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SB24-000005

SUBJECT: Regional Based Staff**Talking Points**

1. 417 (18.4%) of staff are located outside of Canberra in either capital cities, regional towns/cities or overseas posts.
2. We have more than doubled our regionally based staff since June 2021 – an increase of 117%, from 53 staff to 115 staff.
3. The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts has a greater presence in more locations since June 2021 - from 12 to 18.

Key Issues

1. Most employees are located in Canberra (81.6% or 1845 employees).
2. 417 employees (excluding Indian Ocean Territories Administration) located outside of Canberra (18.4%):
 - a. 294 employees are based in other capital cities
 - b. 115 employees are based in 18 different regional locations
 - c. three employees are located overseas
 - d. five employees are located overseas on Remote Working Arrangements – Accompanying spouse arrangements
3. There are 9 staff working 100% from home in regional areas with no office location nearby are recorded as working in the location of their home.
4. Locations include all (8) capital cities, 18 regional locations, and 6 overseas locations (see table A).
 - a) growth can be seen in all capital cities apart from Darwin which has a stable workforce size.
 - b) growth in regional areas since June 2021 is greatest in
 - i. Cairns (now 20 staff, from zero);
 - ii. Orange (now 43 staff, from 26 staff – 65% growth); and
 - iii. Townsville (now 8 staff, from one staff).
 - c) overseas postings are stable at 3 staff, however there are now 5 staff working remotely overseas for personal reasons (e.g. accompanying spouse).

Background

1. Headcount figures include ongoing and non-ongoing employees and excludes inoperative staff and casual employees.
2. All figures are provided as at 31 March 2024.

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TABLE A

*One departmental employee working to Indian Ocean Territories (IOT) Administrator using IOT facilities.

Region	Location	30 Jun 2021	30 Jun 2022	30 Jun 2023	31 Mar 2024	Trend	Work points	Desk Share
Capital Cities								
	Adelaide	3	5	9	15	Up	9	Yes
	Brisbane	2	27	57	100	Up	92	Yes
	Canberra	1573	1753	1800	1845	Up	-	-
	Darwin	5	9	11	7	Stable	9	Yes
	Hobart	2	3	7	11	Up	16	No
	Melbourne	29	31	33	73	Up	41	Yes
	Perth	12	18	19	23	Up	22	Yes
	Sydney	37	41	49	65	Up	41	Yes
	Total Capital Cities	1663	1887	1985	2139			
Regional Area								
	Alice Springs	1	1	1	1	Stable	No Site	No Site
	Bendigo	1	0	0	1	Stable	No Site	No Site
	Broome	1	0	0	0	Stable	No Site	No Site
	Cairns	0	4	12	20	Up	18	Yes
	Christmas Island	0	0	0	1	Stable	1*	NA
	Coffs Harbour	0	0	0	1	Up	1	No
	Dubbo	1	1	1	2	Stable	3	No
	Gold Coast	0	0	0	1	Up	No Site	No Site
	Jervis Bay	4	5	4	2	Stable	9	Yes
	Moree	0	1	2	1	Stable	4	No
	Newcastle	4	4	4	9	Up	10	Yes
	Norfolk Island	10	9	9	12	Up	17	No
	Orange	26	31	43	43	Stable	53	No
	Port Augusta	0	1	1	1	Stable	1	No
	Toowoomba	2	2	2	1	Stable	6	No
	Townsville	1	3	5	8	Up	6	Yes
	Tweed Heads	1	1	2	2	Stable	2	No
	Wodonga	0	2	1	3	Stable	8	No
	Wollongong	1	1	4	6	Up	No Site	No Site
	Total Regional Area	53	66	91	115			
Overseas Posting								
	Jakarta, INDONESIA	1	1	1	1	Stable		
	Montreal, CANADA	2	2	2	2	Stable		
	Total Overseas Posting	3	3	3	3			
Overseas Remote Working Arrangements								
	Jakarta, INDONESIA	NA	NA	1	1	Up		
	Vienna, AUSTRIA	NA	NA	1	NA	Down		
	Pretoria, SOUTH AFRICA	NA	NA	1	1	Up		
	Manila, PHILIPPINES	NA	NA	1	1	Up		
	Port Moresby, PAPUA NEW GUINEA	NA	NA	NA	1	Up		
	Paris, FRANCE	NA	NA	1	1	Up		
	Total Overseas Remote	-	-	5	5			
	Total Headcount	1719	1956	2084	2262			

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SUBJECT: Future Workplaces**Talking Points**

1. The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts has been working to consolidate its Canberra offices in advance of various major lease expirations in mid-2026.
2. A previous Request for Proposal (RFP) process was undertaken in late 2022 with Austrade and failed to secure a suitable premise.
3. Noting the time that had passed since the initial RFP, and in order to understand the options available to the department, a Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) process was released to the market on 8 March 2024 and closed at midday 3 April 2024.
4. The department has evaluated the REOI submissions and will open a Request for Proposal process with shortlisted respondents in the coming weeks.

