# Appendix B: Policy decisions since the 2025–26 Budget

Table B1: Receipt measures since the 2025–26 Budget

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2024‑25 | 2025‑26 | 2026‑27 | 2027‑28 | 2028‑29 |
|  | $m | $m | $m | $m | $m |
| CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clean Energy Regulator |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cheaper Home Batteries Program(a) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Portfolio total | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| TREASURY |  |  |  |  |  |
| Australian Taxation Office |  |  |  |  |  |
| Small Business Support – instant asset write‑off(b) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Portfolio total | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Total impact of receipt measures | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |

‑ Nil.

(a) This measure can also be found in the payment measures summary table.

(b) This measure extends the $20,000 instant asset write‑off by 12 months until 30 June 2026. It is estimated to decrease receipts by $310.0 million over three years from 2026–27. This measure
was included as a ‘decision taken but not yet announced’ in the 2025–26 Budget.

Table B2: Payment measures since the 2025–26 Budget(a)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2024‑25 | 2025‑26 | 2026‑27 | 2027‑28 | 2028‑29 |
|  | $m | $m | $m | $m | $m |
| CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clean Energy Regulator |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cheaper Home Batteries Program(b)(e) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water |  |  |  |  |  |
| Additional Funding for the Tourism Reef Protection Initiative(f) | ‑ | ‑5.0 | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Cheaper Home Batteries Program(b)(e) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority |  |  |  |  |  |
| Additional Funding for the Tourism Reef Protection Initiative(f) | ‑ | 5.0 | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Portfolio total | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| DEFENCE |  |  |  |  |  |
| Department of Veterans’ Affairs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Additional Grant Funding for Ex‑Service Organisations(g) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Medicare Benefits Schedule New Listings(h) | ‑ | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme New and Amended Listings(i) | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Portfolio total | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| EDUCATION |  |  |  |  |  |
| Department of Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commonwealth Funding for Queensland Schools(j) | ‑ | 28.5 | 60.9 | 68.1 | 73.4 |
| Portfolio total | ‑ | 28.5 | 60.9 | 68.1 | 73.4 |
| HEALTH AND AGED CARE |  |  |  |  |  |
| Australian Sports Commission |  |  |  |  |  |
| National Sports Strategy Priority – High Performance – Paralympics Australia(k) | ‑ | 2.1 | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |
| Asthma Foundation Northern Territory – health professional education and training(l) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Chronic Conditions Programs(m) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Drug and Alcohol Health Programs(n) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Heart Foundation – National Walking Initiative(o) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Lung Foundation Australia(p) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Medicare Benefits Schedule New Listings(h) | ‑ | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| National Centre of Excellence in Youth Mental Health(q) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |

Table B2: Payment measures since the 2025–26 Budget⁽ª⁾ (continued)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2024‑25 | 2025‑26 | 2026‑27 | 2027‑28 | 2028‑29 |
|  | $m | $m | $m | $m | $m |
| **HEALTH AND AGED CARE (continued)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| National Sports Strategy Priority – High Performance – Paralympics Australia(k) | ‑ | ‑2.1 | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme New and Amended Listings(i) | 4.1 | 22.1 | 21.7 | 22.8 | 24.8 |
| Portfolio total | 4.1 | 22.9 | 22.1 | 23.2 | 25.2 |
| HOME AFFAIRS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Department of Home Affairs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Supporting Social Cohesion(r) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Portfolio total | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts |  |  |  |  |  |
| Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment(d)(s) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Establishment of the Queensland Academy for Health Sciences in Rockhampton(d)(t) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| National Capital Investment Framework(d)(u) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Priority Community Infrastructure Program(d)(v) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Redevelopment of the Bruce Park Pavilion, Frankston(d)(w) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme(x) | ‑ | 48.5 | 46.5 | ‑ | ‑ |
| West Coast Tasmania Mobile Capacity Uplift Program(y) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Portfolio total | ‑ | 48.5 | 46.5 | ‑ | ‑ |
| SOCIAL SERVICES |  |  |  |  |  |
| Services Australia |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme New and Amended Listings(i) | 0.1 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme(x) | ‑ | 3.5 | 0.5 | ‑ | ‑ |
| Portfolio total | 0.1 | 3.5 | 0.4 | .. | .. |
| TREASURY |  |  |  |  |  |
| Department of the Treasury |  |  |  |  |  |
| Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment(d)(s) | ‑ | 58.0 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 36.0 |
| Establishment of the Queensland Academy for Health Sciences in Rockhampton(d)(t) | ‑ | 15.0 | 35.0 | 30.0 | ‑ |
| Flinders HealthCARE Centre(d)(z) | ‑ | 4.0 | 35.0 | 73.0 | 38.0 |
| National Capital Investment Framework(d)(u) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |

