Commonwealth Closing the Gap Implementation Plan measures support Target 12 of the National Agreement: to reduce the rate of over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by 45% by 2031.

Four Immediate Priority Grants under the Family Safety Action Plan

- \$32.2 million is being invested over three years from 2023-24, supporting 16 ACCOs and Indigenous-led organisations under the *Increasing Capacity of Crisis Accommodation Services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples* grant program.
 - Activities are delivered by existing services and include repairs; evaluating the crisis accommodation model or supporting communities to craft suitable models; building workforce capacity; and expanding short-term accommodation options.
 - Increasing capacity may not mean adding beds, but improving client experience and service quality through initiatives such as culturally informed staff training and building referral pathways and stronger service partnerships.
 - Most of the 16 funded organisations are small, community-based services, with many operating in regional and remote areas. Collectively, they estimate support for 1,000-1,500 clients annually.
- \$17 million is being invested over three years from 2024-25, supporting 24 ACCOs under the *Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Controlled Organisations* grant program. Funding is being used to expand current campaigns, or create new ones.
 - Activities are community-led and may focus on healing, intervention, prevention, workforce development, and building community capacity.
- \$41.4 million is being invested over three years from 2024-25, supporting 13 ACCOs and Indigenous-led organisations for the *Community-led Men's Wellness Centres for Aboriginal and Torres Strait*

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Islander Peoples grant program.

- Funded organisations provide spaces for male domestic violence activities to support culturally safe engagement of men through healing, respectful relationships education, parenting, mentoring, and addressing coercive control and tech-facilitated abuse.
- Most of the 13 funded organisations are small, community-based services, with many operating in regional and remote areas. Collectively, they estimate they will support approximately 1,600 male clients annually.
- \$12.7 million is being invested over two years from 2024-25, supporting 9 ACCOs and Indigenous-led organisations under the *Community-led Prevention Services, Programs and Campaigns for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children* grant program.
 - Activities include meeting existing demand, expanding prevention initiatives, workforce development, and service innovation tailored to diverse community needs.

First Nations-led family, domestic and sexual violence data collection

- \$15 million (from 2025-26 to 2027-28) is being invested in a First Nations-led data project which will enable measurement of progress against Target 13.
- The Department continues to work with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council for Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence (Advisory Council) to finalise the scope of the project and implementation approach.
- The Department expects to undertake a tender process in the second half of 2025 to deliver the project.

Leaving Violence Program Regional Trials

- \$38.7 million (excluding indexation and supplementation) over two years from 2024-25 to extend the Escaping Violence Payment place-based trial in Cairns (now Leaving Violence Program Regional Trial) and expand the Leaving Violence Program Regional Trials to include three new sites – Broome, Darwin and Dubbo.
- The 4 Regional Trials are anticipated to support 3000 victim-survivors across the locations in 2025-26.

Our Ways – Strong Ways – Our Voices: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Plan to End Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence (Our Ways)

- \$4.1 million over two years from 2023-24 was committed to support the development of Our Ways.
- Our Ways will contribute to the delivery of the government’s commitment to end gender-based violence by directly responding to National Agreement Target 13.
- The Our Ways Steering Committee has met ten times from January 2024 to August 2025 to support the development of Our Ways.
- Our Ways is expected to be finalised by December 2025.

National Peak Body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Safety

- \$7.7 million over three years has been invested to establish a National Peak Body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Safety (National Peak Body).
- Once established, the National Peak Body will play a key role leading and advocating for the First Nations community-controlled family, domestic and sexual violence sector and have oversight of Our Ways.

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- The Coalition of Peaks has been engaged to establish the National Peak Body.
- The Peak will be functionally operational in late 2025.

First Nations Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Sector Strengthening Plan

- The Department is working in genuine partnership with First Nations Advocates Against Family Violence (FNAAFV) and state and territory governments to deliver the First Nations Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Sector Strengthening Plan (DFSV SSP).
- This commitment reflects the government's commitment to Priority Reform Two of the National Agreement.
- The DFSV SSP is a national targeted effort towards capacity building and increased investment in the DFSV community-controlled sector.
- FNAAFV has been funded \$400,000 by the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) to deliver the sector strengthening plan by December 2026.

2021-2022 Commonwealth Closing the Gap Implementation Plan MeasuresImproving Multidisciplinary Responses (IMR) program

- The IMR program is a national, multi-jurisdiction initiative, which aims to enhance and support holistic responses to First Nations families with multiple and complex needs. IMR provides flexible funding to ACCOs to strengthen supports for First Nations families, with a focus on connecting service providers to provide wraparound responses.
- The Department has provided \$43.7 million to 15 First Nations and ACCOs to deliver community-led projects in regional, remote and metropolitan areas across Australia. The Department has funded two subject matter experts to provide support to grantees - SNAICC and Arney Chong Consulting.

Developing the cultural competency and trauma responsiveness training measure

- This measure funds the development and delivery of training to improve the cultural awareness and capability of the child and family sector workforce in working with First Nations clients.
- Through a targeted competitive grant opportunity, SNAICC was awarded \$6.2 million to develop and deliver the training. Organisations funded by the Department under Outcomes 2 and 3 are eligible to receive the training. Activities commenced in May 2023 and will continue until late 2025.
- As of June 2025, the training has been delivered to 240 organisations in 424 different locations to a total of 1,032 participants.

BUDGET INFORMATION

- \$262.6 million committed by the Commonwealth under the Family Safety Action Plan, consisting of:
 - DSS initiatives of \$153.1 million over five years, plus \$4 million in year six (2027-28), and an additional \$15 million in redirected funding over five years.
 - NIAA and Attorney-General's Department initiatives of \$109.4 million over four years (from 2023-24) for measures listed under the Action Plan.

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- The *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan 2023-2025* (Family Safety Action Plan) under the *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2032* was launched on 16 August 2023.
- The Family Safety Action Plan was developed by the Department in partnership with the Advisory Council.
- There are 55 actions in the Action Plan. Sixteen actions are being progressed by the Australian Government including 12 by the Department and three by NIAA. The fourth action assigned to the NIAA has been completed. Ongoing responsibility for funding Family Violence Prevention Legal Services transitioned to the Attorney-General's Department (AGD) on 1 July 2025.
- Other actions are being partially addressed by Australian Government initiatives led by the Department, AGD, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, and the eSafety Commissioner.
- On 15 January 2024, the former Minister for Social Services, the Hon Amanda Rishworth MP, appointed the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Safety Steering Committee (now referred to as the Our Ways – Strong Ways – Our Voices Steering Committee (Steering Committee)) to lead the development of Our Ways.
- The Steering Committee is made up of 24 members: 12 non-government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives, two Australian Government representatives, eight jurisdictional representatives, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner and the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commissioner.
- On 22 December 2023 a contract was executed with SNAICC valued at \$3,499,057.79 (GST inclusive) to develop and deliver Our Ways by 22 December 2024. The contract was varied twice to extend the end date to 30 June 2025 and amend the contract price to \$3,411,930.98 (GST inclusive).
- On 21 August 2025, a contract was executed with SNAICC valued at \$411,798.20 (GST inclusive) to support the finalisation of Our Ways.
- SNAICC led a nation-wide consultation process from September 2024 to March 2025. Consultations included an online public submission process, engagements with government, discrete/high risk cohorts, the service sector, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, children and young people and people with lived experience of family, domestic and sexual violence.

Leaving Violence Program Regional Trials (Regional Trials)

- The Leaving Violence Program provides individual support to victim-survivors, including up to \$5,000 in financial support.
- The Regional Trials launched on 1 July 2025 to deliver culturally-safe support for victim-survivors leaving intimate-partner violence in each of the locations, focused on service delivery to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victim-survivors.
- The Regional Trials are delivered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander led organisations in Broome, Cairns (established 2023), Darwin and Dubbo.

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- The Regional Trials providers are:
 - Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical Service (BRAMS) – Broome, WA
 - Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation (RAATSIC) – Cairns, QLD
 - North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service (NAAFLS) – Darwin, NT
 - Bunmabunmarra Service – Dubbo, NSW
- The Regional Trials are due to cease on 30 June 2026. Decisions regarding the future of the grants are a matter for government.

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TITLE: INNOVATIVE PERPETRATOR RESPONSES

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- In the October 2022–23 and 2023–24 Budgets, the Australian Government committed \$26.990 million in funding for this initiative.
- As at 18 September 2025:
 - Twenty projects have been approved, which includes six scoping studies, 12 trials and two combined scoping studies and trials. Of these 20 projects:
 - Thirteen projects have a focus on First Nations people who use or are at risk of using violence.
 - Nine trials have a focus on adolescents or young people who use or are at risk of using violence.
 - Four trials have a focus on culturally and linguistically diverse people who use or are at risk of using violence.
 - Service delivery has commenced for eight trials, with 223 clients receiving perpetrator interventions.
- On 12 September 2025, Minister Plibersek wrote to state and territory Women’s Safety Ministers confirming an additional \$8.6 million in funding over two years has been committed to the Innovative Perpetrator Responses Initiative.

KEY INFORMATION

- Innovative Perpetrator Responses (IPR) funding is provided to state and territory governments (states) under the *Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses 2021-30 Federation Funding Agreement* (FDSV FFA). The initiative is designed to build the evidence base for what works to change perpetrator behaviour.
- States are to trial innovative projects aiming to hold offenders to account, prevent them from reoffending, and improve victim-survivor protection.
- Over five years (2022-2027), each state is receiving \$3.374 million in funding under the FDSV FFA. States are not required to make financial contributions.
- As at 18 September 2025, \$19.115 million of the total \$26.990 million has been paid to states. All states have received Payments 1-3 under this initiative.
- Payment 4 was due to be paid in September 2025, subject to approval of the milestone requirements (Commonwealth acceptance of progress report and updated project plan) in August 2025.
 - Queensland, New South Wales, Tasmania and Western Australia received Payment 4 on 8 September 2025.
 - Australian Capital Territory and Victoria will receive Payment 4 on 7 October 2025.
 - The Commonwealth continues to work with the remaining states to support them to meet the Milestone requirements for Payment 4.

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- The final payment milestone is due in August 2026, which is a progress report, updated project plan and submission of an evaluation report.

If asked, what criteria must states adhere to for innovative perpetrator initiatives and project plans?

- Clause 61 of the FDSV FFA sets out the requirements states must meet when submitting project plans.
- Project plans must detail how each of the proposed initiatives will use innovative approaches to address family and domestic violence perpetrator behaviour.
- Initiatives can include both scoping studies and trials – states had the options to undertake scoping studies to inform trials of innovative projects.

If asked, how does the Commonwealth know the initiatives are evidence based?

- All initiatives must be underpinned by evidence, subject to evaluation and overseen by an appropriate advisory group.
- This ensures that upon completion of the initiatives, governments have a solid evidence base to guide future investment in perpetrator interventions.

If asked, how do you know the projects are innovative?

- States are required to demonstrate how the new initiatives or reforms meet the criteria for innovation as set out in the FDSV FFA.
- The funding principles agreed in the FDSV FFA include a requirement to implement new initiatives or reforms aimed at addressing emerging priorities, based on collaboration and information between the Commonwealth and state or territory.
- **Additional information:** Approaches may be considered innovative if they meet one or more of four criteria:
 - *Original:* the proposed initiative(s) is not in use, or has not previously been used, in the jurisdiction.
 - *Novel form of implementation:* adaptation of existing programs or services to target new groups (including new locations) or alternative models for delivering existing programs or services.
 - *Support new forms of coordinated engagement:* the proposed approach will support new or enhanced forms of collaboration between multi-agency groups (e.g. support services for alcohol and drug use, mental health, housing, child protection, legal services) coordinated by case managers who help perpetrators address their various needs.
 - *Technological advances or other system enablers:* Utilise new technologies, or new uses of existing technologies to monitor perpetrators and influence or respond to their behaviours.

If asked, what levers does the Commonwealth have for holding states to account on this measure?

- The FDSV FFA requires states to submit up-to-date project plans showing how funding will be spent and progress reports detailing progress.
- All documents detailing progress must be agreed by the Commonwealth before an annual payment is released.

If asked, are state project plans published?

- No. The FDSV FFA does not require their publication under the Innovative Perpetrator Responses initiative.
- Any publishing decisions would be made in consultation with states.

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If asked, what progress have states made towards their projects?

- Of the six scoping studies, four have been completed.
- Of the two combined scoping studies and trials, both scoping studies are complete and the initiatives are now delivering services under the trial component.
- Of the 12 trials, eight are delivering services and four are undertaking stakeholder engagement, establishing grant agreements and procurements and developing models to be trialled.

If asked, what innovative approaches are states trialling?

- The Innovative Perpetrator Responses initiative trials can be categorised into the following type of approaches:
 - Crisis phonenumber supports specifically for Aboriginal men.
 - Direct perpetrator interventions, including:
 - responding to Aboriginal men who use violence.
 - targeting incarcerated men on remand.
 - trialling certain mentoring methodologies for people in the youth justice system.
 - locally led interventions prioritising the safety of victim-survivors.
 - improving ways of working to engage perpetrators earlier to promote victim-survivor safety.
 - supporting Culturally and Linguistically Diverse men who are at risk of or are using FDSV.
 - Behaviour change programs for family violence perpetrators subject to court orders.
 - Case management services for men who use violence whilst supporting a trauma-informed response to women and children experiencing violence and providing police training in managing vicarious trauma.

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- The following table outlines the funding that has been allocated to states through this initiative.

State	2022-23*	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL (\$m)
NSW	0.000	1.281	0.781	0.656	0.656	3.374
VIC	0.000	1.281	0.781	0.656	0.656	3.374
QLD	0.000	1.281	0.781	0.656	0.656	3.374
WA	0.000	1.281	0.781	0.656	0.656	3.374
SA	0.000	1.281	0.781	0.656	0.656	3.374
TAS	0.000	1.281	0.781	0.656	0.656	3.374
ACT	0.500	0.781	0.781	0.656	0.656	3.374
NT	0.000	1.281	0.781	0.656	0.656	3.374
**TOTAL (\$m)	0.500	9.745	6.245	5.250	5.250	26.990

* Shows approved funding prior to a movement of funds. A movement of funds was approved for states that did not have a project plan agreed by the Commonwealth to enable payment in 2022-23 (all states except ACT). This moved \$3.5m from 2022-23 to 2023-24.

** Total figures are rounded.

- The \$8.6 million additional funding boost has not yet been allocated to states and territories.

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- The October 2022-23 Budget provided \$25 million in funding (\$3.125 million per state) over five years. All states signed the multilateral schedule for this funding (last state signed August 2023).
- The 2023-24 Budget allocated an additional \$1.99 million in funding (\$0.249 million per state) to this measure. The revised multilateral schedule was executed in all states by February 2024.
- In March 2025, the Australian Government committed to providing an \$8.6 million boost in funding to the Innovative Perpetrator Responses program.
- This boost in funding will target interventions for high-risk perpetrators and young people at risk of using or already using violence.

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TITLE: INVESTIGATION OF KOREA-AUSTRALIA INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION PROGRAM

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- In the 2025 Federal Election, the Government committed to 'Investigate Concerns about the Australia-Korea adoption program', via a process to be led by the Department of Social Services (the Department).
- The Department is in the process of making recommendations to government on the form and design of the investigation, informed by the views of stakeholders.

KEY INFORMATION

- This election commitment responds to concerns about the legality of historical South Korean adoptions to Australia, following the South Korean Truth and Reconciliation Commission's March 2025 findings.
- On 29 August 2025, the Minister for Social Services, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, met with a group of Korean adoptee and Intercountry adoption stakeholders to obtain their views on the design of the investigation. The Department has also consulted separately with individual Korean adoptees.
- The Department is working across government, including with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Department of Home Affairs, the Attorney-General's Department and state and territory governments, to support adoptees and their families.
- The Department acknowledges the lifelong challenges experienced by intercountry adoptees whose adoptions were impacted by illicit or illegal adoption practices.
- The Department funds Relationships Australia South Australia (RASA) to deliver the Intercountry Adoptee and Family Support Service (ICAFSS) a free, nation-wide intercountry adoptee-specific therapeutic support, providing counselling, information and education to adoptees, their families and prospective adoptive parents.

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- The Department, Australia's Central Authority (ACA), develops and maintains relationships with partner countries and manages Australia's national intercountry adoption policies. The Department does not facilitate adoptions, including management of adoption applications or associated processes. The Department does not hold adoption records or make decisions on specific adoption cases.
- In Australia, the intercountry adoption process (including eligibility checks, accepting and assessing applications, facilitating adoptions, and handling post placement matters) is managed by government departments in each state and territory. Each Australian jurisdiction has its own policies and procedures dictated by independent legislation.

South Korea's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)

- The TRC investigation commenced in December 2022, after submissions were made to the TRC in August 2022, led by the Danish Korean Rights Group. The TRC had been investigating past adoption practices, with particular focus on submissions from 367 adoptees who were sent overseas between 1964 and 1999 to Europe, the United States, and Australia.
- The TRC released an interim report in March 2025 finding specific human rights violations in the South Korean intercountry adoption process. The TRC was disbanded in April 2025, with no announcement from the South Korean government about the possibility of future iterations.
- The Department is aware that at least eight, and up to ten, Australian adoptees made submissions to the TRC, and as many as five Korean-Australian adoptees have since received confirmation from the TRC of investigation findings on their case.
- To date, there have been no allegations of wrongdoing on the part of Australia. The Australian Government has not been approached by the TRC or the South Korean Government about the investigation.

Program background

- Australian families have adopted children from South Korea from as early as 1969.
- Until 2025, Australia has facilitated adoptions with South Korea, through private adoption agency, Eastern Social Welfare Society (ESWS), under the *Family Law (Bilateral Arrangements – Intercountry Adoption) Regulations 2023*.
- South Korea is a *Hague Convention on the Protection of Children and Co-Operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption* (Hague Convention) signatory (2013) but has not yet ratified. Ratification will take effect on 1 October 2025.
- On 19 July 2025, ESWS ceased responsibility for intercountry adoption, with the government agency, National Centre for the Rights of the Child designated as the competent authority responsible for the facilitation of intercountry adoption and post adoption services, including document requests and birth family search. The South Korean Ministry of Health and Welfare is responsible for the oversight of intercountry adoption in South Korea.

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- Australian authorities currently only facilitate intercountry adoptions if the principles and standards of the Hague Convention and relevant international obligations, including the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child*, are upheld. The South Korea-Australia intercountry adoption program currently operates in compliance with the principles and standards of the Hague Convention.
- The Australian Government had limited involvement in intercountry adoption prior to the 1998 ratification of the Hague Convention. The New South Wales Department of Communities and Justice was responsible for the management of the South Korea Program in Australia from 1977, until the former ACA, the Attorney-General's Department assumed primary responsibility for all of Australia's intercountry adoption programs in 2007. The Department of Social Services became the ACA in 2019.