Key Issues

1. The department is committed to provide fit-for-purpose office, safe and compliant accommodation that supports staff delivering outcomes for Australian communities, and demonstrates value for money.
2. In line with lease expirations the department is also using this opportunity to ensure that the future Canberra office is aligned to support current and emerging flexible work patterns.
3. The department terminated a previous RFP process on Monday 18 December 2023 in accordance with the RFP terms as it was not able to reach agreement with the preferred tenderer following a period of negotiations.
 - a. the offers received through this RFP process had a 12-month validity period which expired on Tuesday 5 December 2023.

Background

1. On 8 March 2024, in accordance with the Department of Finance Commonwealth Leasing Strategy, the department released a REOI for leased office accommodation in Canberra.
2. An Evaluation Committee assessed the proposals received under the REOI and shortlisted the respondents deemed suitable, in accordance with the evaluation criteria.
3. The department is working to issue an RFP to the respondents shortlisted under the REOI in the coming weeks.

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4. As this is an ongoing procurement process – details of shortlisted respondents is commercial-in-confidence.
 5. Further detail on the previous project – Canberra Accommodation Consolidation – is provided at **Attachment A**.

Financial Information as at 31 March 2024

1. An initial project budget of \$526,000 has been approved by the Secretary to support the REOI and RFP processes.
 - a. This budget covers REOI and RFP costs including legal, probity and project management services.
2. A broader project budget is being developed noting it is dependent on the potential solution identified through the procurement process.
3. The previous project (Canberra Accommodation Consolidation) spent \$3.3m (ex. GST). A breakdown of these expenses is provided at **Attachment A**.
 - a. This level of expenditure reflects the level of risk and legal complexity of the project.
 - b. This investment continues to inform the department's approach to its accommodation. In particular procurement documents, department requirements and staff feedback gathered under the terminated RFP process are directly informing the new Future Workplace – Canberra project.

If Asked

Was it intended that the department would move to the One City Hill premise?

1. The department is unable to disclose the preferred tenderer for its most recent procurement process due to probity and confidentiality requirements.

Attachments

A – Canberra Accommodation Consolidation February 2024 Senate Estimates Brief

B – Canberra Times Article – Thursday 4 April

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SUBJECT: Canberra Consolidation**Talking Points**

1. The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts undertook a joint Request for Proposal (RFP) process with Austrade in late 2022, in accordance with the Commonwealth Leasing Strategy.
2. The intent was to consolidate the department's Canberra offices in advance of various major lease expirations in mid-2026.
3. As part of the RFP process, the department engaged in negotiations with a preferred tenderer during 2023. The department was not able to reach agreement with the preferred tenderer.
4. The RFP process was terminated on Monday 18 December 2023 in accordance with the RFP terms and the department is considering next steps in regard to its Canberra accommodation.
5. The \$3 million project investment (as at 30 November 2023) continues to inform the department's approach to its accommodation. In particular procurement documents, department requirements and staff feedback gathered under the terminated RFP process are directly informing next steps and development of a way forward for the department.

Key Issues

1. On Monday 18 December 2023:
 - a. all tenderers were advised in writing of the termination of the department's Canberra accommodation RFP process in accordance with the RFP terms.
 - b. Minister Catherine King's office was provided a brief advising of termination of the RFP process.
 - c. the department's staff were advised via email of the termination of the RFP process.

Background

1. On 24 October 2022, in accordance with the Department of Finance Commonwealth Leasing Strategy, the department and the Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade) released a joint RFP for leased office accommodation.
2. An evaluation committee assessed the proposals received and identified a suitable accommodation solution against the evaluation criteria.
3. The department progressed to negotiations with a preferred tenderer last year, but was unable to reach agreement with the preferred tenderer.

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4. Within the context of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules, and with no agreement being reached, the department decided to terminate the RFP process in accordance with the RFP terms.
5. Options for the department's Canberra office accommodation are being considered.
6. It is expected that an updated RFP will be released to market in the first quarter of 2024.

Financial Information as at 30 November 2023

1. As at 30 November 2023, \$3.3m (ex. GST) was spent on the project
2. Expenditure reflects the level of risk and legal complexity relating to this project.