Table B2: Payment measures since the 2025–26 Budget⁽ª⁾ (continued)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2024‑25 | 2025‑26 | 2026‑27 | 2027‑28 | 2028‑29 |
|  | $m | $m | $m | $m | $m |
| **TREASURY (continued)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Priority Community Infrastructure Program(d)(v) | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Redevelopment of the Bruce Park Pavilion, Frankston(d)(w) | ‑ | 5.0 | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Response to Supermarkets Inquiry(aa) | ‑ | 5.0 | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Rouse Hill Hospital – maternity and birthing services(d)(bb) | ‑ | 20.0 | 40.0 | 40.0 | 20.0 |
| St John of God Midland Public Hospital(d)(cc) | ‑ | 15.0 | 40.0 | 35.0 | 30.0 |
| Portfolio total | ‑ | 122.0 | 250.0 | 184.0 | 124.0 |
| Total impact of payment measures(c) | 4.3 | 225.8 | 380.1 | 275.8 | 223.2 |

.. Not zero, but rounded to zero.

‑ Nil.

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

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

(c) Measures may not add due to rounding.

(d) The Treasury manages Commonwealth payments to the states and territories.

(e) This measure commits $2.3 billion over four years from 2025–26 (and an additional $1.2 billion from 2029–30 to 2034–35) for the Australian Government to cover the cost of a 30 per cent upfront discount (declining to 15 per cent by 2030) on the cost of installing household battery systems, delivered through the Small‑scale Renewable Energy Scheme. This measure was included as a ‘decision taken but not yet announced’ in the 2025–26 Budget.

(f) This measure commits $5.0 million in 2025–26 for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority to conduct reef monitoring and protection activities. The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

(g) This measure commits an additional $0.2 million in 2025–26 for the Grants in Aid Program to support
Ex‑Service Organisations participating in the consultation and co‑design process to implement recommendations of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide. The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

(h) This measure commits $2.0 million over four years from 2025–26 (and $0.4 million per year ongoing) for two new Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) listings to ensure the MBS remains clinically appropriate and reflects modern medical practices.

(i) This measure commits $97.4 million over five years from 2024–25 for new, amended and temporary listings on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme as recommended by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee. The revenue from rebates negotiated as part of purchase agreements is included in the estimates but not in the measure because the disclosure of funding would reveal individual arrangements between third parties and the Commonwealth that are confidential and commercially privileged, which cannot be disclosed under Deeds of Agreements.

(j) This measure commits $230.9 million over four years from 2025–26 (and an additional $2.6 billion from 2029–30 to 2034–35) to enable the Commonwealth to lift its contribution of the Schooling Resource Standard to 25 per cent by 2034–35 for government schools in Queensland under the Better and Fairer Schools Agreement (Full and Fair Funding 2025–2034).

(k) This measure commits $2.1 million in 2025–26 for Paralympics Australia to support the attendance and participation of Australia’s Paralympians in the 2026 Milano‑Cortina Winter Paralympic Games. The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

(l) This measure commits $0.2 million in 2025–26 for Asthma Foundation Northern Territory to support the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the Northern Territory. The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

(m) This measure commits $8.0 million in 2025–26 to continue delivery of preventive health and chronic disease initiatives to support Australians with chronic conditions. The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

(n) This measure commits $2.6 million in 2025–26 to continue support for alcohol and drugs rehabilitation and treatment services in areas of identified need. The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

(o) This measure commits $3.2 million in 2025–26 for the Heart Foundation of Australia to extend the National Walking Initiative to support physical activity participation. The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

(p) This measure commits $1.0 million in 2025–26 for Lung Foundation Australia to continue delivery of services supporting individuals living with occupational respiratory disease. The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

(q) The measure commits $5.1 million over two years from 2025–26 to support the continued operation of the National Centre of Excellence in Youth Mental Health (NCEYMH) and to undertake an evaluation of the NCEYMH. The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

(r) This measure commits $20.0 million over two years from 2025–26 for one‑off, ad‑hoc and non‑competitive grants to support multicultural communities and social cohesion. This includes: $5.0 million for a new community hall at the St Rafqa Maronite Church in Austral; $3.0 million for community security upgrades in the Ballina, Tweed and Byron Shire Councils; $0.7 million for facilities upgrades to the Taha Centre in Dandenong; $0.3 million to support the Lunar New Year Festival in Box Hill and the Tet festival in Prairiewood; $0.1 million for upgrades to the St Joseph Italian Community Centre in Paralowie; and $54,725 to replace ovens at the Altavilla Club in Beulah Park. The delivery of these grants will be subject to an assessment of value for money and compliance with the applicable requirements of the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024. This measure was included as a ‘decision taken but not yet announced’ in the 2025–26 Budget.