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TITLE: EARLY YEARS STRATEGY: PROGRESS AND INTERSECTION WITH THRIVING KIDS

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Early Years Strategy 2024-2034 sets a whole of Government policy agenda for Australian children and families in the early years.
- The First Action Plan 2024-2027 and Outcomes Framework were released in December 2024.
- A Monitoring and Evaluation Framework is being developed to provide a way to evaluate policies and actions, including actions in the First Action Plan. It is expected to be released by December 2025.

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- The Early Years Strategy (Strategy) provides a framework to guide how the Government prioritises child-centred policy development and targets investments in early years supports and services.
- The Strategy is being implemented through 3 action plans over 10 years, with progress measured through an Outcomes Framework.
- The Strategy is already working to target Government investment in the early years. This includes a \$100 million Outcomes Fund to prevent cycles of intergenerational and community disadvantage.
- The Strategy acknowledges the role of states and territories in the early years and seeks to better integrate, coordinate and collaborate on programs and services to improve outcomes for children and families.

Intersection with Thriving Kids

- In Minister Butler's speech to the National Press Club on Thriving Kids, he highlighted that children with developmental delay who are autistic expect and deserve to be "supported by broad-based, mainstream services". Minister Butler highlighted that there are existing information services and programs such as supported playgroups which can be built upon under the new program.
- The Strategy commits to ensuring the Australian Government's early years supports are responsive to the needs of all children and families by being high quality, evidence-informed, targeted, and accessible. One of the priority focus areas under the Strategy is to better integrate programs and services, in order to 'break down silos' for the benefit of children and their families.
- The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing is engaging the Department of Social Services on the implementation of Thriving Kids on a regular basis.
- Questions on the policy parameters, negotiations with states and territories, and implementation timing of the Thriving Kids program are most appropriately directed to the Department of Health Disability and Ageing.

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TITLE: GAMBLING AND HARM MINIMISATION

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Australian Government received the report of the *Inquiry into online gambling and its impacts on those experiencing gambling harm: You win some, you lose more* (the Inquiry) on 28 June 2023.
- The Department of Social Services (the Department) is supporting the government to consider the Inquiry report. Any reforms are a matter for government.
- The Department is responsible for national online gambling harm minimisation policy, including:
 - leading the National Consumer Protection Framework for Online Wagering (NCPF). The Department is coordinating an evaluation of the NCPF on behalf of all governments, undertaken by the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) from 2024 to 2027.
 - administering \$0.5 million per year ongoing for the national gambling research appropriation. Projects funded from this appropriation help build the national evidence base and inform harm minimisation policy. This appropriation is currently funding the NCPF evaluation for FYs 2023-24 to 2025-26.
 - providing funding of more than \$6 million per year for specialist financial counselling to support people affected by gambling harm (Financial Counselling for Gambling program). This has assisted an average of 5,000 clients across Australia per year since 2018-19 (most recently 3,836 clients in 2024-25 and 5,004 clients in 2023-24).
- The Department also works with:
 - other governments, noting that states and territories regulate and licence all forms of gambling in Australia, and
 - other Commonwealth agencies, predominantly the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts, which is responsible for Commonwealth regulation of online gambling and advertising.

KEY INFORMATION

Online Gambling Inquiry (the Inquiry)

- The Inquiry explored a range of matters that intersect with online gambling harm including regulation and licensing, legislated definitions, payment methods, advertising, support services, education, harm minimisation and prevention, and public health.
- Of the Committee's 31 recommendations, around 21 would involve state and territory governments.
- *Questions on gambling advertising should be directed to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (DITRDCA).*

National Consumer Protection Framework for Online Wagering (NCPF)

- The *National Consumer Protection Framework for Online Wagering* (NCPF) was considered fully implemented in August 2023, in collaboration with all Australian jurisdictions.

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- The NCPF delivered 10 consumer protection measures (see Background) to reduce online gambling harm by providing consumers with easy-to-use tools and information.
- Other Commonwealth-led measures include:
 - finalising the Customer Verification measure (introduced from 29 September 2023), meaning online wagering service providers must now complete customer identity verification before creating a customer’s online gambling account. This was led by the Department and is regulated by AUSTRAC.
 - BetStop – the National Self-Exclusion Register, launched on 21 August 2023 (led by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA).
 - BetStop allows people to voluntarily exclude themselves from all Australian licensed interactive wagering service providers.
 - As at 30 June 2025, 44,841 people had registered to self-exclude.
 - *Questions relating to BetStop should be referred to the ACMA.*
- The Department commissioned AIFS’ Australian Gambling Research Centre to undertake the NCPF evaluation from June 2024 to June 2027, at a total cost of \$1.5 million.
- The findings from the evaluation are expected to inform future reforms on gambling harm minimisation.

Other Commonwealth gambling harm minimisation measures

- The Department has provided policy advice on harm minimisation on cross-Commonwealth implementation of additional measures, including:
 - the introduction of mandatory minimum classifications for computer games containing gambling-like content from 22 September 2024 (led by DITRDCA).
 - a review into the impact of online keno and foreign-matched lotteries from July 2024 (led by DITRDCA).
 - the ban on the use of credit cards for online wagering from June 2024 (led by DITRDCA).
- *The division of gambling policy roles and responsibilities is set out at Background.*

Senate Order for the Production of Documents

- The Senate agreed to an Order for the Production of Documents (OPD) No. 7 on 23 July 2025, requiring any briefing documents to the Minister for Social Services related to online gambling and the government’s draft and/or final response to the Online Gambling Inquiry to be tabled by 28 July 2025.
- The Department supported the Minister by searching for documents within the scope of the OPD.
- Claiming public interest immunity to protect the confidentiality of a document is a decision for the Minister, weighing the public interest in disclosing the documents against the public interest in maintaining confidentiality.
- The 2 documents released in response to the OPD were:
 - A document summarising recent Australian research and data related to online gambling.
 - The Department’s Incoming Government Brief, which was available following its release in response to a separate Freedom of Information request, with redactions.

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- Other documents were identified but were subject to the Minister's public interest immunity claim. The Minister's public interest immunity claims raised:
 - Advice to government (disclosure of these documents would undermine the process of decision making and policy development).
 - Confidentiality of commercial information (disclosure of the material would prejudice the government's ability to obtain relevant commercial information from stakeholders to inform the government's consideration of a range of policy matters).
- The Senate subsequently agreed to OPD No. 87 on 26 August 2025, requiring the Minister to table a list of all documents that were subject to the public interest immunity claims raised in relation to order No. 7, in order for the Senate to determine whether it accepted the public interest immunity claims.
- The Minister maintained the public interest immunity claim raised for OPD No. 7 and no further information was provided.

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Background

- All 10 measures of the National Consumer Protection Framework were implemented between 2018 and 2023.

NCPF Measure	Responsibility	Date of effect
1. Prohibition of lines of credit – Except by certain oncourse bookmakers.	Commonwealth (ACMA)	17 Feb 2018
2. Payday lenders – Discourages small amount credit contracts.	Commonwealth (ACMA)	17 Feb 2018
3. Customer verification – pre-verification commenced 29 September 2023.	Commonwealth (AUSTRAC)	29 Sep 2023 (pre-verification) 2 May 2022 (72 hours) 26 Feb 2019 (14 days)
4. Offering of inducements – Prohibits specified inducements.	States /Territories	26 May 2019
5. Account closure – Available/accessible closing of wagering accounts.	States /Territories	26 May 2019
6. Voluntary opt-out pre-commitment scheme – Consumer tool to pre-commit to deposit limits.	States /Territories	26 May 2019
7. Activity statements – Meaningful monthly statements for consumers.	States /Territories	31 July 2022
8. Consistent gambling messaging – evidence-based, consistent gambling messaging to replace ‘gamble responsibly’. The 7 taglines are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chances are you’re about to lose. You win some. You lose more. Think. Is this a bet you really want to place? What’s gambling really costing you? What are you prepared to lose today? Set a deposit limit. Imagine what you could be buying instead. What are you really gambling with? 	States /Territories	30 March 2023
9. Staff training – Training of certain staff in delivery of responsible online wagering services e.g. identifying risky gambling behaviours and intervening to minimise harm. Training can be delivered in-house or accessed via an online course through TAFE Queensland.	States /Territories	30 March 2023
10. National Self-Exclusion Register – Self-exclusion from all online wagering (BetStop).	Commonwealth (ACMA)	21 August 2023

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The Department of Social Services has policy responsibility for online gambling harm minimisation.

- Online gambling harm minimisation policy
- National Consumer Protection Framework for Online Wagering
- National Research on Gambling
- Administering the *Gambling Measures Act 2012*

Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS)

- The Australian Government provides funding to the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) for gambling-related research.

Australian Gambling Research Centre (AGRC)

- The Australian Gambling Research Centre (AGRC) is housed within AIFS and performs policy-relevant research that enhances understanding of the nature and extent of gambling participation and related harms. It also advances knowledge of ways to prevent and reduce harm among at-risk populations, their families and communities.

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (DITRDCA) has policy responsibility for online gambling and advertising.

- *Interactive Gambling Act 2001* (IGA) – legal / illegal offshore gambling operations, legislative framework for BetStop – the National Self-Exclusion Register for online wagering.
- *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* (BSA) – rules on scheduling and placement of gambling advertisements on broadcasting and online.
- *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995* – classification of video games, including those containing ‘simulated gambling’.

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) enforces the IGA and BSA.

- ACMA is responsible for the development and implementation of BetStop – the National Self-Exclusion Register.

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)

- AUSTRAC administers the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing Act 2006*. (AML/CTF Act) and AML/CTF Rules that outline conditions for gambling operators to address money laundering issues, including customer verification.

Sport Integrity Australia

- Policy responsibility for integrity of sport, including match fixing and in-play gambling.

State and territory governments

- Licensing and regulating all gambling products:
 - Land-based (e.g. casinos, TABs, lotteries, poker machines).
 - Online services permitted under the IGA - wagering and lottery services.
- Applying harm minimisation rules to the licensed services within jurisdictions.
- Collecting gambling taxes and license fees.

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TITLE: FINANCIAL WELLBEING AND CAPABILITY GRANTS

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Australian Government is investing around \$150 million each year, from 2025-26, in new grants for ten programs funded under the Financial Wellbeing and Capability (FWC) Activity.
- The new grants will help people and families in financial stress by providing financial and material aid, food, financial counselling and education, and access to safe financial products.
- FWC services support around 500,000 Australians each year across every state and territory.
- The Department of Social Services (the Department) implemented ten grant rounds in 2024-25, through a mix of closed, non-competitive (five) and open, competitive (five) grant processes.
- New five-year grants for the National Debt Helpline, Saver Plus, No Interest Loans (NILS) programs and national peak body for financial counselling (closed rounds) started on 1 July 2025.
 - The National Debt Helpline allocates \$5.5 million a year to eight state-based providers to provide free and confidential financial counselling help, to around 130,000 Australians.
 - Saver Plus is allocated \$10.3 million a year to help Australians on lower incomes to build savings habits, improve their financial literacy and to save up for education costs.
 - NILS and NILS for Vehicles is allocated up to \$10 million a year for loans with no interest or fees, to help vulnerable people buy essential items such as white goods or a car.
 - Financial Counselling and Capability Sector Support is \$3.4 million a year for national coordination activities for providers of financial counselling and financial capability.
- Recent open grant rounds were highly competitive, with \$3.33 billion across five years sought across around 770 applications.
- Over 300 grant recipients (235 organisations) will share in new grants from the open rounds.
- New grants of up to five years for the Emergency Relief, Food Relief and Financial Counselling programs (open rounds) will commence 1 October 2025, as announced on 18 July 2025:
 - Emergency Relief will allocate \$55 million a year over 188 providers across 89 service areas, providing short-term assistance such as food, clothing, fuel or medicine vouchers.
 - Food Relief and Material Aid will allocate \$4 million a year across four national providers, providing a cost-effective supply of food and material aid to Emergency Relief providers.
 - Financial Counselling and Financial Capability will allocate nearly \$20 million a year to 56 providers across 73 service areas to help people make informed financial choices.
 - Financial Counselling for Gambling will allocate \$6.3 million a year to 32 providers to provide specialist services for people and families impacted by gambling harm.
 - Financial Wellbeing Hubs will allocate around \$19 million a year to 26 providers to provide integrated FWC services in 14 locations of high financial vulnerability and need.
- \$20 million is set aside each year in extra FWC funding to respond to emergencies and disasters.

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KEY INFORMATION

- From 2025-26, total FWC grants will increase from \$120 million to \$150 million a year (a 25% boost). Baseline funding for each FWC program is also increasing.
- New long-term grants of up to five years give certainty to the sector, to plan and respond to need.
- New grants will ensure continuity of support for financially vulnerable Australians, with good service coverage across all states and territories, including in 89 Statistical Area Level 4 (SA4) regions.
- Priorities for the open grant rounds included wrap-around supports for clients with complex needs, a mix of large national and small local providers, broad service coverage, better data collection, early intervention (e.g. financial education), and more support for qualified and trained staff.
- New grants from across the open rounds will see around 214 existing grant recipients re-funded (70%), and 92 new grant recipients (30%) with 34 grant agreements with Aboriginal Community Controlled and Indigenous-led organisations.
- A total of 62 current FWC providers will not be re-funded (35 current providers applied for new grants and were unsuccessful for any FWC grant funding and 27 did not apply for new grants).
- Food Relief scope was expanded to include the supply of material aid (toiletries, blankets, clothing) to Commonwealth Emergency Relief providers, in addition to food. Annual funding for the program has nearly tripled (from \$1.5 million to \$4 million).
- New two-year grants from 1 October 2025 for Financial Wellbeing Hubs will enable responsiveness to client and community needs and further reform of the program, with possible expansion of hubs.
- On 27 March 2025, current FWC providers were offered a three-month extension from 1 July to 30 September 2025 (six months ahead of new grants), so the open rounds could be finalised.
- The Department is working with FWC providers to ensure a smooth transition from ceasing to new grants, including service continuity for clients and service coverage within communities.
- Prior to the new FWC grants commencing 1 October 2025, grants to over 250 service providers were in place from 1 January 2019 to 30 September 2025.

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FWC program	2024-25 funding for former ¹ grants (\$m) up to:	Annual new grant amount ² (12 months) (\$m) up to:	Total new funding for grant period (\$m) up to:	Grant duration (years)
Emergency Relief	54.9	55.0	274.6	5
Food Relief and Material Aid	1.5	4.0	20.0	5
Commonwealth Financial Counselling & Financial Capability	18.9	19.7	98.6	5
Financial Counselling for Gambling	6.1	6.3	31.2	5
Financial Wellbeing Hubs	18.5	19.1	38.1	2
National Debt Helpline	3.5	5.5	27.4	5
Saver Plus	6.7	10.3	51.5	5
No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS)	7.7	7.8	38.8	5
NILS for Vehicles ³		2.0	10.0	5
Financial Counselling and Capability Sector Support	0.7	3.4	16.7	5
Surge		20.0	100.0	
TOTAL (note figures are rounded)	118.5	153.1	706.9	

1. 2024-25 funding is grant expenditure for grants in place over 2024-25 including base funding and indexation; excludes supplementation and additional/surge funding.
2. Annual grant amount is what was advertised in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, excludes indexation and supplementation and noting Emergency Relief was originally advertised as \$69 million a year in the Guidelines.
3. NILS for Vehicles: \$2.0 million provided in 2023-24 for use to 30 June 2025.

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Background

Table 1 below provides a breakdown, by FWC program, of application dates and data from the ten FWC grant rounds.

Table 1 – Key details of FWC grant rounds

FWC grant round	Type of grant round	Grant round open	Grant round closed	Grant round announced	Total grant apps rec'd	Total grant apps funded	Total new grants (\$m) up to:
Emergency Relief	Open	22/10/2024	2/12/2024	18/7/2025	337	188	274.6
Food Relief and Material Aid	Open	22/10/2024	2/12/2024	18/7/2025	29	4	20.0
Commonwealth Financial Counselling and Financial Capability	Open	22/10/2024	2/12/2024	18/7/2025	195	56	98.6
Financial Counselling for Gambling	Open	22/10/2024	2/12/2024	18/7/2025	75	32	31.2
Financial Wellbeing Hubs	Open	22/10/2024	9/12/2024	18/7/2025	129	26	38.1
National Debt Helpline <i>State-based providers</i>	Closed	22/10/2024	18/11/2024	18/1/2025	8	8	27.4
Saver Plus <i>Brotherhood of St Laurence</i>	Closed	5/11/2024	18/11/2024	7/2/2025	1	1	51.5
No Interest Loans (NILS) <i>Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand (GSANZ)</i>	Closed	5/11/2024	18/11/2024	19/3/2025	1	1	38.8
NILS for Vehicles <i>GSANZ</i>	Closed	5/11/2024	18/11/2024	19/3/2025	1	1	10.0
Financial Counselling and Capability Sector Support <i>Financial Counselling Australia</i>	Closed	5/11/2024	18/11/2024	18/1/2025	1	1	16.7
Total					777	318	606.9*

*Total new FWC grant funding, for the total grant period, excluding surge funding.

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Table 2 below provides a timeline of sector notifications regarding the grant rounds.

Table 2 – FWC grant round notifications

Date	Communications	Additional detail
11 October 2024 15 October 2024	Forecast of upcoming grant rounds Grant Forecast Opportunity, GrantConnect Sector emails	Sector emails included current FWC service providers, state and territory governments, sector governance bodies and peak body.
22 October 2024	Opening of 5 open competitive rounds and 1 closed non-competitive round, NDH Media Release Sector emails DSS webpage news item GrantConnect alert	Ministerial announcement \$150 million in grant funding to ease financial pressures for Aussies doing it tough Social Services Ministers.
25 October 2024	Opening of grant rounds Social media posts	Facebook and LinkedIn
5 November 2024	Opening of 4 closed non-competitive rounds GrantConnect alert	Saver Plus, NILS, NILS for Vehicles and Financial Counselling and Capability Sector Support.
20 November 2024	Reminder of grant rounds closing Social media posts	Facebook and LinkedIn
2 December 2024	Close of 4 open competitive rounds GrantConnect	Emergency Relief, Food Relief, Financial Counselling programs
9 December 2024	Close of 1 open competitive round GrantConnect	Financial Wellbeing Hubs
18 January 2025	Outcome announcement, closed rounds – NDH and financial counselling peak body Media release, provider phone calls and Outcome Letters by email	NDH - 8 state-based providers. Financial Counselling and Capability Sector Support - Financial Counselling Australia (FCA).
7 February 2025	Outcome announcement, closed round – Saver Plus Media release, provider phone call and Outcome Letter by email	Saver Plus - Brotherhood of St Laurence (BSL).
19 March 2025	Outcome announcement, NILS x 2 Media release, provider phone call and Outcome Letters by email	NILS and NILS for Vehicles - Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand (GSANZ).
27 March 2025	3-month extensions to current grants Provider emails	Emails advising grant extensions, while open grant rounds finalised.
18 July 2025	Announcement of open round outcomes Media release Letters to all grant applicants (from Hub) DSS website update	Ministerial announcement: Huge boost to help Aussies navigate tough times Department of Social Services Ministers
22 – 23 July 2025	Funding outcome emails Emails to successful grant recipients	Emails providing more details of funding, broken down by service area.
23 July 2025	Successful FWC grantee list DSS webpage	Publication of successful providers for new grants by state and service area. Financial Wellbeing and Capability Activity – Successful Grant Recipients Department of Social Services

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-26

TITLE: FAMILIES AND CHILDREN ACTIVITY

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Families and Children (FaC) Activity has a total budget in 2025–26 of \$408.5 million.
- FaC has 11 sub-activities and assisted almost 400,000 people in 2024–25.
- 69% of FaC clients reported overall positive outcomes in 2024–25.
- FaC funds 461 activities in 2025-26, of which 428 (92.8%) are due to expire on 30 June 2026.