Supplier	Description	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 YTD at 30 Nov 23	Total
Ventia	Tenant advisory services & project management	20,000	88,925	-	108,925
Procurement Professionals Pty Ltd	Procurement Advisory Services (incl. contractors)	78,250	201,663	-	279,913
HWL Ebsworth	Probity Advice	12,550	29,006	8,670	50,226
Australian Government Solicitors (AGS)	Legal services – Drafting and amendments to Heads of Agreement, AFL, leasing agreement. Led legal and technical negotiation aspects and advised commercial impacts on the department.	37,715	318,650	175,032	531,397
Dept of Employment	Financial viability assessment of tenderers – this was required to ensure proposed landlords were a low risk entity (from financial perspective) to engage in this size and length of proposed Commonwealth contract.	-	2,400	-	2,400
TSA	Project management	-	793,176	867,132	1,660,308
Resourcing	Salaries, contractors and travel	32,908	384,823	295,150	712,881
Total		181,423	1,818,643	1,345,984	3,346,050

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If Asked*Was it intended that the department would move to the One City Hill premise?*

1. The department is unable to disclose the preferred tenderer for its most recent procurement process due to probity and confidentiality requirements.

Will the department be seeking a 'premium office space' as suggested through the recent Canberra Times article?

1. In line with the Commonwealth Leasing Strategy and APS Net Zero Roadmap the department is required to seek a building that meets certain requirements. This includes maintaining a 6-star NABERS energy rating and a minimum Green Star rating of 4.
2. The department will consider property options that can meet these requirements, and those outlined in the whole-of-government strategies regardless of whether they are refurbished or new builds.

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The Barracks to revive 'underutilised' City West...

By Brittney Levinson

The Canberra Times

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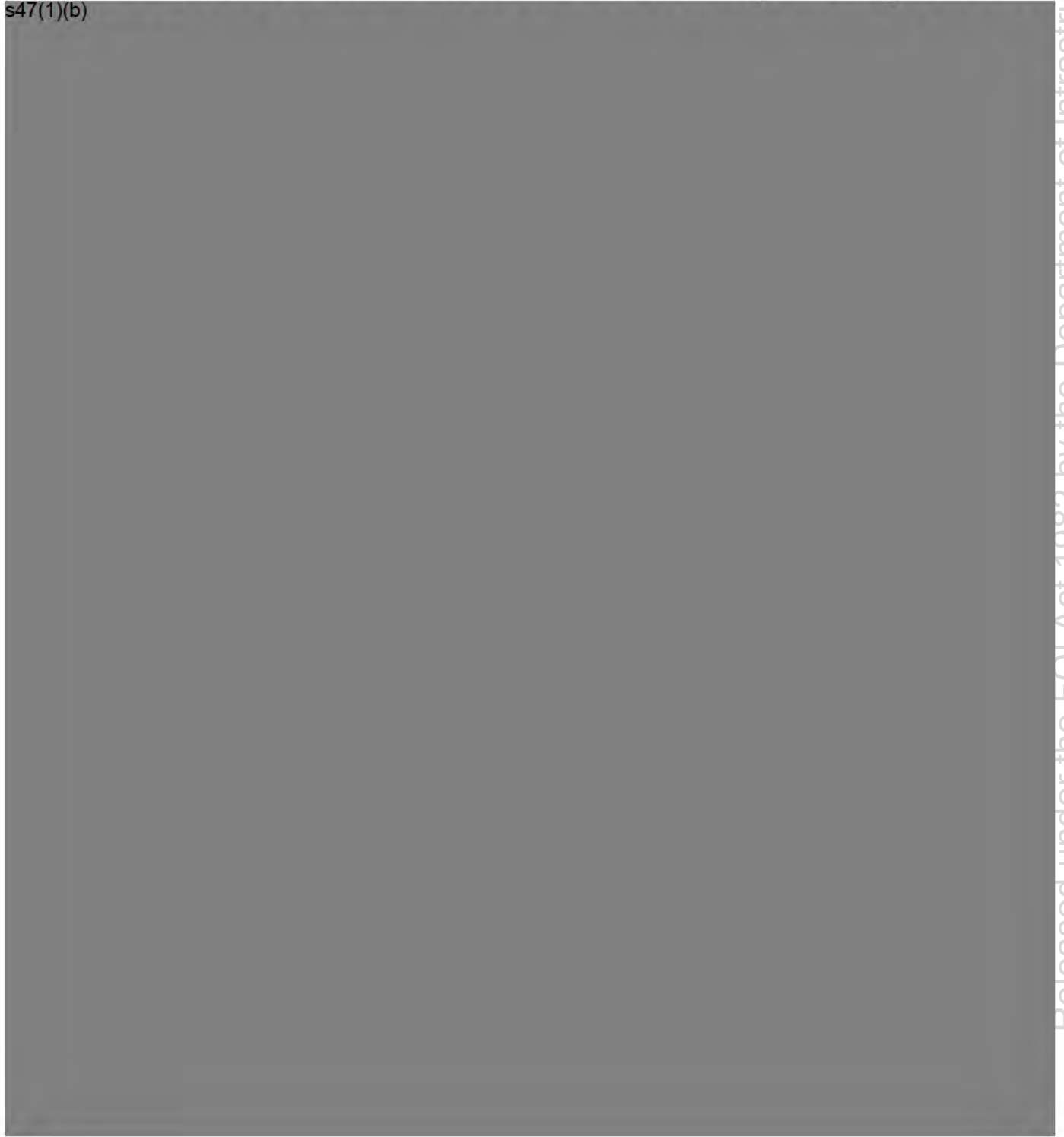
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The Barracks to revive 'underutilised' City West precinct