(s) This measure commits $881.1 million over eight years from 2025–26. This includes: $604.7 million over eight years from 2025–26 for projects in Western Australia ($309.7 million for METRONET: Byford Extension, $225.0 million for Reid Highway – Erindale Road Grade Separation and $70.0 million for Wanneroo Road – Hepburn Avenue Grade Separation); $226.4 million over five years from 2027–28 for projects in New South Wales ($114.4 million for New Richmond Bridge – Stage 2, $100.0 million for the Westbound Overpass at the Maitland Roundabout, and $12.0 million for Bucketts Way and Medowie Road/M1 Intersection Upgrades – Planning); and $50.0 million over four years from 2028–29 for projects in Queensland ($30.0 million for Angus Smith Drive Upgrade and $20.0 million for Kennedy Highway – Barron River Bridge). The cost of this measure will be partially met from existing funding for the Infrastructure Investment Program.

(t) This measure commits $80.0 million over three years from 2025–26 towards the establishment of the Queensland Academy for Health Sciences, Rockhampton, Queensland.

(u) This measure commits $102.0 million over four years from 2025‑26 to support urban infrastructure projects in the Australian Capital Territory, including $68.9 million for the design and construction of the Canberra Aquatic Centre, $31.1 million for the design and development of the Canberra Convention and Entertainment Centre Precinct, and $2.0 million for the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to support project delivery. This measure was included as a ‘decision taken but not yet announced’ in the 2025–26 Budget.

(v) This measure commits $125.0 million over two years from 2025–26 for the Priority Community Infrastructure Program Round 2 to support community infrastructure projects across Australia. This includes: $25.0 million for Bacchus Marsh Aquatic Centre; $16.0 million for Bega Pool; $10.0 million for Canning Vale Sports Complex; $10.0 million for Southern Suburbs Community Centre and Library; $10.0 million for Carss Park Pool; $10.0 million for Zuccoli Community Hub; $5.0 million for Saltwater Reserve – Point Cook Community Hub; $4.8 million for Shared Pathway Missing Links; $4.0 million for basketball courts at the Mandurah Aquatic Centre; $3.9 million for Sparks Reserve upgrade; $3.6 million for Deloraine Football Club redevelopment; $2.9 million for Stage 2B of the Hartfield Park redevelopment; $2.6 million for Jubilee Reserve redevelopment; $1.9 million for Christie Park Master Plan Stage 2A; $1.8 million for Black Gully Linear Reserve and Captain Cook Reserve; $1.4 million for Sydney Pargeter Reserve; $1.4 million for Marine Rescue; $1.0 million for Grovedale Football Netball Club Burdoo Reserve Facility upgrade; $1.0 million for Hoxton Park Reserve; $0.5 million for Forest Lake Water Play Park; $0.4 million for Port Phillip EcoCentre redevelopment; $0.4 million for David Campese Oval – netting and fencing infrastructure upgrade; $0.4 million for Max Pawsey Reserve; and $0.1 million for Phoenix Community House upgraded facilities. The delivery of these grants will be subject to an assessment of value for money and compliance with the applicable requirements of the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024. This measure was included as a ‘decision taken but not yet announced’ in the 2025–26 Budget.

(w) This measure commits $5.0 million in 2025–26 for the redevelopment of the Bruce Park Pavilion, Frankston, Victoria.

(x) This measure commits $99.0 million over two years from 2025–26 to increase the rate of assistance for the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme (TFES) by 25 per cent from 1 July 2025 and conduct a review of TFES and the Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation Scheme.

(y) This measure commits $9.8 million over four years from 2026–27 to the West Coast Tasmania Mobile Capacity Uplift Program. The cost of this measure​ will be ​met​ by reallocating funding from the
2022–23 October Budget measure titled Better Connectivity Plan for Regional and Rural Australia.

(z) This measure commits $150.0 million over four years from 2025–26 towards the construction of the Flinders HealthCARE Centre at the Flinders University campus, Adelaide, South Australia.

(aa) This measure commits $5.0 million in 2025–26 for the Treasury to undertake work on supermarket sector pricing and implement relevant recommendations of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission’s supermarkets inquiry 2024–25.

(bb) This measure commits $120.0 million over four years from 2025–26 towards the construction of facilities for maternity services as part of the Rouse Hill Hospital, New South Wales.

(cc) This measure commits $200.0 million over six years from 2025–26 towards the expansion of the
St John of God Midland Public Hospital, Western Australia.