KEY INFORMATION

- The FaC Activity provides funding for a collection of services for children and families, including vulnerable or at-risk families. Services aim to improve the wellbeing of children and young people and improve family functioning and strengthen communities.
- The FaC Activity also provides support services to adult survivors of historical child welfare practices.
- The FaC Activity commenced in 2014 to help children and young people thrive, empower adults, help family relationships flourish and increase the participation of vulnerable people in community life.

Contracts due to expire 30 June 2026

- Setting out a process and providing certainty to the sector is a priority for the Department of Social Services (the Department). The convention is that providers are given at least six months' notice prior to the end of agreements, and the Department expects to be able to meet that timing.
- We understand that with uncertainty about future funding, it can be difficult for providers to undertake forward planning, including staffing decisions, and the flow on impacts to service delivery.
- The Department will inform the sector as soon as a decision is made on arrangements for grants from 1 July 2026.

Recent evaluations

Over the last two years, evaluations have been commissioned to review the performance of a few individual programs under the FaC Activity.

- Intercountry Adoptee and Family Support Service (ICAFSS). In 2022, the Department contracted *Whereto* Research Based Consulting to conduct an independent program efficiency and provider performance evaluation on the ICAFSS. The government committed to an independent program evaluation in the Grant Operational Guidelines and grant agreement, informed by community consultation undertaken in 2020 as part of the program redesign. The evaluation considered if the ICAFSS is meeting community needs and whether the provider, Relationships Australia South Australia, are delivering the program in line with expectations. The evaluation concluded on 30 June 2024. Evaluation findings have not been made public.

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- Family and Relationship Services (FaRS) and Specialised Family Violence Services Programs (SFVS) programs. In June 2024 the Department contracted Allen and Clarke Consulting to conduct an independent evaluation on the effectiveness, appropriateness and efficiency of FaRS and SFVS. The government committed to an independent program evaluation by a provider who can demonstrate the expertise and experience in trauma-informed approaches to evaluations. Findings from the evaluation are scheduled to be finalised by the end of 2025. The evaluation will explore the effectiveness, efficiency and appropriateness of the FaRS and SFVS programs. It will also include a model of service needs for FaRS and SFVS including modelling community needs and demand. Public release arrangements are yet to be decided.
- Children and Family Intensive Support (CaFIS) In September 2025 the Department contracted Social Ventures Australia including a subcontract with Ebony Allen Consulting to conduct an independent evaluation on the implementation and effectiveness of the CaFIS program with insights used to inform future program policy and grant agreements. The government committed to an independent program evaluation by a provider who can demonstrate the requisite cultural competency in engaging with First Nations communities. The evaluation will provide evidence on the impact and value of this program. Findings from the evaluation are scheduled to be finalised by mid-2026. Public release arrangements are yet to be decided.

Program Descriptions

- CaFIS provides intensive supports for families living in selected communities in the Northern Territory and Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands. This may include support through group education programs, home visits and advocacy services for basic needs such as food and housing.
 - CaFIS workers identify individual family goals and support referrals to specialised services as needed such as drug and alcohol counselling, health or emergency relief providers. The key outcome is to keep children with their family, in their community and connected to culture, and to keep them out of the child protection system.
- Children and Parenting Support (CaPS) funds prevention and early intervention services. The purpose of funding under this program is to improve the wellbeing of children and provide support and education to parents and carers.
- Communities for Children Facilitating Partner is a place-based model, where the Facilitating Partner works with other organisations in the community called Community Partners to provide services targeted to their community needs, such as parenting support, group peer support and community events. Operating in 52 locations across Australia, this program is focused on improving child (0-12) development and wellbeing and family functioning.
- FARS aims to strengthen family relationships, prevent breakdown and ensure the wellbeing and safety of children through the provision of broad-based counselling and education to families.
- Family Mental Health Support Services delivers early intervention through non-clinical counselling working with a child and their family to improve mental health outcomes for children.
- Forced Adoption Support Services provides coordinated specialist support services for people affected by past forced adoption policies and practices that predominantly took place from the 1950s to 1970s.
- MensLine Australia provides a national telephone and online support, information and referral service for men with concerns about mental health, anger management, family violence (using and experiencing), addiction, relationships, stress and wellbeing.

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- MensLine Changing for Good delivers a multi-session phone counselling service for men who want to develop healthy and respectful relationships with the people in their life.
- Find and Connect Support Services provides specialist trauma-informed counselling, referral services, education and social support to locate and access records so that Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants may reconnect with family members (where possible).
- Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) is a targeted two-year home-based parenting and early childhood program that helps parents and carers to be their child's first teacher.
- ICAFSS delivers free, nation-wide intercountry adoption-specific support, including counselling, information and education, to young and adult adoptees, their families and prospective adoptive parents.
- SFVS delivers specialised services that support children, families, and individuals and couples who are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, family and domestic violence.
- Funding and client numbers provided in **(Attachment A)**.

Attachments

Attachment A - Overview of Families and Children sub-activities

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Sub-activity	2024-25 Organisations Funded	2024-25 Individual Clients Seen[^]	2024-25 % Clients with an overall positive outcome[#]	2024-25 (\$m) Expenditure	2025-26 (\$m) Budget*
Children and Family Intensive Support	11	799	60.8	11.1	12.4
Children and Parenting Support	175	68,755	66.5	86.5	86.7
Communities for Children Facilitating Partners	30	61,403	67.0	77.5	78.5
Family and Relationship Services inc. MensLine and MensLine Changing for Good	83	85,838	73.3	98.7	102.4
Specialised Family Violence Services	38	7,832	75.3	17.1	19.8
Family Mental Health Support Services	51	18,033	75.4	63.1	64.3
Find and Connect Support Services inc. Australian Orphanage Museum	11	2,723	75.2	6.2	5.2
Forced Adoption Support Services	7	697	71.6	3.1	2.1
Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters	1	14,474	50.0	35.9	35.6
Intercountry Adoptee and Family Support Service	1	189	68.3	1.3	1.1
Total		260,743	69.0	400.5	408.5

[^] Clients who have received a service from providers, regardless of service setting. It does not include clients who have accessed information through web-based services.

*Budget figures are GST Exclusive as of 31 August 2025.

[#] Results taken from the Standard Client/Community Outcomes Reporting (SCORE) in Data Exchange. % of individual clients who chose to opt-in for a self-assessment.

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TITLE: WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- At the Standing Council of Attorneys-General (SCAG) meeting of 15 August 2025, there was a strong focus on Working with Children Check (WWCC) reforms.
- This included an agreement to remove barriers to information sharing, including in relation to the National Redress Scheme (the Scheme).
- The Scheme is working with the Commonwealth Attorney-General's department to identify any barriers that might limit jurisdictional administration of Working with Children checks.
- The Scheme has referred a total of 1,959 child safe reports to relevant law enforcement agencies over the life the Scheme.

KEY INFORMATION

- The National Redress Scheme (the Scheme) treats the safety of children as a priority. In parallel with providing redress to survivors of historical child sexual abuse, the Scheme does everything in its power to prevent future abuse.
- Every Scheme application is rigorously assessed for child safe risk. Where it is suspected that the safety or wellbeing of a child is at risk, a 'child safe report' is made.
- Once the Scheme makes a child safe report, it's up to the state or territory government to take further action. This could include sharing this information with other state or territory government agencies (such as areas responsible for WWCCs).
- The Scheme is authorised under the *National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018* (the Act) to disclose protected information with relevant government bodies (such as law enforcement authorities) for child safety purposes.
- The Scheme sometimes receives additional requests from state and territory officials to disclose protected information to police and other authorities (such as WWCC screening units). These requests are assessed according to the requirements set out in section 96 of the Act which relates to the disclosure of protected information.
- The decision to disclose is up to the decision maker in the Scheme and if it's 'reasonably necessary' to ensure child safety or wellbeing, having regard to the 'impact' on the redress applicant.
- This requirement is necessary to ensure that the dual interests of keeping children safe and protecting applicants' sensitive information are sufficiently balanced.
- The operation of the Scheme reflects the requirements set out in the Commonwealth Child Safe Framework (CCSF), which sets minimum standards for creating and maintaining child safe culture and practices.
- The Scheme's funded Redress Support Services (RSS) must also comply with all child safety obligations included in their grant agreement.
- The Scheme will work with SCAG via the Commonwealth Attorney-General and Attorney-General's Department to continue to proactively examine best practice for Scheme information sharing. This includes identifying if the existing reporting channels between the Scheme and state and territory governments are sufficient to support jurisdictional administration of Working with Children checks.

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- All applications for the Scheme are reviewed and triaged prior to acknowledging receipt of the application. In this triage process, Scheme officers will identify if child safety reporting is required and will action accordingly.
- In most cases, this process is conducted within seven days. However, due to volume of applications or the time it takes to contact the applicant (to confirm if they are willing to be identified in the child safe report), this process may take longer.
- Child safety reporting can also occur at any stage in the redress application journey, including where an institution's response to the Scheme's Request for Information process identifies a named abuser still connected to the institution.
- A child safe report is triggered if:
 - an applicant is a child (under 18 years)
 - the abuse was in the last 10 years
 - the alleged abuser is still working with children
 - the alleged abuser has children of their own
 - there is any other reason children may be at risk of abuse, or
 - applicant requests report be made on their behalf.
- If the Scheme considers a child is at risk (applicant is under 16 years of age), the Scheme also refers them to a social worker who can contact the authorities.

Child Safe Reports data

Report Year	Total
2018/19	54
2019/20	69
2020/21	92
2021/22	197
2022/23	412
2023/24	291
2024/25	811
2025/26 (as of 15 August 2025)	33
Total	1,959

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Child safety Reporting by Jurisdiction

Year	Total	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
2018/19*	54	8	8	0	16	5	5	5	6
2019/20	69	4	18	0	27	7	2	5	6
2020/21	92	2	20	1	26	6	13	13	11
2021/22	197	2	64	0	48	19	26	20	18
2022/23	412	12	99	1	116	76	20	44	44
2023/24	291	1	72	2	88	62	21	25	20
2024/25	811	7	214	12	278	128	28	92	52
2025/26 (to date)	33	0	9	0	17	5	1	1	0
Total	1959	36	504	16	616	308	116	205	157

*Includes one application that has no state recorded.

Child Safety Reporting over the last 12 months

Report Year	Total	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	Tas	VIC	WA
Since 01 August 2024	750	5	203	12	260	123	26	79	42

Redress Support Services (RSS) – child safety obligations

- The Scheme funds 44 RSS nationally, with 22 providing specialist support for diverse client groups and coverage in each state and territory, including outreach to regional and remote areas.
- RSS must comply with all child safety obligations included in their grant agreement, and with state and territory legislative requirements for working with children and mandatory reporting.
- An annual Statement of Compliance Report from RSS services aims to ensure compliance with these requirements, including those relating to Working with Children Checks. As at March 2025, all RSS have declared their compliance. The next compliance check is in March 2026.

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TITLE: NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- As at 5 September, 67,124 applications have been submitted to the National Redress Scheme (the Scheme). This exceeds the estimate of the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse which estimated 60,000 applications over the life of the Scheme.
- Of these, over 23,000 Redress outcomes have been advised to survivors, with payments representing \$1.73 billion.
- The Australian Government funds 44 Redress Support Services (RSS) nationally.
- The government also funds Knowmore to assist survivors to apply and understand available options (including civil litigation) under the Scheme. Knowmore delivers redress-specific financial counselling, and capacity building support for RSS.
- There are currently more than 600 institutions participating in the Scheme.
- The National Redress Scheme is committed to processing applications as quickly as possible, noting the significant and sustained increase in the number of applications submitted since March 2022 (following legislative amendments that eased some of the rules around accessing the Scheme).
- The Scheme is committed to transparency and providing publicly available data about its processes, changes and performance. A range of mechanisms are used for this, including the Scheme's website, Service Charter, and success measures.

Scheme Performance

- The Scheme's primary focus is increasing application throughput in order to deliver more timely outcomes for survivors.
- The Scheme continues to experience an increasing number of applications.
- Processing times can vary, depending on the complexity of an application, or whether an institution has joined the Redress Scheme.
- The Scheme continues to look for improvement opportunities at each step of the application process to maximise efficiency.
- Over the life of the Scheme, the average processing time from the date the Scheme first receives an application until notifying an outcome is around 14.3 months.

Assurance measures

- Fraud against the Scheme diverts resources away from supporting genuine survivors of abuse and delivering them an outcome as quickly as possible.
- The Scheme has a dedicated Assurance team who work with staff receiving and assessing applications and use specialist tools and expertise to identify assurance concerns.
- All assurance concerns and allegations of fraud are assessed to determine if formal investigation is appropriate and if so, referred to the Department's Audit and Assurance Branch.

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Privacy measures

- The Scheme manages high volumes of personal and protected information relating to experiences of child sexual abuse. The Scheme adopts privacy positive information management practices and takes the security of personal and protected information seriously.
- The Scheme is actively strengthening its privacy culture. While its challenging to eliminate all privacy risks, the Scheme's dedicated privacy resources continuously assess current and emerging privacy risks and applies treatment to those nuanced threats.
- The Scheme has implemented bespoke privacy training, integrated quality assurance activities in high-risk functions as well as deployed privacy contacts throughout the Scheme's various functions. Our focus promotes well informed staff, equipped to appropriately handle personal and protected information.

Funding

- The Australian Government is boosting assistance for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse in 2025-26 with \$27.2 million in additional funding to support services for National Redress Scheme applicants.
- As part of this increase of funding, 44 Redress Support Services across Australia will share in an additional \$15.7 million this financial year, a 64% increase from the previous year, to support more survivors through their redress journey. This additional funding will help services meet demand, reduce waitlists and extend this free support to more survivors of institutional child sexual abuse as they apply for redress.
- A further \$11.5 million will also go to extend survivor legal advice and support through Knowmore Legal Service. This funding will help Knowmore continue to deliver high quality support to applicants and respond to increasing application numbers and complexity.

Institutions

- There are currently more than 600 institutions participating in the Scheme. In addition, Commonwealth, state and territory governments have taken responsibility for 144 individual institutions under Funder of Last Resort (FOLR) arrangements including 16 partly participating institutions.
- In some cases, a participating government institution or participating jurisdiction will be a FOLR for an institution that is not fully participating in the National Redress Scheme (the Scheme). In those cases, the government institution or jurisdiction will be liable to pay some or all of the non-government institution's share of the costs of providing redress to a person.
- To date, 17 institutions are publicly named as declining to join, or being unresponsive to the Scheme (See [Attachment A](#)).
- Institutions which fail to join the Scheme will be publicly named, be ineligible for Commonwealth grant funding and may be stripped of their charitable status.

Attachments

- **Attachment A** - Institutions publicly named
- **Attachment B** - A3 Placemat: Key Redress Data

Institutions publicly named as declining to join or being unresponsive to the Scheme

- Woodlands Golf Club (VIC)
- CYMS Basketball Association (VIC)
- Devonport Community Church (TAS)
- Forrest Tennis Club (ACT)
- Kenja Communication (ACT, NSW & VIC)
- De La Salle Caringbah Junior Rugby League Football Club (NSW)
- Darwin Cycling Club (NT)
- Home Hill Cricket Association (QLD)
- Reby Enterprises t/a Townsville Indoor Sports and Wildcatz Indoor Sports (QLD)
- South Australian National Football League (SANFL) Umpires Association (SA)
- New Norfolk District Football Club (TAS)
- Knox Basketball Incorporated (VIC)
- Christian Youth Camps (WA)
- Eagle Vale St Andrews Junior Rugby League Football Club Inc. (NSW)
- Morphett Vale Christian Community Church Incorporated (SA)
- Munno Para City Soccer Club Incorporated (SA), and
- Tingira Community Church (NSW)

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NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME OVERVIEW

as at 05 September 2025

Applications

Key Statistics	
Applications received	67,124
(Outcomes advised)	23,262
Applications finalised	21,698
Payments made	19,420
Applications withdrawn	3,161
Applications on hand	42,265
Awaiting app decision	1,132
Awaiting inst. response	3,681
Applications on hold	5,958
S24 RFI process	3,528
Requested by app.	971
Difficulty in contact	946
Inst. not part.	410
Info required	63
Other	40
In progress	31,494
Able to be actioned	24,073
Unable to progress	7,421

Applications received		67,124		Weekly average of apps received	
FY 2018-19	4,168	6.2%	FY 2018-19	80	
FY 2019-20	3,115	4.6%	FY 2019-20	60	
FY 2020-21	3,746	5.6%	FY 2020-21	72	
FY 2021-22	5,974	8.9%	FY 2021-22	115	
FY 2022-23	10,687	15.9%	FY 2022-23	206	
FY 2023-24	16,319	24.3%	FY 2023-24	314	
FY 2024-25	19,727	29.4%	FY 2024-25	379	
FY 2025-26 to date	3,388	5.0%	FY 2025-26 to date	360	
Reviews requested		1,240			
Original decision affirmed	739	59.6%			
Original decision changed	181	14.6%			
Reviews in progress	319	25.7%			
Reviews on hold	1	0.1%			

Finalised

Number of Finalised Applications		21,698	
Eligible apps - payment	19,420	89.5%	
Eligible apps - nil pay.	104	0.5%	
Apps declined offer	397	1.8%	
Ineligible applicants	1,777	8.2%	
Determinations		24,820	
FY 2018-19	350	1.4%	
FY 2019-20	3,184	12.8%	
FY 2020-21	3,201	12.9%	
FY 2021-22	3,207	12.9%	
FY 2022-23	3,671	14.8%	
FY 2023-24	5,120	20.6%	
FY 2024-25	5,076	20.5%	
FY 2025-26 to date	1,011	4.1%	

Payments made		19,420	
Avg payment amount	\$89,317		
Total value of payment	\$1,734,528,163		
Outcome Advised*		23,367	
FY 2018-19	324	1.4%	
FY 2019-20	3,114	13.3%	
FY 2020-21	3,224	13.8%	
FY 2021-22	3,133	13.4%	
FY 2022-23	3,644	15.6%	
FY 2023-24	4,855	20.8%	
FY 2024-25	4,472	19.1%	
FY 2025-26 to date	601	2.6%	

Applications finalised		21,698	
FY 2018-19	204	0.9%	
FY 2019-20	2,565	11.8%	
FY 2020-21	3,280	15.1%	
FY 2021-22	2,770	12.8%	
FY 2022-23	3,849	17.7%	
FY 2023-24	4,014	18.5%	
FY 2024-25	4,189	19.3%	
FY 2025-26 to date	661	3.0%	
Apps expired offers*	166	0.8%	

*Deemed finalised by the Scheme but no finalised date recorded in Case Manager.