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SUBJECT: Online Safety Campaign**Talking Points**

1. A total of \$4.5 million (excl GST) is available for the Extended Online Safety Campaign.
 - a. \$4.05 million (excl GST) in administered funding is available in 2022-23 to 2023-24;
 - b. \$0.45 million (excl GST) in departmental funding available across 2022-23 to 2026-27.
 - c. as at 31 March 2024 is \$1.34 million (excl GST) has been spent.
2. The aim is to raise awareness of the Australian Government's strengthened online safety legislation, building on the efforts of the 2021-22 Online Safety Campaign.
3. We want Australians to know there are protections in place if they experience severe online abuse and where to go for help.
4. The campaign commenced on 29 January and will conclude on 30 June 2024. Advertising will primarily appear in digital and social channels, as well as First Nations radio. Advertising is being supported by below-the-line activities such as stakeholder outreach.
5. The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts continues to work closely with eSafety, not only as the regulator, but also as an important stakeholder in the implementation of the Campaign.
6. Campaign performance will be formally assessed through evaluation research. This research is currently ongoing.

Key Issues

1. The Campaign launched on 29 January 2024, and will be in market until 30 June 2024.
2. The Campaign's objectives are to:
 - a. raise awareness and understanding that there are online safety laws – including types of online safety issues they relate to and what the laws can do.
 - b. increase feelings of reassurance and comfort that Australia's online safety laws can help those experiencing severe online harm.
 - c. raise awareness and understanding of where to go for further information and/or to report severe online harm.
3. The call to action directs audiences to the eSafety website – [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au) – where they can report or find further information. eSafety is responsible for the regulation and implementation of laws to protect Australians from online harms.

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4. The target audience for the Campaign includes Australians aged 18 to 35 years who have been impacted, or know someone who has been impacted, by severe online abuse. There is a focus on the following at-risk cohorts within this group:
- First Nations people
 - people with a disability
 - women
 - people from a culturally and linguistically diverse background.

Background

- Under the *Online Safety Act 2021*, which commenced on 23 January 2022, eSafety has enhanced powers to protect victims of severe online abuse through reporting schemes. These schemes provide a system whereby individuals can report severe online abuse. These reports are assessed by eSafety and depending on the outcome of the assessment, removal powers and enforcement actions may be enacted.
- The 2021-22 Online Safety Campaign sought to raise awareness of these strengthened protections and targeted Australians aged 18 to 70 years. Research indicated those exposed to the 2021-22 Online Safety Campaign were more likely to understand the government's strengthened online safety protections, feel safe and reassured and visit the eSafety website for further information.
- While the 2021-22 Online Safety Campaign met its objectives, it had limited reach, reflecting both a modest media buy relative to the size of its national target audience and limited time in market from 30 January 2022 to 30 June 2022.
- Building on the efforts of the 2021-22 Online Safety Campaign, the 2024 Extended Online Safety further enhances awareness and understanding of the laws in place to keep Australians who are experiencing severe online abuse safe, with a focus on those most at risk of severe online abuse.

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Financial Information as at 31 March 2024

Table 1: Administered funding profile following Movement of Funds (excl GST) as at 31 March 2024 (see Table 2 for further information)

Campaign Start Date:	29 January 2024					
Program/Project End Date:	30 June 2024					
	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	0.18	3.82	0.04			\$4.04*
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	0.18	1.17	0			1.35
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0.18	3.75	0.04			3.97
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	0.11	0.04			0.15

*Administered funding allocation for the Extended Online Safety Campaign was \$4.05 million (excl GST), however there was an underspend in 2022-23 of which \$0.62 million (excl GST) of the \$0.63 million (excl GST) underspend was carried over into 2023-24 through a movement of funds. Thus, reflecting the \$0.01 million reduction in the total.

The Campaign is also supported by \$0.45 million (excl GST) in departmental funding available across 2022-23 to 2026-27.

Note: Committed funds relate to funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient.

Table 2: Administered Budget (excl GST)

	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Opening Appropriation	0.81	3.24		0	0	4.05
Movements/decisions	-0.62	0.62				0
Movements/decisions		-0.04	0.04			0
Movements/decisions						0
Movements/decisions						0
Current Appropriation	0.18	3.82	0.04	0	0	4.04*

*The underspend for 2022-23 was \$0.63 million in which \$0.62 million was moved in the 2023-24 financial year, thus resulting in the current overall total of \$4.04 million.

The Campaign is also supported by \$0.45 million (excl GST) in departmental funding available across 2022-23 to 2026-27.

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SUBJECT: Implementation of the Department's 2023 Capability Review

Talking Points

1. The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts was largely assessed as 'developing' in its capability (20 of 24 elements).
2. 39 recommendations were made in the Review.
3. The department's Review Response included 15 prioritised actions, with work having commenced across 5 key themes:
 - a. One Enterprise;
 - b. Strong Centre;
 - c. Modern Digital and Data Capability;
 - d. collaboration as an ongoing priority; and
 - e. Strategy Policy Capability.
4. The department has established a Capability Priorities Program (CPP) that is considering how we prioritise the actions from the Capability Review, in addition to the 2023 Census and the Corporate Group Strategy, to ensure we have a cohesive enterprise wide program of work.
5. The department is developing a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the CPP, and will report on progress against the Review Response through future corporate planning and annual reports.

Timeline

15 March 2023	Terms of Reference were agreed
23 June 2023	Review team met with the Executive Leadership Team to share and discuss preliminary findings, and seek additional information
4 July 2023	APSC provided the department a consultation draft
12 July 2023	Feedback provided to the reviewers
14 July - 14 August 2023	Exchanges of information between department and Review team
31 July - 7 August 2023	Meetings between the Review and Executive Leadership teams
1 August 2023	Draft report provided to the department
9 August 2023	Department provided an initial response to the report
14 September 2023	Capability Review report published on APSC website
18 September to 30 October 2023	Working Groups developed 15 prioritised actions against 5 identified themes in a 6-week sprint
November 2023	Agency Action Plan developed
29 November 2023	Portfolio ministers briefed

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30 November 2023	Department response provided to APSC
1 December 2023	The department's response was published on APSC website

Background

1. To support the prioritisation and implementation of the actions from the Capability Review, the 2023 Census and the Corporate Group Strategy, Deloitte was engaged through the AFP Capability Panel. The Request for Quote issued to 4 potential vendors on 27 November 2023, including; Synergy, Nous, Accenture and Deloitte. A response was received from all vendors with the exception of Accenture.
2. Through evaluation, Deloitte demonstrated a greater level of experience in the required services, and greatest value for money with the other quotes ranging from \$534,000 (exc GST) to \$823,303 (exc GST).
3. The full contact amount for Deloitte is \$382,401.80 (inc GST) and no extension is anticipated (refer SB24-000010 for whole of department procurement).

Capability Review: Report

1. Main finding: machinery of government changes and fiscal constraints have had a profound impact on the department operating as a unified entity.

Domain	Element	Rating
Leadership and culture	Purpose, vision and strategy	Developing
	Values, culture and behaviour	Developing
	Leadership and governance	Developing
	Review and evaluation	Emerging
	Embodies integrity	Developing
Collaboration	Engagement with ministers	Developing
	Contribution to the public sector (federal, state/territory, local and international)	Developing
	Partnerships and engagement outside the public sector	Developing
	Putting people and business at the centre of policy and services	Developing
Delivery	User focus and experience	Developing
	Strategic policy	Developing
	Service delivery and improvement	Developing
	Managing for performance and outcomes	Developing
	Capability to do the job	Developing

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People	Strategic workforce planning and development	Developing
	Staff performance and capability	Developing
	Staff engagement and experience	Embedded
	Model employer	Developing
Resourcing and risk	Asset (physical and ICT) management	Emerging
	Information and data management	Developing
	Cyber security	Emerging
	Financial management	Developing
	Procurement, contract and project/program management	Developing
	Risk management	Developing

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2. Capability Review Response: Prioritised actions, and work already completed or underway

Prioritised Actions	Work completed or underway	Status
<i>One Enterprise</i>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review the department's purpose statement to ensure it reflects the department's important role in supporting the economic, social and cultural wellbeing of Australia. Build and maintain a kind and respectful culture, where staff feel valued for the work they do and the expertise they bring, and feel supported to be their authentic selves at work. Embed a pro-integrity culture by pursuing high standards of professionalism. Develop and use an evidence base to support the allocation of 	Purpose Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From 11-14 December - 4 consultation sessions with SES staff were held. 22 May 2024 options for a new purpose statement will be presented to ELT.
	SES Performance Leadership Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From 4 – 10 April 2024 <i>Full Stop Australia</i> facilitated 4 focus groups to test and understand if the Prevention and Response plan, Sexual Harassment and Sex Discrimination Policy and Procedures, and Supervisor toolkit are effective treatments to mitigate against sexual harassment and sex discrimination. The focus groups comprised staff from the Diversity networks, SES Leaders, women and non-binary staff and APS/EL staff cohorts. 11 April 2024 - Kate Jenkins former Sex Discrimination Commissioner led 2 Respect@work masterclasses for our SES cohort building the foundation to creating a safe environment in which people can seek support and report discriminatory or harassing behaviour. 1 June 2024 – The department will launch the new framework for the 2024-25 performance cycle, which will embed the desired culture and behaviour expected from our leaders. This includes but is not limited to diversity, inclusion, APS values, cultural competency, psychological safety, integrity and stewardship. Both the