*This figure differs from the 'Key Statistics' because it includes on hold applications.

Demographics

Gender		67,124		Age*		Residential State								
Male	41,183	61.4%	0 - 20	1,225	1.8%	61 - 70	6,408	9.5%	NSW	14,977	22.3%	TAS	3,104	4.6%
Female	25,392	37.8%	21 - 30	11,226	16.7%	71 - 80	2,115	3.2%	VIC	6,805	10.1%	NT	601	0.9%
Other*	319	0.5%	31 - 40	18,492	27.5%	81 - 90	334	0.5%	QLD	22,545	33.6%	ACT	676	1.0%
Choose not to answer	230	0.3%	41 - 50	15,726	23.4%	91+	21	0.0%	SA	9,614	14.3%	OS*	175	0.3%
			51 - 60	11,557	17.2%				WA	8,478	12.6%	UNS**	149	0.2%

*Non-binary applicants.

*20 applicants have provided an invalid date of birth.

*Overseas

**Unspecified on application form.

Channel

Application type		67,124	
Paper based applications	30,014		
Online applications	37,110		

Institutions

Institutions			
Apps naming 1 institution	28.9%		
Apps naming 2 institutions	32.4%		
Apps naming 3 institutions	17.1%		
Apps naming 4 or more inst.	21.6%		

RFIs			
Total RFIs issued	82,890		
Total RFIs returned	77,810		
RFI ready to issue	11,754		
RFI response outstanding	5,080		
RFI awaiting response valid.	1,510		

Direct Personal Response (DPR) and Counselling Psychological Care (CPC)

DPR acceptance rate		CPC accepted		14,817		Value of CPC referrals or pay #####	
FY18-19 FY19-20*	52.1%	CPC service referrals	10,494	70.8%	\$1,250	140	0.9%
FY 2020-21	60.1%	CPC lump sum payments	4,323	29.2%	\$2,500	2,766	18.7%
FY 2021-22	65.2%	Total value of CPC payment:	\$19,746,250		\$5,000	11,911	80.4%
FY 2022-23	59.7%	CPC acceptance rate	74.4%				
FY 2023-24	57.4%						
FY 2024-25	55.7%						
FY 2025-26 to date	60.9%						
Life of Scheme	58.4%						
No. of apps (DPR accepted)	11,638						

*Combined due to low population size in these Financial Years.

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This data is extracted from a live system and numbers may vary depending on the date of data extraction.

NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME OVERVIEW

as at 05 September 2025

Disability

Key Statistics (Disability)

Applications received	22,775
(Outcomes advised)	9,463
Applications finalised	8,922
Payments made	8,109

Applications

Paper based apps	13,706	60.2%
Online applications	9,069	39.8%

Special assessment*

SCC only	886	25.8%
AFG only	1,990	58.1%
Both	552	16.1%

*as indicated on application form

Applications received (Disability)

FY 2018-19	1,945	8.5%
FY 2019-20	1,558	6.8%
FY 2020-21	1,741	7.6%
FY 2021-22	2,255	9.9%
FY 2022-23	3,185	14.0%
FY 2023-24	4,867	21.4%
FY 2024-25	6,093	26.8%
FY 2025-26 to date	1,131	5.0%

Proportion of all applications

FY 2018-19	46.7%
FY 2019-20	50.0%
FY 2020-21	46.5%
FY 2021-22	37.7%
FY 2022-23	29.8%
FY 2023-24	29.8%
FY 2024-25	30.9%
FY 2025-26 to date	33.4%

Weekly average of apps received

FY 2018-19	37
FY 2019-20	30
FY 2020-21	33
FY 2021-22	43
FY 2022-23	61
FY 2023-24	94
FY 2024-25	117
FY 2025-26 (to date)	120

First Nations

Key Statistics (First Nations)

Applications received	23,363
(Outcomes advised)	8,061
Applications finalised	7,522
Payments made	6,801

Applications

Paper based apps	12,888	55.2%
Online apps	10,475	44.8%

Special assessment*

SCC only	887	18.9%
AFG only	3,083	65.7%
Both	720	15.4%

*as indicated on application form

Apps received (First Nations)

FY 2018-19	940	4.0%
FY 2019-20	1,045	4.5%
FY 2020-21	1,512	6.5%
FY 2021-22	2,501	10.7%
FY 2022-23	3,979	17.0%
FY 2023-24	5,336	22.8%
FY 2024-25	6,867	29.4%
FY 2025-26 to date	1,183	5.1%

Proportion of all applications

FY 2018-19	22.6%
FY 2019-20	33.5%
FY 2020-21	40.4%
FY 2021-22	41.9%
FY 2022-23	37.2%
FY 2023-24	32.7%
FY 2024-25	34.8%
FY 2025-26 to date	34.9%

Disability Comparison

Comparison of stats

	Disability	not Disability
1 named institutions	22.2%	32.7%
2 named institutions	28.4%	34.7%
3 named institutions	19.7%	15.7%
4 or more named institutions	29.8%	17.0%
Total no. of payments	8,109	11,311
Total value of payments	\$755,625,139	\$978,903,025
Average payment amount	\$93,184	\$86,544

Additional Payment Information (Disability)

Applicants eligible for advance payment	2,169
No. of advance payments made	1,843
No. of apps on "payment by installments"	166

First Nations Comparison

Comparison of stats

	First Nations	not First Nations
1 named institutions	21.6%	32.7%
2 named institutions	28.6%	34.3%
3 named institutions	20.6%	15.3%
4 or more named inst.	29.2%	17.7%
Total no. of payments	6,801	12,619
Total value of payments	\$636,183,080	\$1,098,345,084
Average payment amount	\$93,543	\$87,039

Additional Payment Information (First Nations)

Applicants eligible for advance payment	2,860
No. of advance payments made	2,482
No. of apps on "payment by installments"	174

Applying From AFG (as indicated on application form)

Apps received AFG

8,379

FY 2018-19	19	0.2%
FY 2019-20	30	0.4%
FY 2020-21	32	0.4%
FY 2021-22	86	1.0%
FY 2022-23	270	3.2%
FY 2023-24	1,889	22.5%
FY 2024-25	5,097	60.8%
FY 2025-26 to date	956	11.4%

Proportion of all apps AFG

FY 2018-19	0.5%
FY 2019-20	1.0%
FY 2020-21	0.9%
FY 2021-22	1.4%
FY 2022-23	2.5%
FY 2023-24	11.6%
FY 2024-25	25.8%
FY 2025-26 to date	28.2%

Residential State AFG

8,379

NSW	1,869	22.3%	TAS	312	3.7%
VIC	441	5.3%	NT	94	1.1%
QLD	3,499	41.8%	ACT	27	0.3%
SA	843	10.1%	OS*	2	0.0%
WA	1,158	13.8%	UNS**	134	1.6%

*Overseas

**Unspecified on application form.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-26

TITLE: INCOME MANAGEMENT – PROGRAM AND REVIEW

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES**Income Management Programs**

- As at 29 August 2025, 32,354 participants were on some form of Income Management (IM), with 22,416 participants on enhanced IM, and 9,938 on IM. This includes 2,649 volunteers with 1,456 on IM and 1,193 on enhanced IM.
- On 4 September 2023, new legislation commenced which facilitated transition from the IM program to enhanced IM. Under these reforms, new participants automatically enter enhanced IM and existing IM participants are able to choose to join enhanced IM.
- Between 4 September 2023 and 29 August 2025:
 - 7,319 people have made the choice to move from IM to enhanced IM.
 - 12,387 people are new to enhanced IM or were previously on the IM program prior to 4 September 2023 and have recommenced on the enhanced IM program.
 - 2,710 people were on enhanced IM prior to 4 September 2023 and are still on enhanced IM.
- **Attachment A** provides a detailed breakdown of participant numbers as at 29 August 2025 for each program.

KEY INFORMATION

- The Australian Government committed to reforming IM and consulting with communities across Australia about the future of IM.
- Over the last 2 years, consultation involved more than 4,500 community members and 250 stakeholders across 81 communities, along with 200 online responses.

If asked: Will you release the consultation findings?

- This is a decision for the government.

If asked: What has been found through consultation?

- Consultations showed people want choice to either stay on the program or leave.
- If the program is reformed, communities want to be engaged and have a preference for a longer transition period to ensure people are well supported to make this change.
- Further detail on consultation is at **Attachment E**.

If asked: When will government deliver on its commitment to make IM voluntary?

- This is a decision for the government. The Department of Social Services (the Department) concluded an extensive consultation process with community members and stakeholders on the future of IM in December 2024. This consultation is one part of what the government will consider in making a decision on the future of the programs.

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Group and Branch	Income Management Taskforce		

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**SB25-000247****Northern Territory (NT) Government Proposed Changes to IM Settings**

- The NT Government indicated in their pre-election policy platform that they intend to refer families to IM whose children are not attending school, to ensure money is spent on children's needs such as food, clothing, health and education.

If asked: How will NT Government's proposed changes to IM be implemented?

- The NT Government can currently refer recipients of an income support payment to IM for child protection purposes.
- State and territory government agencies have existing pathways to refer individuals to IM programs.
- How the NT Government chooses to implement its policies is a matter for the NT Government.
- Detailed questions about referral from the NT should be directed to Services Australia who operate the IM program.
- As at 29 August 2025, there are 62 people who have been referred onto the child protection measure by the NT Government, and a further 663 on enhanced IM across the Child Protection, Supporting People at Risk, Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient (including Youth Triggers) measures.

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights Inquiry into Compulsory Income Management

- On 3 September 2024, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights (PJCHR) released the report from its inquiry into Compulsory IM.
- The report made 7 recommendations (see **Attachment C**) which broadly align to current government commitments to make IM voluntary. The government is considering its response.
- The report also included a dissenting report from Coalition members and former Senator Gerard Rennick which supported retention of compulsory IM, based on individual choice, individual and community safety, and accountability and drawing heavily from the University of Adelaide Review of the Cessation of the Cashless Debit Card (CDC).
- The Australian Greens also included additional comments seeking the immediate abolition of IM on the basis of human rights, with particular concern regarding the disproportionate impact on First Nations people.

If asked: What is the government doing following the release of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights inquiry into Compulsory Income Management report?

- The recommendations are being considered, along with the extensive and genuine consultation undertaken with communities across Australia about the future of IM.

If asked: Has the Department provided a draft response or advice in response to the recommendations?

- The Department first provided a draft response to the government in October 2024.

If asked: Does not the University of Adelaide Review (the Review) provide evidence that the CDC should never have been removed?

- Evaluations and reviews have found no compelling evidence to indicate IM is effective at addressing social harms or reducing consumption of harmful products in the communities where it has operated.

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- The Review of the impact of the cessation of the CDC showed former participants of the program welcomed its end, as it led to a decrease in feelings of discrimination, stigma and shame and gave people more control and freedom over their finances.
- Some stakeholders reported increases in antisocial behaviour and crime following the cessation of the card. A causal link between the abolition of the CDC and negative social outcomes in these sites could not be found, due to multiple factors including concurrent policies in place within the research locations and socio-economic conditions present at the time of the review. This included the suspension of mutual obligation for job seekers.

Drivers of alcohol and drug abuse and youth crime

- The drivers of alcohol and drug abuse and youth crime are complex and diverse.
- Recent research indicates that alcohol and drug abuse is affected by:
 - childhood trauma and adverse experiences;
 - mental health issues;
 - social and economic disadvantage;
 - genetic predisposition; and
 - family environment, availability and cultural attitudes to drinking and drug use.
- A range of factors have also been found to contribute to young people engaging in crime, including:
 - family and domestic instability;
 - maltreatment;
 - educational disengagement;
 - mental health issues;
 - substance abuse;
 - peer pressure; and
 - normalised antisocial behaviours.
- These broad range of factors are why evaluations of the IM programs have been unable to find any causal link between the programs and social outcomes within communities.

Support Services

- The Department has conducted an evidence review of the effectiveness of the IM Support Services grants. The internal analysis, based on Data Exchange (DEX) data, Annual Reports and community and stakeholder feedback, has found that the funding has been effective in meeting identified community needs in Ceduna, East Kimberley, the Goldfields and Bundaberg/Hervey Bay.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**SB25-000247****Background****Enhanced Income Management**

- Enhanced IM commenced on 6 March 2023. All former CDC participants in the NT, Cape York and Doomadgee region, as well as volunteers in former CDC sites, transferred to enhanced IM automatically.
- The program parameters of enhanced IM mirror that of IM, including eligibility, quarantined rates and restricted goods.
- Enhanced IM is delivered by Services Australia. Participants are not required to deal with a private, for-profit company for customer support functions.
 - Participants in the NT on enhanced IM may choose services by either Services Australia or the Traditional Credit Union (TCU).
- Since 4 September 2023:
 - IM participants can choose to move to enhanced IM, and newly eligible participants are placed onto enhanced IM, rather than IM.

Attachments

- **Attachment A** – Enhanced IM and IM data
- **Attachment B** – IM and enhanced IM summary infographic
- **Attachment C** – PJCHR committee recommendations
- **Attachment D** – Support Services Summary as at 31 August 2025
- **Attachment E** – Consultation Approach and Findings

Income Management (IM) and enhanced IM participants as at 29 August 2025 – detailed breakdown

- Tables show participants based on their current location.
- Percentages are to the nearest 1%. Rounded percentages may not add to 100%.

enhanced IM region	Participants	First Nations	Female : Male ratio
Northern Territory	20,451	82%	55 : 45
Kimberley (WA)	68	n.p.	59 : 41
NG Lands and Kiwirrkurra (WA)	55	n.p.	62 : 38
Greater Perth and Peel (WA)	46	35%	54 : 46
East-Kimberley (WA)	55	91%	60 : 40
Goldfields (WA)	28	39%	46 : 54
Logan (Qld)	516	34%	53 : 47
Rockhampton and Livingstone (Qld)	144	40%	56 : 44
Cape York (Qld)	67	n.p.	73 : 27
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay (Qld)	8	n.p.	n.p.
Greater Adelaide (SA)	91	47%	54 : 46
Playford (SA)	192	27%	56 : 44
APY Lands (SA)	147	95%	69 : 31
Ceduna and Surrounds (SA)	14	64%	n.p.
Greater Shepparton (Vic)	75	36%	48 : 52
Bankstown (NSW)	102	22%	49 : 51
Other / Out of Area*	357	62%	46 : 54
Total	22,416	79%	55 : 45

* 'Out of area' refers to participants who have moved out of an enhanced IM location but remain eligible for the program.

IM region	Participants	First Nations %	Female : Male ratio
Northern Territory	9,563	89%	57 : 43
Kimberley (WA)	127	97%	72 : 28
NG Lands and Kiwirrkurra (WA)	29	100%	83 : 17
Greater Perth and Peel (WA)	69	n.p.	65 : 35
Logan (Qld)	13	n.p.	n.p.
Rockhampton and Livingstone (Qld)	11	n.p.	n.p.
Greater Adelaide (SA)	12	n.p.	n.p.
Playford (SA)	12	n.p.	n.p.
APY Lands (SA)	36	97%	67 : 33
Greater Shepparton (Vic)	23	n.p.	57 : 43
Bankstown (NSW)	10	n.p.	n.p.
Other / Out of Area	33	79%	52 : 48
Total	9,938	88%	57 : 43



Income Management (IM) and enhanced IM – Participant Data

(as at Friday 29 August 2025)

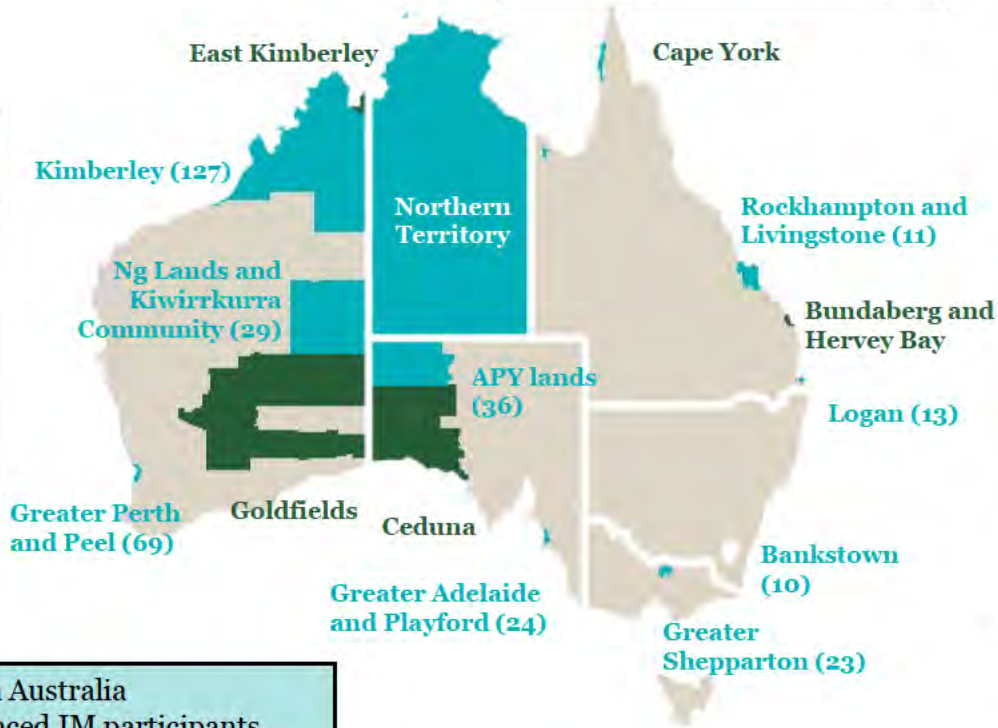
Locations
 - IM and enhanced IM locations (with IM participant numbers)
 - enhanced IM locations

Total	32,354
IM	9,938
enhanced IM	22,416

Northern Territory IM and enhanced IM participants	
IM	9,563
enhanced IM	20,451

Queensland enhanced IM participants	
Cape York	67
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay	8
Logan	516
Rockhampton and Livingstone	144

Western Australia enhanced IM participants	
East Kimberley	55
Goldfields	28
Kimberley	68
NG Lands and Kiwirrkurra Community	55*
Greater Perth and Peel	46



New South Wales enhanced IM participants	
Bankstown	102

South Australia enhanced IM participants	
Ceduna	14
APY Lands	147
Greater Adelaide and Playford	283

Victoria enhanced IM participants	
Greater Shepparton	75

'Out of area' IM and enhanced IM participants	
IM	33
enhanced IM	357
'Out of area' refers to participants who have moved out of an IM and enhanced IM or enhanced IM only location, but remain eligible for the program.	