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internal resources to best reflect the department's objectives.		Capability Review and 2023 Census Action Plan are referenced in our guidance materials for SES.
	Departmental Functional Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Functional Review is an internal review for consideration by the department's senior leadership team, similar in nature to other internal management reviews undertaken periodically, and is not intended to be published publicly. It will provide an evidence base to support the department's funding position, sustainability, and resource allocation over the longer term (<i>Refer to Back pocket EC24-000600</i>). 27 March 2024 - The draft Functional Review Report was handed to the Executive Leadership Team. Charterpoint Pty Ltd was procured to support the financial analysis component of the work, and Mr David Nicol was engaged as a Strategic Advisor.
	Integrity Strategy and accompanying Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions from the department's Integrity Strategy Action Plan include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024 Integrity Week occurred on 18-22 March 2024 Providing the Integrity Dashboard to the Enabling Committee on a quarterly basis (Feb, May, August, Nov) Scoping options for establishing a network of Integrity Advisers to put to Enabling Committee in Q2 2024 Reviewing mandatory integrity and risk training.
	Records Integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project to ensure that the department has a single records management system continues. On 15 March 2024 the records management system for the legacy Communications network, Information Management System, was

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		decommissioned with its records being migrated to the department's new records management system, Records Workspace. Migration continues including on the legacy infrastructure records management system, RM Workspace.
<i>Strong Centre</i>		
<p>5. Develop and implement progressive, efficient and robust ways of working, which are supported by streamlined processes and well-defined access points to information.</p> <p>6. Undertake sustained and embedded workforce planning and build our capabilities to respond to the current and future needs of the department.</p>	2023 Census Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions underway or already delivered include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updating our procedures and guidance around Respect@Work, including delivery of workshops to our SES.
	Geographic and Labour snapshot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 2024 - The department is developing a strategic approach to support decisions on our national office footprint. This will ensure we have a financially sustainable alignment between the desired location of our staff, our property footprint, our workforce needs and the Australian Government's policy objectives.
	Strengthening emergency management processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 2024 - Chief People Officer led a post-incident review (PIR) of the department's response to the Queensland cyclones in December 2023 and January 2024, with a focus on support for staff in Cairns and Townsville. The Chief People Officer has accepted all recommendations from the PIR and is convening a cross-corporate working group to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop clear guidance and outline roles and responsibilities. Prioritise system enhancements to improve data effectiveness. Implement processes for future emergency management events.
	Corporate Group Strategy 2023 - 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 November 2023 - Strategy and roadmap completed and proposed actions are being considered through the Capability Priorities Program.

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	Strategic Workforce Plan 2024 - 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 March 2024 - Strategic Workforce Plan (including 13 initiatives) released on department's internet and via all staff message from Chief People Officer. The purpose of the plan is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uplift workforce capability and capacity. ○ Enhance workforce mobility and collaboration. ○ Embrace modern and inclusive ways of working. ○ Strengthen our enabling processes and systems. • Work already underway include updating the Learning Strategy for 2025-28, developing a career streams framework (starting with policy), and refreshing our diversity, equity and inclusion approach.
<i>Strong Centre (continued)</i>		
	Established a Change Management Office (CMO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 December 2023 - CMO was established to support staff through organisational change, including the tracking, monitoring and management of change.
	Hire 2 Retire (H2R) Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February – April 2024 - Reduced onboarding timeframes (by up to 10 days) for new staff by streamlining the security and screening processes. • March – May 2024 – User tested the Recruitment Action Request and New Starter forms to support a more efficient streamlined process for staff. • May 2024 – Developing a Recruitment Charter that will provide clear guidance on roles/responsibilities and service standards for staff undertaking and delivering recruitment services.

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	Risk Management policies and procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 December 2023 - Risk Management Policy and Framework updated. • Provides guidance on managing and engaging with risks. • Targeted risk training completed in March 2024, with further sessions scheduled for May 2024 • Planning underway for a Risk forum to be held in 2024.
	Departmental culture, First Nations cultural capability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 2023 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) section (11 ASL) was established to foster a culture of belonging. Together with the staff-led networks, SES Champions and Diversity and Inclusion Committee, this team promotes equality and work towards breaking down barriers to create a workplace that celebrates diversity in all its forms. • 1 November 2023 - 29 February 2024 - the department participated in the Australian Workplace Equality Index (AWEI) survey. The index is the definitive national benchmark on LGBTQ workplace inclusion and gauges the overall impact of inclusion initiatives on organisational culture, and sets a comparative benchmark for Australian employers across all sectors. • 25-26 March 2024 – Consultation on the Yarn to Thrive program was undertaken with First Nations staff to test and validate the proposed approach. The program will promote wellness, improve engagement, and build capacity and resilience of First Nations employees, and provide career development opportunities and referral pathways.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 May 2024 – A dedicated liaison and DEI project team with diverse backgrounds, lived experience and specific subject matter expertise for each of the diversity groups was established. 3 May 2024 - phase 2 of our Employee Value Proposition (Refer BP25) was launched to further promote our diverse and inclusive culture.
<i>Strong Centre (continued)</i>		
	Performance framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 2023 - Performance Framework launched, with implementation occurring throughout 2024 Ensures performance measures meet PGPA Act and PGPA Rule obligations, the Finance Secretary's direction, assurance and best practice requirements. September 2023 – Established a Community of Practice (CoP) for the ANAO audit of Annual Performance statements to facilitate inter-agency discussions on continuous improvement and best practice in relation to performance reporting. Foundational process improvements implemented throughout 2023-24
	Strengthen the Core	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business planning provides accountability and transparency for the work of the department. Development and implementation of the department's new business planning process has provided a structured and consistent approach, with the streamlined business plan template including sections which cover the Capability Action Plan, Census action plan and Integrity considerations. Key deliverables outlined in the business plans should also link to relevant high-level risks in divisional risk registers.

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	Governance procedures for departmental projects and programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28 February 2024 - Transformation Program Steering Committee inaugural meeting. The Committee was established to provide strategic oversight and governance of transformation projects and initiatives, including the implementation of the Capability Review Action Plan. 9 May 2024 - ICT and Property Steering Committee inaugural meeting. The Committee was established to ensure ICT strategies align with departmental objectives, and provide assurance over ICT and property investment proposals. 7 June 2024 - Departmental Capital Investment Committee inaugural meeting. The Committee was established to prioritise capital projects investment and funding.
<i>Modern Digital and Data Capability</i>		
<p>7. Drive a culture where digital and data uplift is owned by all staff.</p> <p>8. Modernise the department's Information Technology (IT), digital, cyber and data capability to better manage risks and deliver better outcomes.</p> <p>9. Uplift department workforce data and digital literacy and awareness, especially through</p>	I&CT Roadmap Delivery, investment planning, Service Offer and digital literacy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 October 2021 - Super User Network established to collaborate and drive ICT project participation, adoption and change management. 14 November 2022 - Creation of an IT Organisational Change Management capability that provides strong communication and support to staff through IT related changes. 16 October 2023 - IT Division commenced development of a new ICT Roadmap and 10-year technology plan/strategy that will be supported by a digital uplift investment plan. December 2023 - ICT Roadmap projects delivered, including replacing Skype with Webex, cloud modernisation and consolidating 2 departmental networks into one and thus addressing significant legacy risk from 2019 MoG.

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better communication and training.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 2023-March 2024: Cyber awareness program/Phishing campaign executed and will be used as a basis to improve understanding of the risks to improve cyber hygiene Draft department ICT Service Offer delivered to define the products and services provided to the department by IT division and the service levels to be met. This will markedly increase ICT cost/resource transparency in the department. February 2024: Generative AI awareness program commenced. Department Gen AI Community of Interest established. 28 March 2024: Final draft of 10-year technology plan and future state ICT architecture delivered. This is the department's digital modernisation technical blueprint May 2024. Introduction of a new ICT products team to provide business facing expertise on digital collaboration tools to uplift digital literacy and dexterity June 2024. Will implement Tech Bar capability providing Canberra and Key capital/regional centres with walk up assistance and technology demonstrations to further uplift digital literacy in the workforce.
	Enhancing data awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 2023 - Data Community of Practice (CoP) commenced with over 100 staff participating in the February 2024 meeting. A Data Governance Framework and draft Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy is being drafted. Planning has commenced on developing the 2025 - 2029 Data Strategy.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 June 2024 (tentative) - The department will hold a data gala event to encourage staff connection, improve awareness, showcase data products, and identify the potential for improved data use.
<i>Collaboration as an ongoing priority</i>		
<p>10. Foster an environment for collaboration and a culture of continuous improvement internally and externally.</p> <p>11. Develop a Collaboration Framework and accompanying Playbook.</p> <p>12. Improve practices in Collaboration Framework, with the support of tools and resource management systems to enable sharing and leveraging across whole of government.</p>	<p>Broadening our footprint outside Canberra</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 April: Executive Leadership Team met to discuss opportunities and challenges with the department's current Australia-wide office locations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 29 office locations; 368 staff (17.3%) located outside of Canberra. A Geographic and Labour Snapshot provided detailed data highlighting the department's increasing financial, labour market and property pressures, which is in line with the broader APS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For example, a number of leases are due to expire over the next 18 months. Further costings and organisational analysis will support a future ELT discussion on the required property leasing and national recruitment approaches.
	<p>Corporate Liaison Network (CLN) and Divisional Support (DSU)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DSU and CLN initiatives aim to improve how the department's many divisions, as well as staff outside of Canberra, are supported by, and engage with corporate. 4 April 2024 – core products aimed towards streamlining communication between DSUs and corporate were rolled out. 30 June 2024 – Melbourne and Brisbane based CLN Officers expected to commence.