*Region boundaries in the map are approximate.
 Note: Regional totals may be suppressed and presented with 'n.p.' (not provided) when suppression has been applied on data.gov.au to avoid deriving other cell values on data.gov.au.

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights Inquiry into Compulsory Income Management Report Recommendations	
Recommendation 1	The Committee recommends that the government amend the <i>Social Security (Administration) Act 1999</i> to make income management voluntary, including transitional provisions to facilitate a transition to voluntary income management over a period of time.
Recommendation 2	<p>The Committee recommends that the government immediately amend the <i>Social Security (Administration) Act 1999</i> to establish more pathways out of compulsory income management, including to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish a process by which a person may apply to permanently exit compulsory income management. • provide that where a person has been subject to compulsory income management for a specified continuous period of time, an individualised assessment of their overall circumstances must occur to determine whether there is a basis for that person being subject to compulsory income management. • provide that any person subject to compulsory income management may apply for an exemption on the basis that income management is not necessary for them. • provide that where an exemption has been requested, an individualised assessment of the person’s overall circumstances must take place to determine whether there is a basis for that person being subject to compulsory income management. • extend the maximum period of time for which an exemption may apply and require an individualised assessment of a person’s overall circumstances where a period of exemption has ended to determine whether there is a basis for that person again being subject to compulsory income management.
Recommendation 3	The Committee recommends that, in addition to recommendation 2, the government give consideration to investment in a full suite of local support programs, opportunities, and community-driven alternatives and the creation of real jobs, with proper award wages and conditions, adequate training and skills, and rebuilding local community decision-making.
Recommendation 4	The Committee recommends that the government give consideration to the funding of social services and free and low-cost legal services to support the administration of exemptions, and the transition to voluntary income management.
Recommendation 5	The Committee recommends that, if income management is no longer compulsory, the government should amend the <i>Social Security (Administration) Act 1999</i> to repeal section 243AA (the legislative provision requiring this committee to review compulsory income management).
Recommendation 6	The Committee recommends that data relating to applications and grants of exemptions or refusals from compulsory income management be monitored and publicly reported including detail on First Nations status, disability, age and other factors.
Recommendation 7	The Committee recommends that the government ensure participants are advised, in ways that are accessible and culturally appropriate, of the option to apply to be exempt from compulsory income management and the process to achieve this.

SB25-000247 – Attachment D**Support Services summary, as at 31 August 2025**

- **\$174.3 million (\$158.3m + \$16m)** was allocated to provide support services to people in former Cashless Debit Card (CDC) and existing IM locations from 2022-23 to 2025-26. Detailed breakdown available in *additional information*.
- Over **\$168.6 million** has been invested **as at 31 August 2025** to support individuals and communities in IM and former CDC locations.
- Funding has:
 - operationalised Local Services Plans,
 - undertaken capital and infrastructure projects that support economic development,
 - improved digital connectivity and offered digital literacy services,
 - provided financial literacy uplift, and
 - continued funding to established services within communities.

Established support services - totalling \$62.8 million

- Ceduna – 21 funded activities totalling \$10.4 million
- East Kimberley – 13 funded activities totalling \$16.0 million
- Bundaberg and Hervey Bay – nine funded activities totalling \$17.4 million
- Goldfields – nine funded activities totalling \$9.8 million
- Northern Territory – four funded activities totalling \$5.5 million
- Cape York – one funded activity totalling \$3.3 million.
- Cross region – funding totalling \$0.4m

Local Services Plan - Community-led Support Fund – totalling \$38.2 million

- The government established flexible and responsive short-term funding in CDC locations to meet immediate and ad-hoc support priorities identified by the following communities in 2022-23.
 1. Goldfields – \$1 million
 2. East Kimberley – \$1 million
 3. Ceduna – \$1 million.
- The community-led support fund has committed an additional \$35.2 million in brokerage funding in the following regions for 2023-26:
 1. Goldfields – \$10 million
 2. East Kimberley – \$9.8 million
 3. Ceduna – \$9.2 million
 4. Bundaberg Hervey Bay – \$6.2 million.

SB25-000247 – Attachment D**Community-led Solutions Economic Development (CSED) – totalling \$38.7 million**

- Ceduna – two projects totalling \$10.5 million for financial years 2022-25.
- East Kimberly – two projects totalling \$7.7 million for financial years 2022-25.
- Cape York – the Walk With Us project totalling \$2 million for financial years 2022-25.
- Goldfields – one project totalling \$2.3 million for financial years 2023-25.
- Northern Territory – \$14.0 million for financial years 2024-26.
- Doomadgee, Queensland – \$1.9m for financial years 2024-26.
- \$0.3 million has been invested in project coordination over 2022-26.

Digital Connectivity Project – totalling \$9.8 million

- Digital Connectivity Project (DCP) has invested \$9.8 million for digital uplift in the Northern Territory. Technical specialists support the delivery of digital and mobile connectivity uplift, digital literacy support and training to remote communities across the Northern Territory.
- In total there are 31 communities that will receive digital connectivity uplift.

Goldfields priority needs – totalling \$5 million

- The Goldfields priority needs funding provides access to community identified priorities in the Goldfields region. The total investment for 2023-26 of \$5.0m has been invested in three activities:
 - The Goldfields Indigenous Housing Organisation’s Return to Country Program, totalling \$3.3 million.
 - Pakaanu Aboriginal Corporation’s Community Hub in Laverton, totalling \$1.5 million.
 - The Shire of Leonora’s Nyunngaku Women’s Hub, totalling \$0.2 million.

Wrap-around financial wellbeing services – totalling \$14.1 million

- \$6.2 million was made available to support service providers in the NT to uplift financial literacy capability.
- \$7.9 million was made available to support service providers across regions for financial wellbeing services.

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Additional information

Support Services Investment by Type

	Investment (\$m)				
	Total	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
Established Support Services	62.8	14.3	16.3	16.3	15.9
Brokerage funding – Local Services Plans	38.2	3.0	20.0	7.5	7.7
Community-led Solutions Economic Development	38.7	5.0	8.9	16.3	8.5
Digital Connectivity Project	9.8	1.4	5.4	2.8	0.2
Goldfields priority needs	5.0	-	1.8	1.6	1.6
Wrap-around Financial Wellbeing Support Services	14.1	-	8.6	2.0	3.5
Total Support Services Investment to 31 August 2025	168.6	23.7	61.0	46.5	37.4
Remaining Support Services Allocation	3.9	-	-	-	3.9
Total Projected Investment in Support Services	172.5	23.7	61.0	46.5	41.3

Support Services Investment by Region

	Investment (\$m)				
	Total	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
Total Support Services Investment to 31 August 2025	168.6	23.7	61.0	46.5	37.4
Bundaberg & Hervey Bay	23.6	4.0	7.7	5.9	6.0
Cape York	5.3	1.4	1.7	1.4	0.8
Ceduna	31.1	6.5	12.1	7.7	4.8
East Kimberley	34.5	5.9	12.6	9.8	6.2
Goldfields	28.1	3.1	11.3	7.5	6.2
Northern Territory	35.5	2.7	13.2	10.5	9.1
Doomadgee	1.9	-	-	1.2	0.7
Cross Region	8.6	0.1	2.4	2.5	3.6

SB25-000247 – Attachment E**Consultation summary**

- The Department of Social Services (the Department) undertook extensive consultation over 2 years (**December 2022 to December 2024**) on the future of income management.
- During this phased consultation process over **4,500** community members and **250** stakeholders across **81** communities were consulted. **Two hundred** online responses were received.
- The Department collaborated closely with communities and stakeholders to tailor and deliver consultation ensuring it was community specific, and reflective of engagement requirements of individual communities.

Consultation Approach

- Consultation was culturally sensitive, community focused and delivered in partnership with stakeholders through a multi-phased process using both face-to-face and virtual methods.
- Activities were tailored to diverse community needs using mixed methods (face-to-face and virtual) including First Nations Australians, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, people with a disability and across age and gender groups.
- Locations were identified using community insights, population and logistics analysis and phases led by First Nations organisations and culturally competent staff.

Phase One: December 2022 to June 2023

- Phase One was departmental led.
- Focused on existing program, what is and is not effective, options for reviewing participation, current state referral processes and support service needs. Considerations for allowing people to transition off and views on community consultation approach were also captured.
- **58** consultation sessions across **48** different stakeholders including:
 - **9** Peak Bodies
 - **29** Commonwealth and state/territory government
 - **10** Community stakeholders and organisations.

Phase Two: November 2023 to October 2024

- Phase Two consultations were completed by the Department in collaboration with a First Nation supplier, ETM Perspectives (ETMP).
- This phase sought to capture general views about the role of income management in communities, whether people wanted to keep income management, how a voluntary model might work in communities and what help would be needed to transition away from compulsory income management.
- ETM Perspectives' total contract value was \$1,215,630.00 (inc GST). The contract period was 1 November 2023 to 30 June 2024.
- **4,035** individual consultations in **81** communities including:
 - **3844** consultations in the Northern Territory (including the APY Lands)
 - **1** consultation in Shepparton, Victoria
 - **165** consultations in Kimberley Region, Western Australia
 - **25** consultations in the Cape York region, Queensland.

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- **154** stakeholder consultations including:
 - **14** Peak Bodies
 - **23** Commonwealth and state/territory government
 - **12** Land Councils
 - **105** community stakeholders and organisations.
- Consultation in place-based income management locations and former Cashless Debit Card sites commenced in September and concluded in October 2024. The sites consulted with include:
 - Greater Adelaide, Playford and Ceduna in South Australia
 - Perth, Peel, Broome, Derby, Kununurra and the Goldfields region in Western Australia
 - Logan, Livingstone, Rockhampton, Bundaberg/Hervey Bay and the Cape York and Doomadgee region in Queensland
 - Bankstown in New South Wales.
- **173** online submissions were received by the Department on the online platform.
- The Department procured NOUS Group via an open tender utilising the Research Evaluation Services Panel (SON3352211) to provide a thematic analysis report of Phase Two consultation responses.
- Total contract value for NOUS Group was \$255,406.46 (inc GST). The contract period was 13 August 2024 to 25 October 2024.

Phase Three: October 2024 to December 2024

- Phase Three consultations were departmental led.
- This phase sought to understand community needs to support a successful transition for future changes to income management. This included understanding the ongoing support service needs, particularly across the NT.
- Over **600** individual consultations across **24** communities including **103** stakeholders in:

Wadeye	Katherine	Binjari	Beswick
Barunga	Angurugu	Alyangula	Umbakumba
Alice Springs	Santa Teresa	Hermannsburg	Wurrumiyanga
Gunbalanya	Yuendumu	Yuelamu	Darwin
Galiwinku	Maningrida	Alice Springs Town Camps (5)	
- **27** online submissions were received via the Department's Engage website.

Consultation Findings

- Communities highlighted the importance of empowerment, with some perceiving income management as disempowering. People noted they want choice and autonomy, equity and access.
- Responses revealed diverse and often contrasting perspectives with some people valuing aspects of the program to help manage spending, enable savings and reduce financial exploitation.

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- Some stakeholders emphasised that income management does not directly improve financial literacy or budgeting, highlighting the importance of addressing the complex social factors that drive vulnerability within communities.
- It was heard that restricting access to cash can make it harder for people to leave situations of family and domestic violence, though others reflected on the use of income management to hide or save money, helping them to leave.
- Preferences often reflected generational perspectives: many young people expressed a desire for greater financial autonomy, while some older participants felt safer with structured spending controls on the BasicsCard.
- Consultations highlighted a strong preference from communities for a longer transition period, and a transition approach developed with community that includes sufficient lead in time, resourcing and locally informed planning to manage change effectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-26

TITLE: CLOSING THE GAP TARGETS 12 AND 13

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- Nationally, achievement against Target 12 - *to reduce the rate of over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by 45% by 2031* – is worsening.
 - This is based on progress from the baseline as reported in the latest Productivity Commission Closing the Gap Dashboard.
 - In 2024 First Nations children were 10.9 times more likely to enter the child protection system compared to non-Indigenous children.
 - To be on track Target 12 will require a reduction in the rate to 26.0 per 1,000 each year by 2031.
- First Nations women and children are also disproportionately impacted by family and domestic violence.
- The latest Productivity Commission Closing the Gap Dashboard also indicates that Target 13 is also not on track - *to reduce the rate of all forms of family violence and abuse against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children by at least 50% by 2031*.
- First Nations women are up to 7 times more likely to be victims of homicide and 31 times more likely to be hospitalised due to family violence (rates as at 2022-23, PC CTG Information Repository).
- There is a real challenge ahead of us to shift the trajectory towards these targets and drive our investments at the programs that we know work based on evidence.
- The Department is leading on the delivery of dedicated initiatives for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to address Targets 12 and 13 through:
 - the *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2032* (National Plan), the dedicated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan 2023-2025 (Action Plan) – developed in genuine partnership with First Nations Peoples - aims to address the immediate needs of First Nations women and children - **\$262.2 million** in Commonwealth funding for dedicated actions (2023-24 budget).
 - working in partnership with states and territories and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders to address the overrepresentation of First Nation children and by delivering actions under *Safe and Supported: the National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children 2021-2031* (Safe and Supported) - **\$137 million** in Commonwealth funding, and
 - building on the foundational work in the Action Plan, longer-term change will be addressed through *Our Ways – Strong Ways – Our Voices, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Safety Plan* (Our Ways), which is under development. This includes establishing future policy approaches to addressing the alarming high rates of violence against First Nations peoples.
- In addition, as part of the 2021-2022 Commonwealth Closing the Gap Implementation Plan announced on 5 August 2021, **\$98.5 million** in funding was provided towards four measures to address Target 12 and Target 13 that the Department is delivering (refer Budget information

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for detail).

- The Department also delivers other initiatives that support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and address family, domestic and sexual violence, including:
 - the broader \$4 billion package of funding the Commonwealth has committed to delivering the National Plan - provides important services and programs to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities including programs such as the National Leaving Violence Program,
 - the \$4.4 billion package announced at 6 September National Cabinet which included investment to support frontline legal assistance services, to be delivered through the National Access to Justice Partnership, and
 - other Departmental programs such as Specialised Family Violence services delivered through the Children's and Family Activity programs.

KEY INFORMATION

National Agreement on Closing the Gap (National Agreement) Target 12: to reduce the rate of over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by 45% by 2031.

- It is concerning that the rate of First Nations children aged 0-17 years in out-of-home care is increasing and is currently at 50.3 per 1,000 children (19,985 of the 44,866 children in care).
- This is an increase from 47.3 per 1,000 children in 2019 (baseline year). Data source: Report on Government Services Table 16A.2
- I acknowledge that state and territory governments are responsible for frontline child protection services for children and young people experience, or at risk of, abuse or neglect.
- However the Department is working in partnership with states and territories and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders to address the overrepresentation of First Nation children and by delivering actions under *Safe and Supported: The National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2021-2031*.
- To implement *the Safe and Supported Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Action Plan 2023-2026* and *First Action Plan 2023-2026*, the Department works with Australian governments, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership Group and the National Coalition for Child Safety and Wellbeing.
- *Safe and Supported* sets out the 10-year strategy to reduce the rates of child abuse and neglect and the over-representation of First Nations children in out-of-home care.
- Under *Safe and Supported*, there is a dedicated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Action Plan for First Nations children and families who are experiencing disadvantage and/or who are vulnerable.
- Progress under the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Action Plan 2023-26* is included at Attachment A.

National Agreement on Closing the Gap (National Agreement) Target 13: to reduce the rate of all forms of family violence and abuse against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children by at least 50% by 2031.

- There is no new data for Target 13 since the baseline year of 2018-19.
- Baseline data for Target 13 was collected in 2018-19, showing that, nationally, 8.4% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander females aged 15 years and over experienced domestic physical or face-to-face

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threatened physical harm. There is no new data since the baseline year and progress towards the target is not possible to track at this stage.

BUDGET INFORMATION

- In the 2023-2024 Budget, the Australian Government invested \$262.6 million over five years, from 2022-2023 to 2026-2027, in the safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, through implementation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan 2023-2025 (Family Safety Action Plan) addressing Target 13 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.
- \$262.6 million committed by the Commonwealth under the National Plan Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan, consists of:
 - DSS initiatives of \$153.1 million over five years, plus \$4 million in year six (2027-28), and an additional \$15 million in redirected funding over five years.
 - National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) and Attorney-General's Department initiatives of \$109.4 million over four years (from 2023-24) for measures listed under the Action Plan.
- \$137 million committed by the Commonwealth under the Safe and Supported Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Action Plan, consisting of:
 - \$30 million in the 2022-23 Budget for five initiatives under Safe and Supported
 - \$5.9 million to establish the National Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People
 - \$2.6 million per year in Administered funds over the forward estimates for implementation
 - \$98.5 million for four measures in the Closing the Gap Commonwealth Implementation Plan for First Nations children and Target 12.
- As part of the 2021-2022 Commonwealth Closing the Gap Implementation Plan announced on 5 August 2021, \$98.5 million in funding was provided towards four measures to address Target 12 and Target 13:
 - Measure 1: Improving Multidisciplinary Responses to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with multiple and complex needs (Target 12) - \$49 million over five years
 - Measure 2: Developing the cultural competency and trauma responsiveness of the Indigenous and non-Indigenous child and family sector workforce engaged through the Department's grant funding (Target 12) - \$7.7 million over three years
 - Measure 3: Stronger Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCOs), Stronger Families – assessing the needs and increasing the involvement of ACCOs in the Child and Family Sector (Target 12) - \$3.2 million over two years
 - Measure 4: Outcomes and Evidence Fund (Targets 12 and 13) - \$38.6 million to codesign, delivery and evaluation of projects in up to 8-12 locations, (Targets 12 and 13).

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- The *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan 2023-2025* (Family Safety Action Plan) under the *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2032* was launched on 16 August 2023.
- The Family Safety Action Plan was developed by the Department in partnership with the Advisory Council.
- There are 55 actions in the Action Plan. Sixteen actions are being progressed by the Australian Government including 12 by the Department and three by NIAA. The fourth action assigned to the NIAA has been completed. Ongoing responsibility for funding Family Violence Prevention Legal Services transitioned to the Attorney-General's Department (AGD) on 1 July 2025.
- Other actions are being partially addressed by Australian Government initiatives led by the Department, AGD, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, and the eSafety Commissioner.
- On 15 January 2024, the former Minister for Social Services, the Hon Amanda Rishworth MP, appointed the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Safety Steering Committee (now referred to as the Our Ways – Strong Ways – Our Voices Steering Committee (Steering Committee)) to lead the development of Our Ways.
- The Steering Committee is made up of 24 members: 12 non-government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives, two Australian Government representatives, eight jurisdictional representatives, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner and the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commissioner.
- On 22 December 2023, a contract was executed with SNAICC valued at \$3,499,057.79 (GST inclusive) to develop and deliver Our Ways by 22 December 2024. The contract was varied twice to extend the end date to 30 June 2025 and amend the contract price to \$3,411,930.98 (GST inclusive).
- On 21 August 2025, a contract was executed with SNAICC valued at \$411,798.20 (GST inclusive) to support the finalisation of Our Ways.
- SNAICC led a nation-wide consultation process from September 2024 to March 2025. Consultations included an online public submission process, engagements with government, discrete/high risk cohorts, the service sector, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, children and young people and people with lived experience of family, domestic and sexual violence.

Attachments

- **Attachment A** – Further details on initiatives

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Further detail on initiatives

Overall progress under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Action Plan 2023-26

<p>Under Action 1: Delegated Authority – Commit to progressive systems transformation that has First Nations self-determination at its centre.</p>	<p>In conjunction with the Safe and Supported Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership Group, SNAICC presented a draft paper on the definition of Delegated Authority.</p> <p>State and territory governments are responsible for funding, resourcing and implementing within their jurisdictions with updates provided through Safe and Supported governance. All jurisdictions are at different stages of progress.</p>
<p>Under Action 2: Investing in the Community-Controlled Sector – Shift towards adequate and coordinated funding of early, targeted and culturally safe supports for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.</p>	<p>A draft of the National Child and Family Investment Strategy for consideration by Safe and Supported governance for endorsement. This was delivered by SNAICC through funding from the Department.</p> <p>The Innovation Fund providing \$9.850 million to ten ACCOs to prepare for the transition of family and children services.</p>
<p>Under Action 3: Data Sovereignty – Build Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander infrastructure for sovereignty of data and improve the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander evidence base.</p>	<p>A scoping study for a National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centre of Excellence in Child and Family Support, by SNAICC.</p>
<p>Under Action 4: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce – Develop a national approach to continue building a sustainable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child and family sector workforce</p>	<p>A draft scoping study has been developed by the Leadership Group and SNAICC and will be finalised through Safe and Supported governance.</p>
<p>Under Action 5: Active Efforts – Implement the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle (ATSICPP) to the standard of active efforts.</p>	<p>Draft set of national standards for Active Efforts developed by SNAICC and Safe and Supported Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership Group. Draft standards to be provided to other Safe and Supported parties for feedback in late 2025.</p>
<p>Under Action 6: Legal Supports – Improve availability and quality of legal support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families engaged with child protection systems.</p>	<p>A legal supports scoping study developed by SNAICC and National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (NATSILS).</p> <p>The next phase of the project will be progressed through the Justice Policy Partnership.</p>

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Under Action 7: Advocating for Accountability and Oversight – Establish and strengthen advocacy through Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commissioners and similar roles.	Establishment of the National Commission on 13 January 2025 and appointment of the National Commissioner, Sue-Ann Hunter, from 1 September 2025.
Under Action 8: Social Determinants of Child Safety and Wellbeing – Work across portfolios impacting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.	Funding through the Improving Multidisciplinary Responses program for 15 Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) and First Nations organisations to deliver projects to enhance and support holistic responses for First Nations families with multiple and complex needs.
Monitoring and Evaluation	Development of two Monitoring and Evaluation Strategies (MES). The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander MES and the Safe and Supported MES outline the monitoring and evaluation activities of Safe and Supported.

Additional Detail on specific initiatives for Target 12 and 13 – DSS only**Improving Multidisciplinary Responses (IMR) program**

- Under Safe and Supported the IMR program is a national, multi-jurisdiction initiative, which aims to enhance and support holistic responses to First Nations families with multiple and complex needs.
- The Department has provided \$49 million to 15 First Nations and ACCOs to deliver community-led projects in regional, remote and metropolitan areas across Australia. The Department has funded two subject matter experts to provide support to grantees - SNAICC and Arney Chong Consulting.

Developing the cultural competency and trauma responsiveness training measure

- Under Safe and Supported this measure aims to build the organisational and workforce capability of the child and family sector in working with First Nations clients so that the sector is better able to deliver prevention and early intervention services that are culturally aware, and trauma and healing informed.
- Through a targeted competitive grant opportunity, SNAICC was awarded \$6.2 million to develop and deliver the training. Activities commenced in May 2023 and will continue until late 2025.
- As of June 2025, the training has been delivered to 240 organisations in over 500 different locations to a total of 1,032 participants.

Stronger ACCOs, Stronger Families (SASF) program

- The two-year Stronger ACCOs, Stronger Families (SASF) program was finalised in August 2024. Established in 2022, the intention of SASF was to address the barriers identified by Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) and Indigenous stakeholders to greater involvement in family support services; and contribute to the evidence-base to inform tangible steps to increase the number of ACCOs delivering family support and social services to Indigenous children, young people and families, as agreed under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap (National Agreement).
- The SASF program was successful in that it has resulted in recommendations and learnings the Department of Social Services (the department) can apply to increase the number of ACCOs delivering programs and services for First Nations peoples and communities within the Families and Children Families and Communities Activity (FaC).

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- The SASF program comprised two parts. Part 1 was led by SNAICC and resulted in the Stronger ACCOs, Stronger Families (SASF) report, which identified issues, barriers and opportunities for ACCO funding within the FaC Activity.
- Part 2 was led by the Wunan Foundation who worked closely with mainstream community organisations and ACCOs in 11 locations around Australia to advance locally led partnerships. While this involved the Communities for Children Facilitating Partner (CfC FP) or Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) programs, the learnings are applicable across the broader FaC Activity.
- The Department is seeking to implement opportunities to increase and support ACCO service delivery, drawing on SASF recommendations and related resources where these can be drawn from existing FaC funding.

Closing the Gap Outcomes and Evidence Fund

- The Closing the Gap Outcomes and Evidence Fund (the Fund) is a \$38.6 million program for First Nations organisations and communities to co-design, trial and evaluate projects aimed at contributing towards Closing the Gap Targets 12 (reducing the rate of children in out of home care) and Target 13 (reducing family violence). There are 8 trial locations across Australia.
- The Fund is exploring new and flexible approaches to working with local First Nations communities to address family violence and out-of-home care, with a particular emphasis on shared decision making to support self-determination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in child protection.
- There are currently 23 approved trial projects as of September 2025. These include projects in Darwin, Sydney, Melbourne, NPY Lands, the Kimberley and Dubbo.
- While in the early stages of implementation, projects will provide a range of culturally-safe and trauma-informed initiatives to help build stronger family units and make homes safer for vulnerable women and children. Project activities include:
 - Prevention and early intervention for intimate partner violence
 - Trauma-informed healing activities
 - Men’s on-Country healing camps and empowerment programs
 - Social and emotional well-being programs and life skills workshops for families
 - Cultural mentoring for children in out-of-home care, and
 - Youth justice support.

Four Immediate Priority Grants under the Family Safety Action Plan

- \$32.2 million is being invested over three years from 2023-24, supporting 16 ACCOs and Indigenous-led organisations under the *Increasing Capacity of Crisis Accommodation Services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples* grant program.
- \$17 million is being invested over three years from 2024-25, supporting 24 ACCOs under the *Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Controlled Organisations* grant program.
- \$41.4 million is being invested over three years from 2024-25, supporting 13 ACCOs and Indigenous-led organisations for the *Community-led Men's Wellness Centres for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples* grant program.
- \$12.7 million is being invested over two years from 2024-25, supporting nine ACCOs and Indigenous-led organisations under the *Community-led Prevention Services, Programs and Campaigns for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children* grant program.

SB25-000393 – ATTACHMENT A**First Nations-led family, domestic and sexual violence data collection**

- \$15 million (from 2025-26 to 2027-28) is being invested in a First Nations-led data project which will enable measurement of progress against Target 13.
- The Department continues to work with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council for Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence (Advisory Council) to finalise the scope of the project and implementation approach.
- The Department expects to undertake a tender process in the second half of 2025 to deliver the project.

Leaving Violence Program Regional Trials

- \$38.7 million (excluding indexation and supplementation) over two years from 2024-25 to extend the Escaping Violence Payment place-based trial in Cairns (now Leaving Violence Program Regional Trial) and expand the Leaving Violence Program Regional Trials to include three new sites – Broome, Darwin and Dubbo.
- The Leaving Violence Program provides individual support to victim-survivors, including up to \$5,000 in financial support.
- The Regional Trials launched on 1 July 2025 to deliver culturally- safe support for victim-survivors leaving intimate-partner violence in each of the locations, focused on service delivery to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victim-survivors.
- The Regional Trials are delivered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander led organisations in each of the 4 sites.
- The Regional Trials providers are:
 - Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical Service (BRAMS) – Broome, WA
 - Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation (RAATSIC) – Cairns, QLD
 - North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service (NAAFLS) – Darwin, NT
 - Bunmabunmarra Service – Dubbo, NSW
- The Regional Trials are due to cease on 30 June 2026. Decisions regarding the future of the grants are a matter for government.

Our Ways – Strong Ways – Our Voices: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Plan to End Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence (Our Ways)

- \$4.1 million over two years from 2023-24 was committed to support the development of Our Ways.
- Our Ways will contribute to the delivery of the government's commitment to end gender-based violence by directly responding to National Agreement Target 13.
- The Our Ways Steering Committee has met ten times from January 2024 to August 2025 to support the development of Our Ways.
- Our Ways is expected to be finalised by December 2025.

National Peak Body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Safety

- \$7.7 million over three years has been invested to establish a National Peak Body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Safety (National Peak Body).
- Once established, the National Peak Body will play a key role leading and advocating for the First Nations community-controlled family, domestic and sexual violence sector and have oversight of Our Ways.

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- The Coalition of Peaks has been engaged to establish the National Peak Body.
- The Peak will be functionally operational in late 2025.

First Nations Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Sector Strengthening Plan

- The Department is working in genuine partnership with First Nations Advocates Against Family Violence (FNAAFV) and state and territory governments to deliver the First Nations Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Sector Strengthening Plan (DFSV SSP).
- This commitment reflects the government's commitment to Priority Reform Two of the National Agreement.
- The DFSV SSP is a national targeted effort towards capacity building and increased investment in the DFSV community-controlled sector.
- FNAAFV has been funded \$400,000 by the National Indigenous Australians Agency to deliver the sector strengthening plan by December 2026.

Supporting Adolescent Boys Trial

- \$34.8 million for the Supporting Adolescent Boys Trial, a national early intervention trial for young men and adolescent boys aged 12 to 18 years who present with adverse childhood experiences including family and domestic violence.
- The objective of the trial is to test the effectiveness of delivering therapeutic supports focusing on the individual to:
 - support their recovery and healing from their experiences of family and domestic violence,
 - help them avoid choosing to use family, domestic and sexual violence, and
 - build the evidence base on effective approaches to supporting young men and boys.
- The trial includes supports for First Nations peoples in alignment with the priorities of the Action Plan.
- Over three years from 2024-25 the trial will be delivered in 14 sites nationally, including two sites in each state and one in each territory, with two activities that are specifically focused on First Nations participants in Broome, Western Australia and Palmerston, Northern Territory.
- Further to this, all trial sites will work with participants with diverse needs, including young men and boys who identify as First Nations.

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SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-26

TITLE: AIFS PERFORMANCE

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- AIFS annual report is scheduled to be tabled on 27th or 28th October.
- AIFS published its 2025-26 Corporate Plan and new Strategic Research Agenda on 29th August 2025.

KEY INFORMATION

- AIFS annual report is scheduled to be tabled on 27th or 28th October
- The Department of Finance has approved a net cash operating deficit of \$491,000 in 2024-25.
- The final net cash operating result is a loss of \$568,000 against a budget surplus of \$34,000.
- AIFS met targets for 15 of its 19 performance measures in 2024-25. Two (2) of the 4 under-target performance measures were only very slightly under target (by only 1 percentage point).
- AIFS published its 2025-26 Corporate Plan on 29 August 2025.
- At the same time, AIFS also published the agency's new Strategic Research Agenda, which is focus around four themes of Families and Society, Family and Child Safety, Family and Child Wellbeing, and Gambling Harms.
- The four themes were identified through stakeholder consultations conducted from March to June 2025 with family representative organisations, family and community service providers, research experts, government agencies, and members of the public.

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Background

- The principal reason for the net cash operating loss (NCOL) was the change in timing of revenue recognition for some projects from 2024-25 to 2025-26.
- The final NCOL of \$568, 000 is in excess of the approved Department of Finance (DOF) NCOL of \$491k. Subsequent to the signing of the financial statements AIFS will apply through DSS to DOF for a NCOL of \$568, 000.
- AIFS is working with DSS and other Departments to increase its project portfolio to minimise or avoid a net cash operating loss for 2025-26.
- The new Strategic Research Agenda was developed as part of the Statement of Intent prepared in response to the Minister's Statement of Expectations, and is intended to help give effect to AIFS' purpose and functions.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-26

TITLE: DOMESTIC, FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE COMMISSION BUDGET AND ACTIVITY

HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- Over 300 engagements were undertaken by the Commission between 1 January and 1 September 2025, in support of the Commission's four objectives.
- Over 50 speaking engagements, including media, by the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner.
- Of all enquiries received by the Commission, 65% related directly to lived experience of DFSV.
- 3 national roundtables were held, including one online forum, and working groups were developed for children and young people, and sexual violence.
- 20% of all meetings were with specialist sector organisations.
- 11% of all meetings focused on data and research to monitor impact.

KEY INFORMATION

- The Commission continues to deliver on its four strategic objectives under the *National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022–2032* (the National Plan).

1. Promote the National Plan and monitor impact:

The Commission maintained a strong public presence through media, social media, and events, and the Commission's podcast 'Voices Towards 2050' was launched to further promote the National Plan. A significant portion of engagements focused on data and research to support monitoring the impact of the National Plan.

2. Amplify lived experience:

Six formal meetings were held with the Lived Experience Advisory Council, alongside monthly meetings with the Co-chair. Approximately 60% of all enquiries received by the Commission related to lived experience of DFSV, with the most common themes being concerns regarding police responses, the Family Court, and experiences of coercive control.

3. Foster collaboration and coordination:

The Commission convened three national roundtables. One with jurisdictional governments, one on addressing DFSV in multicultural communities, and an online forum on developing national standards for men's behaviour change, which was convened on behalf of DSS. A high-level meeting convened by the DFSV Commission, and hosted by the Governor-General, brought together federal Commissioners and Ambassadors.

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DOMESTIC, FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE COMMISSION**SB25-000265****4. Provide strategic advice:**

Strategic advice continues to be delivered through formal and informal channels, with the Yearly Report remaining the primary vehicle. Roundtable reports are being refined to better reflect participant voices and priorities.

Governance Engagements:

- The Commission participated in national governance groups including the Women's and Women's Safety Ministerial Council, First Nations Family Safety Plan Steering Committee, Jurisdiction Working Group, National Plan Advisory Group, National DFV Peaks Alliance, and Disability Representative Organisations Forum.

Policy Advice Outputs:

- Two major policy advice documents were released: Men and Boys Snapshot and Multicultural Communities Roundtable Report.

Regional Engagements:

- Deep engagements were conducted in Launceston and Burnie (Tasmania), Cairns (Queensland), and Ballarat (Victoria).

ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT**Roundtables held:**

- The Commission held fewer roundtables in the past year than last year, primarily due to caretaker conventions surrounding the national election in May 2025. Regardless, roundtables and other similar mechanisms remain important engagement opportunities for the Commission:
 - Jurisdictional Governments (Feb 2025)
 - Multicultural Communities (Aug 2025)
 - Online Forum – Men's Behaviour Change Standards (Aug 2025).

Working Groups Established:

- In its 2024 Yearly Report, the Commission identified both children and young people and sexual violence, among others, as policy priorities. The working groups continue to refine the Commission's position on these issues and to, subsequently, provide advice to government on priority action under each, the Commission has established separate reference groups for both children and young people and sexual violence. Work with these groups continues.

Engagement Improvements:

- The Commission continues to refine and develop its approach to engagement that aims to improve lived experience co-design, increase accessibility and ensure that all priority populations, as identified in the National Plan, are always represented.

BUDGET INFORMATION

- 2024–25 expenditure: \$4.669 million (below budget of \$5.723 million due to staffing levels).
- 2025–26 expenditure to 31 August: \$0.827 million (on budget).
- Travel expenditure: \$0.290 million in 2024–25 and \$0.042 million in 2025–26 (to 31 August).
- Recruitment efforts are underway to meet the 2025–26 budget allocation.

DOMESTIC, FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE COMMISSION**SB25-000265****Background**

- The Advisory Council was established in September 2023 with initial seven members (known as the Guiding Group), appointed for a period of six months (until March 2023), to guide the establishment of the full Advisory Council.
 - A national expression of interest was conducted in August 2023 which received over 400 EOI applications.
 - Following a robust selection process, 12 members were appointed by the then Assistant Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence on 12 January 2024 for a period of two years.
 - One member left in March 2025 due to health reasons.
 - In August 2025, the Minister for Social Services approved the extension of current members by up to 12 months. This process is currently being finalised.
- The Advisory Council share advice with the Commission to create and improve domestic, family, and sexual violence policy, systems, and services and report on implementation and progress towards the objectives of the National Plan.
- Under the terms of reference, the Advisory Council will meet at least six times each year.

Attachments

- Attachment A – Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Engagements (1 January to 1 September 2025)

SB25-000265 – ATTACHMENT A**Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission
List of Engagements (1 January to 1 September 2025)****Commission Summary:**

- Roundtables: 2 national roundtables and 1 online forum.
- Responses to enquiries: 163 responses to emails and phone calls to the Enquiries inbox.
- Responses to reviews and inquiries: 4
- Lived Experience Advisory Council meetings: 6

Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner Summary:

- Engagements: 305 total
- Conference, forum, media and other public speaking engagements: 53
- Meetings with Government Ministers: 2
 - Minister Plibersek, 30 July 2025
 - Assistant Minister Kearney, 21 August 2025
- Meetings with jurisdiction Ministers: 3
 - Minister Stojkovski, WA, 8 May 2025 (online)
 - Minister Palmer, TAS, 19 May 2025 (Launceston)
 - Minister Stojkovski, WA, 4 July 2025 (Perth)
- Meetings with other MPs and Senators: Nil

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Commissioner's and Commissioner's Stakeholder meetings

DATE	ENGAGEMENT	LOCATION	ORGANISATION TYPE
3/01/2025	NT Health	Online	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers
8/01/2025	Impact Film launch	Online	Specialist sector organisation
16/01/2025	DFSVC and NIAA meeting	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
18/01/2025	2025 Pay Our Respects vigil	South Australia Parliament	Conference, forum, media and other public address
21/01/2025	Coffee Catch Up ^{§ 22, s 47F} /Micaela	Canberra	Federal Government, including Ministers
21/01/2025	^{§ 22, s 47F} /Micaela/Jenna Dinner	Sydney	Federal Government, including Ministers
21/01/2025	^{§ 22, s 47F} /Micaela	Sydney	Justice, including courts and police
21/01/2025	^{§ 22, s 47F} Commissioner Cronin	Sydney	Other
21/01/2025	UTS Zoom meeting invitation - ^{§ 22, s 47F} Zoom Meeting	Online	Peak bodies
21/01/2025	^{§ 22, s 47F} /Micaela	Sydney	Research bodies, including ANROWS
22/01/2025	Meet & Greet DSFV Commission - Acting National Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People	Canberra	Commissioner and Government Oversight functions
22/01/2025	^{§ 22, s 47F} /Micaela Cronin	Canberra	Commissioner and Government Oversight functions
23/01/2025	^{§ 22, s 47F} /Micaela Cronin	Sydney	Commissioner and Government Oversight functions
24/01/2025	Micaela Cronin & Respect Victoria: Three Year Report Informant Interview	Online	Conference, forum, media and other public address
24/01/2025	^{§ 22, s 47F} /Commissioner Cronin	Online	Conference, forum, media and other public address

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24/01/2025	§ 22, s 47F and Micaela	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
28/01/2025	§ 22, s 47F/Micaela	Melbourne	Federal Government, including Ministers
28/01/2025	Dinner § 22, s 47F	Melbourne	Research bodies, including ANROWS
29/01/2025	Regular Meetings with FDSV Commissioner I EGBV	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
29/01/2025	Women and Women's Safety Senior Officials Meeting with Respect Victoria	Online	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers
29/01/2025	§ 22, s 47F/Micaela Cronin	Online	Justice, including courts and police
30/01/2025	§ 22, s 47F /Micaela Cronin	Online	Lived Experience
30/01/2025	§ 22, s 47F /Micaela Cronin	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
31/01/2025	Monthly Catch Up with Micaela Cronin DFSV Commissioner/Gwen Cherne VFA Commissioner	Online	Commissioner and Government Oversight functions
31/01/2025	§ 22, s 47F/Commissioner Cronin	Online	Specialist sector organisation
3/02/2025	DFSVC Monthly meeting - Monday, 3 February 2025	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
3/02/2025	§ 22, s 47F	Adelaide	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers
4/02/2025	Further conversations re SARC	Adelaide	Federal Government, including Ministers
4/02/2025	SA Royal Commission meeting with § 22, s 47F	Adelaide	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers
5/02/2025	§ 22, s 47F	Canberra	Federal Government, including Ministers
5/02/2025	§ 22, s 47F	Canberra	Federal Government, including Ministers

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5/02/2025	Commissioner Cronin AGD meeting on Family Law and Family Safety	Canberra	Justice, including courts and police
5/02/2025	IWD Breakfast	Canberra	Public address
7/02/2025	Invitation to attend the Forum of NRAS Chairs meeting	Melbourne	Specialist sector organisation
10/02/2025	Micaela and § 22, s 47F catch up	Melbourne	Lived Experience
10/02/2025	§ 22, s 47F & Micaela	Melbourne	Research bodies, including ANROWS
10/02/2025	§ 22, s 47F /Micaela Cronin Churchill Fellowship Discussion	Online	Specialist sector organisation
12/02/2025	§ 22, s 47F	Canberra	Federal Government, including Ministers
12/02/2025	LEAC Co Chairs Meeting	Online	Lived Experience
12/02/2025	§ 22, s 47F - LEAC	Darwin	Lived Experience
12/02/2025	Jurisdictional Roundtable Discussion with ACT Representative	Online	Other
13/02/2025	Meet § 22, s 47F - Darwin Indigenous Men's Service	Darwin	First Nations
13/02/2025	Meet § 22, s 47F and § 22, s 47F - NT Aboriginal Advisory Board	Darwin	First Nations
13/02/2025	Meet § 22, s 47F NT Police	Darwin	Justice, including courts and police
13/02/2025	Meet Ana Aitcheson - CEO Dawn House	Darwin	Specialist sector organisation
14/02/2025	Jenna Roberts (DFSVC) and § 22, s 47F (NT Health) meeting	Darwin	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers
14/02/2025	Steering Committee Meeting: Our Ways - Strong Ways - Our Voices: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Plan to End Family, Domestic, and Sexual Violence	Online	National Plan Governance
14/02/2025	Annual Ochre Ribbon Breakfast event	Darwin	Public address
14/02/2025	Meet § 22, s 47F- CatholicCare MBCPs	Darwin	Specialist sector organisation

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14/02/2025	§ 22, s 47F	Canberra	Specialist sector organisation
15/02/2025	Women and Women's Safety Ministerial Council, 15 August 2025	Sydney CPO, Level 21, 1 Bligh Street Sydney	Federal Government, including Ministers
17/02/2025	Closing the Gap Portfolio Committee Meeting	Online	First Nations
18/02/2025	Estimates preparation session - Secretary/Deputy Secretaries/Group Managers	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
18/02/2025	DFSVC Children and young people Reference Group - Meeting #1	Online	Other
18/02/2025	§ 22, s 47F /Commissioner Cronin	Online	Peak bodies
18/02/2025	DRO FORUM - Tuesday 18 February 2025	Online	Public address
18/02/2025	Jesuit Social Services-input following November 2024 Engaging Men and Boys Roundtable	Online	Specialist sector organisation
19/02/2025	Invitation to launch new NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence on sexual violence	Melbourne	Public address
19/02/2025	Safe Steps launch	Melbourne	Public address
20/02/2025	PRE MEETING NATIONAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING	Online	Peak bodies
20/02/2025	§ 22, s 47F /Commissioner Cronin	Melbourne	Research bodies, including ANROWS
20/02/2025	§ 22, s 47F /DFSVC	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
21/02/2025	MONASH SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT	Melbourne	Public address
24/02/2025	Meeting with Micaela Cronin, § 22, s 47F & Nous team National Model of Care	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
25/02/2025	Monthly Catch Up with Micaela Cronin DFSV Commissioner/Gwen Cherne VFA Commissioner	Online	Peak bodies
25/02/2025	§ 22, s 47F The Cost Pre-Briefing	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
26/02/2025	LEAC co-chair meeting	Online	Lived Experience

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26/02/2025	Pre meeting with governor general	Online	Commissioner and Government Oversight functions
28/02/2025	Launch of Professor Anne Summers AO's latest report, The Cost of Domestic Violence to women's employment and education.	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
1/03/2025	Commonwealth Commissioners and Ambassadors: National Meeting on Domestic Family and Sexual Violence	Canberra	Commissioner and Government Oversight functions
3/03/2025	Media - s 22, s 47F	Canberra	Media
4/03/2025	Mtg with Jenna Roberts s 22, s 47F	Online	Specialist sector organisation
5/03/2025	Follow up discussion re. IWD Governor-General & Ms Cronin	Phone call	Commissioner and Government Oversight functions
5/03/2025	QLD POLICE UNION/DFSVC	Online	Justice, including courts and police
5/03/2025	s 22, s 47F/Micaela	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
5/03/2025	Webinar: Life Stages Approach to Ending DFSV of Older Women & Invitation	Online	Specialist sector organisation
6/03/2025	s 22, s 47F /Micaela quick chat	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
6/03/2025	Monthly DSS, DFSV Commission and National Commission meeting	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
6/03/2025	Lived Experience Advisory Council on-line Meeting	Online	Lived Experience
6/03/2025	Catholic Social Services Panel Discussion	Melbourne	Public address
7/03/2025	Gender Strategy Group	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
12/03/2025	Engaging Men and Boys to Stop the Cycle of Violence	Sydney	Public address

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13/03/2025	DSS/OFW/Commission Discussion	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
14/03/2025	§ 22, s 47F - QLD Council for LGBTI+ Health & CQU	Brisbane	Specialist sector organisation
17/03/2025	TACSI/DFSVC	Online	Specialist sector organisation
18/03/2025	DFSVC/Nous	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
18/03/2025	§ 22, s 47F /Micaela Cronin	Online	Lived Experience
19/03/2025	VLRC/DFSVC Meeting	Melbourne	Justice, including courts and police
19/03/2025	MEDIA - on air	Melbourne	Media
19/03/2025	MACKILLOP LEADERSHIP FORUM	Melbourne	Public address
20/03/2025	Pre meeting: South Australian Royal Commission into Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence - Public Hearings	Online	Commissioner and Government Oversight functions
20/03/2025	Child Support Stakeholder Consultation Group - March 2025 meeting	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
20/03/2025	National Close The Gap Day 2025	Melbourne	First Nations
20/03/2025	ABC Southbank	Melbourne	Media
20/03/2025	Briefing on Unsilencing Older Women: A life stages approach for the National Plan	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
20/03/2025	CEI/DFSVC workshop - Performance measures and monitoring	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
20/03/2025	§ 22, s 47F event	Brisbane	Research bodies, including ANROWS
21/03/2025	§ 22, s 47F and Micaela	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
21/03/2025	Monthly Catch Up with Micaela Cronin DFSV Commissioner/Gwen Cherne VFA Commissioner	Online	Peak Bodies

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21/03/2025	Meeting with Commissioner Cronin re keynote session NRAS Combined meeting 2025	Online	Public address
21/03/2025	Women and Women's Safety Senior Officials Meeting	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
21/03/2025	§ 22, s 47F	Phone call	Research bodies, including ANROWS
24/03/2025	DFSVC/OFW Quarterly discussions	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
24/03/2025	NASASV/DFSVC - Next steps for addressing sexual violence	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
25/03/2025	South Australian Royal Commission	Online	Commissioner and Government Oversight functions
25/03/2025	IWD 2025	Brisbane	Public address
26/03/2025	South Australian Royal Commission final hearing	South Australia	Commissioner and Government Oversight functions
26/03/2025	La Trobe Financial Federal Budget Dinner	Canberra	Federal Government, including Ministers
26/03/2025	§ 22, s 47F Micaela Catch up	South Australia	First Nations
26/03/2025	Coffee catch up - Commissioner Cronin & § 22, s 47F	South Australia	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers
27/03/2025	LEAC co-chair meeting	Online	Lived Experience
28/03/2025	§ 22, s 47F/Micaela Cronin	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
31/03/2025	Office for Women Strategy Group Meeting 2	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
31/03/2025	§ 22, s 47F /Micaela Cronin	Online	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers
1/04/2025	Monthly Meeting DSS/DFSVC	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers

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1/04/2025	Monthly DSS, DFSV Commission and National Commission meeting	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
2/04/2025	Project Kick-off: DFSV Commission & Nous	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
3/04/2025	Closing the Gap Transformation Plan discussion	Online	First Nations
3/04/2025	s 22, s 47F	Adelaide	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers
3/04/2025	SA ROUNDTABLE	Adelaide	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers
4/04/2025	Lived Experience Advisory Council - Meeting 2	Online	Lived Experience
4/04/2025	MCAULEY event	Melbourne	Specialist sector organisation
7/04/2025	s 22, s 47F and Micaela discussion	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
8/04/2025	Commissioner/Assistant Commissioner PHN PILOT PROGRAM CONFERENCE/TACSI	Melbourne	Public address
9/04/2025	DV Longitudinal Study Indigenous Expert Group Meeting	Melbourne	Research bodies, including ANROWS
9/04/2025	Project check-in: DFSV Commission & Nous	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
9/04/2025	s 22, s 47F /Micaela Cronin	Online	Specialist sector organisation
10/04/2025	DFSVC and LHA - LGBTQ+SB Roundtable Report and other matter	Online	Specialist sector organisation
11/04/2025	s 22, s 47F	Melbourne	Peak Bodies
11/04/2025	Curtain Edu - s 22, s 47F	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
14/04/2025	AHPRA	Online	Specialist sector organisation

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17/04/2025	Commissioner Cherne	Online	Commissioner and Government Oversight functions
23/04/2025	Meeting with Chilean Minister for Women and Gender Equality	Attaché's Office 24 Napier Close, Deakin 2600	Federal Government, including Ministers
23/04/2025	§ 22, s 47F	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
24/04/2025	§ 22, s 47F	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
30/04/2025	SASVic Study Tour Overview	Online	Specialist sector organisation
1/05/2025	Communicare & White Ribbon Australia	Online	Specialist sector organisation
6/05/2025	ABC Afternoon Briefing	Melbourne	Media
7/05/2025	§ 22, s 47F Fair Agenda	Online	Media
7/05/2025	Safe Steps Candlelight Vigil 2025	Melbourne	Public address
8/05/2025	DSS, DFSV Commission and National Commission meeting	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
8/05/2025	DFFH	Online	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers
8/05/2025	Minister Stojkovski	Online	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers
9/05/2025	OfW and DSS	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
9/05/2025	§ 22, s 47F FCFCOA	Online	Justice, including courts and police
9/05/2025	SMFA	Online	Specialist sector organisation
9/05/2025	§ 22, s 47F SMFA	Online	Specialist sector organisation

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12/05/2025	DSS EGBV Group Workshop	Canberra	Federal Government, including Ministers
19/05/2025	Minister Palmer	Launceston	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers
19/05/2025	Tasmanian Family and Sexual Violence Alliance	Launceston	Peak Bodies
20/05/2025	Commissioner of Police	Hobart	Justice, including courts and police
20/05/2025	Sexual Assault Support Service	Hobart	Specialist sector organisation
21/05/2025	LEAC	Online	Lived Experience
21/05/2025	Liz Neville AIFS	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
21/05/2025	AHPRA	Online	Specialist sector organisation
2/06/2025	ABC - Ten to men interview - s 22, s 47F	Phone	Media
2/06/2025	The Guardian - Ten to men - s 22, s 47F	Phone	Media
2/06/2025	(AAP) Interview - Ten to men - s 22, s 47F	Phone	Media
3/06/2025	DFSVC and Sarra Creative - Kick off meeting	Online	First Nations
3/06/2025	LEAC co-chair meeting - s 22, s 47F	Online	Lived Experience
3/06/2025	AIFS Media Event - Ten to Men	Southbank	Media
3/06/2025	DFSVC/DV Connect meeting	Brisbane	Specialist sector organisation
4/06/2025	ABC afternoon briefing	Press Gallery, Senate side	Media
4/06/2025	ALRC Press Club	Canberra	Public address
4/06/2025	DFV Health Forum in Brisbane	Brisbane	Public address

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4/06/2025	Unanswered Calls	State Library Queensland,	Public address
5/06/2025	Meeting with AMO	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
5/06/2025	National model of Care meeting, with NOUS	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
5/06/2025	WA News - For news/online article	Phone	Media
6/06/2025	DSS, DFSV Commission and National Commission meeting	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
6/06/2025	Commissioner to attend Gender Strategy Group	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
6/06/2025	Commissioner to attend meeting to discuss approach to intersection between GBV and children in Australia's approach to the Pacific	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
6/06/2025	Meet with s 22, s 47F	Degani Northcote	First Nations
6/06/2025	Child Protection Conference Interview call - s 22, s 47F	Online	Media
6/06/2025	Child Protection Forum - Panel meeting and briefing	Online	Public address
6/06/2025	Assistant Commissioner to meet with Safe Space GP Clinics	Online	Specialist sector organisation
10/06/2025	s 22, s 47F Micaela & Jenna	Online	Lived Experience
10/06/2025	Lived Experience Advisory Council - In-Person Meeting - Day 1	Melbourne	Lived Experience
11/06/2025	Lived Experience Advisory Council - In-Person Meeting - Day 2	Melbourne	Lived Experience
11/06/2025	Designed to Disrupt®: Safety by design for essential services	Online	Specialist sector organisation
12/06/2025	CHILD PROTECTION FORUM	Brisbane	Public address
13/06/2025	QPS Commissioner	Online	Justice, including courts and police
13/06/2025	Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia - s 22, s 47F	Online	Justice, including courts and police

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16/06/2025	s 22, s 47F	Newtown	Commissioner and Government Oversight functions
16/06/2025	Family Safety Victoria	Online	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers
16/06/2025	s 22, s 47F - Churchill Fellowship Discussion	Online	Specialist sector organisation
17/06/2025	Establishing DFSV Commission QLD	Brisbane	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers
18/06/2025	Brisbane - round table with Minister Plibersek	Brisbane	Federal Government, including Ministers
18/06/2025	Safety Measures	Online	Specialist sector organisation
19/06/2025	Independent National Security Legislation Monitor - Jake Blight	Online	Commissioner and Government Oversight functions
19/06/2025	AG Lived Experience EAG	Brisbane	Lived Experience
20/06/2025	Our Ways Steering Committee meeting with the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP	Online	National Plan Governance
20/06/2025	National Plan Advisory Group - Meeting with Minister Plibersek out-of-session	Online	National Plan Governance
23/06/2025	FDSV Implementation Board Meeting	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
23/06/2025	Meet with s 22, s 47F NSW Police	Sydney	Justice, including courts and police
24/06/2025	NTV to host DFV Forum	Federation Square	Federal Government, including Ministers
25/06/2025	s 22, s 47F AIC - CCTV use for victim survivors	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
25/06/2025	Gulnara SSI	Sydney	Specialist sector organisation
26/06/2025	LEAC debrief with s 22, s 47F	Online	Lived Experience

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26/06/2025	Channel 9 news interview (zoom)	Online	Media
26/06/2025	Conference Presentation QATSICPIP DFV	Queensland	Public address
26/06/2025	Red Rose Rally (12.45pm start) - wear black and bring a rose	Queensland	Public address
26/06/2025	QATSICPP Dinner	Queensland	Specialist sector organisation
27/06/2025	NTV to host DFV Forum	Sydney	Federal Government, including Ministers
27/06/2025	Meet with s 22, s 47F LEAC	Sydney	Lived Experience
30/06/2025	Meeting with s 22, s 47F LEAC) on the Commission's Policy Priorities	Online	Lived Experience
30/06/2025	Hunter New England and Central Coast PHN/DFSVC	Online	Specialist sector organisation
1/07/2025	Policy Deep Dive with MO	Canberra	Federal Government, including Ministers
1/07/2025	DFSVC and QPS - discussion on data	Online	Justice, including courts and police
1/07/2025	CHRIS COLLETT AGD	Online	Justice, including courts and police
2/07/2025	s 22, s 47F	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
2/07/2025	SA RC DFSV	Adelaide	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers
2/07/2025	Meet with Gulnara	Online	Specialist sector organisation
4/07/2025	s 22, s 47F presentation at NAIDOC Forum	Perth	First Nations
4/07/2025	Meet with s 22, s 47F and WA Gov staff	Perth	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers
4/07/2025	Meeting with Minister Stojkovski	Perth	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers

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4/07/2025	WA Police Commissioner Blanch	Perth	Justice, including courts and police
4/07/2025	Podcast interview with s 22, s 47F	Phone	Media
7/07/2025	ITEC	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
7/07/2025	Podcast with s 22, s 47F	Phone	Media
8/07/2025	OfW - Quarterly discussions	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
8/07/2025	Djirra NAIDOC Family Day	Melton Road Kurunjang	First Nations
9/07/2025	Monthly Meetings with DFSV Commissioner	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
9/07/2025	s 22, s 47F - Uni Melb	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
9/07/2025	s 22, s 47F - Switchboard	Online	Specialist sector organisation
9/07/2025	s 22, s 47F - Safe Steps	Online	Specialist sector organisation
10/07/2025	Briefing discussion DFSV - ANROWS	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
11/07/2025	Men's online forum - Anna Lutz	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
11/07/2025	Brisbane NAIDOC event	Brisbane	First Nations
14/07/2025	Women and Women's Safety Senior Officials meeting	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
16/07/2025	Circular Head Aboriginal Corp	Beach Front Voyager Motor Inn	First Nations
16/07/2025	Six Rivers Aboriginal Corp	Devonport	First Nations
16/07/2025	Lauren House - s 22, s 47F	112 Wilson Street Burnie	Specialist sector organisation

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18/07/2025	Full Stop Australia Lived Expertise 'Ideas to Action' Incubator Program Launch	Art Gallery of New South Wales Meers Hall, Naala Badu, Art Gallery Road, The Domain, Sydney	Public address
21/07/2025	Weaponisation in the social security/child support systems	Online	Specialist sector organisation
22/07/2025	§ 22, s 47F AMO and Micaela		Federal Government, including Ministers
22/07/2025	OfW	One National Circuit, Barton ACT 2600	Federal Government, including Ministers
22/07/2025	§ 22, s 47F and Micaela	APH	Research bodies, including ANROWS
24/07/2025	§ 22, s 47F	Mr Tulk Swanston Street Melbourne 3000	First Nations
24/07/2025	§ 22, s 47F	Mr Tulk Swanston Street Melbourne 3000	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers
24/07/2025	ANZPAA	Mr Tulk Swanston Street Melbourne 3000	Justice, including courts and police
25/07/2025	LEAC co-chair meeting	Online	Lived experience
25/07/2025	Gulnara Podcast Interview	Online	Media
29/07/2025	Meeting § 22, s 47F	Brisbane	Peak Bodies
29/07/2025	AFR GOVERNMENT SERVICES SUMMIT	Hotel Realm Canberra	Public address
30/07/2025	Meeting with Minister Plibersek	APH	Federal Government, including Ministers
31/07/2025	Commissioner Kiss/Commissioner Cronin	Online	Commissioner and Government Oversight functions
31/07/2025	ABC News Interview	ABC	Media
31/07/2025	Micaela and § 22, s 47F - podcast interview on the phone	Phone	Media

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31/07/2025	Yumi OWN NSW/Voices Towards 2050 Podcast with Micaela	Phone	Media
31/07/2025	National Alliance	Online	Peak Bodies
31/07/2025	Knowledge Bites Webinar - Youth Justice	Online	Public address
31/07/2025	§ 22, s 47F	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
1/08/2025	§ 22, s 47F LEAC/DFSVC	Online	Lived Experience
1/08/2025	Kelly's Long Lunch	Mercure Gold Coast Resort	Public address
1/08/2025	§ 22, s 47F/Micaela Cronin	Online	Specialist sector organisation
4/08/2025	Centre for Women's Economic Safety/DFSVC	Online	Specialist sector organisation
5/08/2025	Ballarat And District Aboriginal Corporation (BADAC)	5 Market Street Ballarat	First Nations
5/08/2025	Beyond DV event	Carina	Public address
5/08/2025	Respect Victoria briefing on the Saturation Model	Ballarat Town Hall	Specialist sector organisation
5/08/2025	Women's Health Grampians on primary prevention and masculinities	Ballarat Town Hall	Specialist sector organisation
5/08/2025	Central Highlands Integrated Family Violence Executive Committee re local issues for response agencies	Ballarat Town Hall	Specialist sector organisation
5/08/2025	Lunch with CHIFVC and other presenting partners	Ballarat Town Hall	Specialist sector organisation
5/08/2025	Berry Street Western Region	23 Wetlands Drive, Mount Helen	Specialist sector organisation
6/08/2025	Lived Experience Advisory Council Meeting	Online	Lived Experience
6/08/2025	§ 22, s 47F WWDA/ Voices Towards 2050 Podcast	Phone call	Media

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7/08/2025	National Roundtable on Preventing and Responding to Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence in Multicultural Communities	Rydges World Square 389 Pitt Street Sydney NSW 2000	Other
7/08/2025	Michael Lye/ s 22, s 47F /Micaela Cronin	Amber Restaurant, Rydges World Square	Research bodies, including ANROWS
11/08/2025	s 22, s 47F	Phone call	Federal Government, including Ministers
11/08/2025	Steering Group meeting for the prototype specialist crisis FDV services project	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
12/08/2025	Men's Behaviour Change Online Forum	Online	Other
12/08/2025	Unsafe and Unseen research PLUS Amplify evaluation Briefing	Online	Specialist sector organisation
13/08/2025	Meet with QLD Family Responsibility Commissioner	184 Mulgrave Road, Cairns	Commissioner and Government Oversight functions
13/08/2025	Matt Smith MP – Federal Member for Leichhardt	200 Mulgrave Road, Westcourt QLD 4870	Federal Government, including Ministers
13/08/2025	Recording for podcast s 22, s 47F and Micaela	Phone call	Media
13/08/2025	Fireside chat	In person	Public address
14/08/2025	LEAC - s 22, s 47F	Online	Lived Experience
14/08/2025	Remote/Indigenous Women's Shelter Network	Crystalbrook Bailey	Public address
18/08/2025	Amplify Evaluation Final Report	Online	Specialist sector organisation
18/08/2025	UN EMRIP Country Visit Briefing	Online	Specialist sector organisation
19/08/2025	DFSV Commission to meet with Lil Gordon, National Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People	Online	Commissioner and Government Oversight functions

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19/08/2025	Royal Commission into Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence	Adina Hotel - Treasury, 2 Flinders Street, Adelaide	Commissioner and Government Oversight functions
19/08/2025	Coffee catch up - Commissioner Cronin & § 22, s 47F	Transit & Co, 140 North Terrace, Adelaide	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers
19/08/2025	Bangle Foundation	Online	Specialist sector organisation
20/08/2025	Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) Innovation Workshop	PM&C 1 National Circuit Barton ACT 2600 MR-ONC-L4C-Elizabeth Evatt Room	Specialist sector organisation
21/08/2025	Commissioner Micaela Cronin Monthly Meeting with Assistant Minister Kearney	APH AM Ministers Office	Federal Government, including Ministers
21/08/2025	§ 22, s 47F and Micaela	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
22/08/2025	Steering Committee Meeting: Our Ways - Strong Ways- Our Voices - National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Plan to End Family, Domestic, and Sexual Violence	Online	National Plan Governance
25/08/2025	Financial abuse roundtable discussion	1 National Circuit, Barton	Federal Government, including Ministers
26/08/2025	Family Safety Implementation Board Meeting	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
26/08/2025	Six Rivers Aboriginal Corp	Online	First Nations
26/08/2025	First Nations artwork presentation	Online	First Nations
26/08/2025	Our Ways - Strong Ways - Our Voices drafting workshop	Online	National Plan Governance
26/08/2025	§ 22, s 47F Breakfast with the Governor General	Government House, Canberra	Public address
27/08/2025	§ 22, s 47F & Micaela	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS
27/08/2025	Micaela - § 22, s 47F catchup re ANROWS Board 9 Sept	Online	Research bodies, including ANROWS

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28/08/2025	§ 22, s 47F and Micaela	Aussies	Federal Government, including Ministers
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28/08/2025	Senator Liddle - Child sexual exploitation and trafficking – whose responsibility?	APH Canberra, Senate Committee Room 1S4	Federal Government, including Ministers
29/08/2025	Our Ways Drafting Workshop 2	SNAICC Melbourne Office, Level 8, 36 Wellington Street, Collingwood	National Plan Governance
1/09/2025	No Laughing Matter	Canberr	Public address
2/09/2025	Vic FVRAG	Melbourne	Jurisdiction government, including Ministers
3/09/2025	Senior Officials - Risk assessment framework	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
4/09/2025	Our ways workshop	Online	National Plan Governance
8/09/2025	Meet with APSC	Online	Commissioner and Government Oversight functions
8/09/2025	Working for Women	Online	Federal Government, including Ministers
9/09/2025	Meeting with § 22, s 47F	Melbourne	Lived experience
9/09/2025	ANROWS Board meeting	Melbourne	Research bodies, including ANROWS
10/09/2025	LEAC meeting	Online	Lived experience
11/09/2025	Meeting with § 22, s 47F	Online	Lived experience

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Date	Location	Details
13/02/2025	Canberra	Jurisdictions and informing the 2025 Yearly Report Included up to 17 representatives from state and territory governments.
7/8/2025	Sydney	National roundtable on preventing and responding to DSFV in multicultural communities Approximately 70 people in person and online
12/8/2025	Online	Men's Behaviour Change Online Forum 22 representatives from across the four National Plan domains who work with men and boys and in adjacent workforces. On behalf of DSS as the first stage in developing the National Men's Behaviour Change Standards, an action out of National Cabinet in September 2024.

Lived Experience Advisory Council Meetings

Date	Format	Type
10/09/2025	Online	Additional meeting on Yearly Report
20/08/2025	Online	Meeting
06/08/2025	Online	Additional meeting on Advisory Council workplan
10-11/06/2025	In-person	Meeting
04/04/2025	Online	Meeting
06/03/2025	Online	Meeting

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SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-26

**TITLE: NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT
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HEADLINE FACTS AND FIGURES

- The National Commission was announced on 13 February 2024 and commenced operations on 13 January 2025.
- The National Commission is a non-corporate Commonwealth entity in the Social Services portfolio.
- Acting National Commissioner Lil Gordon served in the role from 13 January 2025 to 31 August 2025.
- Ms Sue-Anne Hunter was announced as the ongoing National Commissioner on 3 August 2025 and commenced in the role on 1 September 2025.

KEY INFORMATION

Independence

- The National Commissioner is the Agency Head and Accountable Authority and reports to the Minister for Social Services.
- The National Commission will work with the Department of Social Services to support development of primary legislation that will establish the National Commission as a statutory agency and articulate its mandate, powers, and functions.

Staffing and resources

- The Commission currently has 7 full time staff from APS5 to EL2, in addition to the National Commissioner. This includes 2 ongoing staff and 5 non-ongoing staff.
- SES appointments and salary ranges – defer to DSS
- The Department of Social Services delivers corporate services and systems to the National Commission under a shared services agreement. This includes office accommodation, human resources, financial services, IT systems and services, security, and information management.
- The shared services agreement is set out in a memorandum of understanding, which is reviewed every two years.
- The National Commission is not able to investigate or advocate on individual matters, nor is it resourced for receiving complaints.
- From April to June 2025, the National Commission received 19 enquiries. These included people seeking guidance and resources; providing opinions on systems, policies, and programs; requesting advocacy on individual matters; making complaints or raising concerns; and requesting funding.

Commissioner	Sue-Anne Hunter		
Contact Officer	s 22	Mobile No	s 22
Group and Branch	NA		

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- The National Commission has worked with DSS stakeholders to establish governance and reporting practices. This has included reporting across Government as required as a non-corporate Commonwealth entity and to the Audit and Risk Committee in March and September 2025.
- The team has worked with DSS stakeholders to draft policy to support our operations and work with children and young people including: Risk Management Framework, Privacy Management Plan, Child Safe Framework and Fraud and Corruption Control Framework.
- The National Commission has published two corporate plans for the periods 2024-25 and 2025-26, noting that it was established on 13 January 2025. The first annual report is currently in draft.
- For 2024-25, of our 6 performance targets, 3 were achieved, 2 were achieved in part, and 1 is not yet achieved but is expected to be achieved within the next year. Constrained resourcing and ongoing uncertainty of staffing and leadership limited the capacity to achieve all 6 targets.
- The Commission has completed its phase 1 ANAO audit and has submitted all documents requested by the ANAO for its final phase audit. The ANAO was due to commence the final phase audit in late September 2025.

BUDGET INFORMATION

- In 2024-25, the National Commission had an underspend of \$11,687.
- The National Commission has faced uncertainty surrounding timelines throughout its establishment, including limitations surrounding the federal election and caretaker period, the delayed appointment of the ongoing National Commissioner, and incremental extensions to the Acting National Commissioner's tenure, which limited her capacity for forward planning and making commitments on behalf of the ongoing National Commissioner. This meant that the National Commission was unable to carry out some activities and as a result did not use all of its allocated resourcing for 2024–25.
- The National Commission has been consulted on the drafting of a New Policy Proposal (NPP) to fund its future activities, operations and staffing.
- Comms or artwork contracts – refer to DSS
- The Commission has engaged one contract for trauma training with provider We Al-li for a total cost of \$14,000 excluding GST (\$15,400 inc GST). The training was delivered to Commission staff in June and July 2025, to support managing enquiries and the nature of the content staff are exposed to in the work of the Commission.

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Background

Establishment

- The National Commission was established as an executive agency in the Social Services portfolio under subsection 65(1) of the Public Service Act 1999 and as a non-corporate Commonwealth entity via an amendment to the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014.
- The National Commission was established in collaboration with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders under the Safe and Supported Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan.
- Its establishment under the executive order was the first step in the realisation of an ongoing, fully legislated and empowered National Commission.
- The National Commission will work with the Department of Social Services to inform and support the development of legislation, including through ongoing consultation with key stakeholders on its role, powers and functions.

Why the National Commission was established

- The establishment of the National Commission follows longstanding calls from First Nations leaders and organisations for a fully empowered and legislated National Commissioner. Throughout the years, community leaders and advocates have not given up on securing representation and accountability for the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people.
- The work of the National Commission is closely tied to outcomes 11 and 12 of Closing the Gap – which focus on reducing the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in youth detention and out-of-home care.
- The Productivity Commission’s Review of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap highlighted that progress is falling short of envisaged expectations and that, without fundamental change, the Agreement will fail.
- The National Agreement on Closing the Gap requires all governments to work together to implement the priority reforms and make real progress towards our shared targets.
- State and territory Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children’s commissioners, children’s commissioners, guardians and advocates are already working at a jurisdictional level. The National Commission is helping to help strengthen and coordinate that work across jurisdictions.

Consultation and shared decision-making

- Extensive consultation and shared decision-making between DSS and key stakeholders on the role and functions of the National Commissioner has been undertaken throughout 2023–24 via workshops, a youth roundtable, and throughout the design of the Minimum Requirements for Commissioners for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People.
- The National Commission has undertaken further consultation throughout 2025, and will continue to consult with national, state, and territory commissioners, guardians, and advocates on its future role and functions.
- The specific ongoing powers and functions of the National Commission are ultimately a decision for Government and dependent on the passage of primary legislation. The National Commission will engage with children and young people to determine its priorities within the scope of its enabling legislation.

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- Stakeholders consulted include members of existing advisory mechanisms such as the Safe and Supported Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership Group, the Early Childhood Care and Development Policy Partnership, and First Nations Youth Advisory Groups, as well as other national commissioners and state and territory children’s commissioners, guardians, and advocates.

Functions

- The National Commission’s current functions are set out in the Order to Establish the National Commission for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People as an Executive Agency, noting these will change with the passage of primary legislation to enact the fully empowered role:
 - promote and protect the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people through strategic policy advice and reports to government on matters affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people, and their families
 - provide advice to Government on and inform the implementation of key policy frameworks which seek to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people and their families
 - promote and enhance coordination across Commonwealth and state and territory governments, commissioners, guardians and advocates and non-government organisations on matters related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people
 - undertake consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people and their families, relevant Commonwealth and state and territory governments, commissioners, guardians and advocates and non-government organisations
 - ensure the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people and their families are reflected in advice to government.

Safe and Supported

- Safe and Supported: the National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children 2021–2031 is a ten-year blueprint for ensuring Australia’s vulnerable children have the right frameworks, systems, and supports to thrive.
- The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Action Plan 2023–26 focuses on achieving safety and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people, including establishing advocacy and accountability roles, like the National Commission, in all jurisdictions.

Australian and New Zealand Children’s Commissioners, Guardians and Advocates

- The National Commission is a member of the ANZCCGA group, which comprises national, state, and territory children’s commissioners, guardians, and advocates.
- ANZCCGA promotes and protects the rights, interests, and wellbeing of children and young people in Australia and New Zealand through information sharing and collective advocacy on shared priorities.

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ANZCCGA joint statements

Date	Subject	Call to action
24 June 2025	First Nations Commissioners and Guardians unite to urge Governments to stop failing Aboriginal children and young people	<p>First Nations Caucus members call on the Australian Government to take immediate action and ensure States and Territories are held to account to their commitments to national agreements and implement the recommendations made in Help Way Earlier including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgently establishing a Minister for Children • Protecting children’s rights by incorporating the UNCRC into domestic law in Australia through a National Children’s Act as well as a Federal Human Rights Act • Establishing a Ministerial Council for Child Wellbeing
4 March 2025	Action required to address child sexual abuse	Now is not the time for another Royal Commission. Now, we must see action on the countless recommendations that have been made to make sure all children and young people are protected from child sex abuse.
23 Jan 2025	NT government’s proposed changes to child protection laws (ATSICPP)	I echo calls for consultation and engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities before proceeding with the proposed changes to the Child Protection legislation in the Northern Territory.