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<i>Strategic Policy Capability</i>		
13. Develop a policy capability and subject matter curriculum for all staff in policy roles and implement through the performance management system. 14. Expand senior executive oversight of strategic policy activity. 15. Embed a culture of intellectual curiosity.	Finalised an Evaluation Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26 February 2024 – Evaluation Strategy released internally Evaluation Strategy is currently being prepared for public release the departmental website by mid-year (TBC)
	Increased engagement with state and territory colleagues and other government departments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently held an Infrastructure Roadshow with states and territories, led by Jim Betts. 21 February 2024 - Policy Training workshops delivered to the 2024 Graduate cohort Continued engagement in the department through the Community of Practice with meetings held on 29 February and 28 March 2024. Next meeting to be held on 2 May 2024 The Evaluation Unit has run a number of presentations and workshops throughout February and March 2024 The Partnerships and Projects Division has implemented a new Masterclass series where senior leaders in the Division share their own experience in a particular topic, including in areas such as policy development, program design, leadership, performance management, readiness for SES and so on to share with our Executive Leader cohort of staff to develop their own knowledge and skills and encourage staff to cross-skill, embed intellectual curiosity and develop their leadership capabilities.

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SUBJECT: NVES Campaign (Modern Cheaper-to-Run Cars Awareness Campaign)

Talking Points

1. The Modern, Cheaper-to-Run Cars Awareness Campaign (the Campaign) launched on **Sunday 14 April 2024**.
2. The Campaign raises awareness of what a New Vehicle Efficiency Standard is and highlights the choice, savings or environmental benefits.
3. Research conducted by WhereTo Research supporting the development of the Campaign, demonstrates that there is currently low awareness of what a New Vehicle Efficiency Standard could mean for the Australian public.
4. The primary call-to-action for the Campaign is to direct audiences to the cleanercars.gov.au website – the single, authoritative source of factual information.
5. The Campaign's paid materials include online (digital and social), television, 'out of home', search optimisation and radio.
6. The Campaign was developed in accordance with the whole-of-government *Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by non-corporate Commonwealth entities*.

Key Issues

1. The total budget for the Campaign is \$10 million (excl GST) for 2023-24:
 - a. \$9.71 million (excl GST) in administered funding is available in 2023-24.
 - b. \$0.29 million (excl GST) in departmental funding available in 2023-24.
2. The Campaign is currently in market, and will end on 30 June 2024. As at 31 March 2024, the administered expenditure is: **\$691,558.58 (excl GST)**.
3. The purpose of the Campaign is to inform audiences about what a New Vehicle Efficiency Standard is and highlight the benefits if it is introduced - whether that be creating more choice in the market, saving money at the bowser or taking a step towards a cleaner environment.
4. The Campaign materials describe factual details about what fuel efficiency standards are (also referred to as a New Vehicle Efficiency Standard), based on international best practice, and the benefits of a potential Standard without providing specifics of proposed Australian legislation.

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5. This Campaign focuses on engaging with its target audiences in a factual manner to build community understanding of what a New Vehicle Efficiency Standard is, and is supported by non-campaign communication activities.
6. The benefits to the creation of this Campaign include, tackling misinformation and improving public awareness of what a policy could mean for the Australian Public.
7. The primary target audiences for the Campaign are:
 - a. Australian drivers in regional, rural and suburban/outer metropolitan areas (age 25–70); and
 - b. Australians (age 25-70) who rely on vehicles and travel as a key aspect of their work, including agricultural, trade and regional small businesses.
8. A ‘village’ of suppliers was allocated in 2024 from the Department of Finance’s Government Communications Campaign Panel (GCCP). The village consists of:
 - a. WhereTo Research – Market research
 - b. Clemenger BBDO – Creative services
 - c. 33Creative – First Nations communications supplier
 - d. CultureVerse – CALD communications supplier
 - e. ThinkHQ – Public Relations
9. The use of the village suppliers from the GCCP allocated by the Department of Finance is mandatory for all non-corporate Commonwealth entities covered by the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act (PGPA), where the total Campaign expenditure is over \$250,000.
10. Universal McCann (UM), is the Australian Government’s master media agency, responsible for the placement of all advertising under the Department of Finance’s Central Advertising System. UM provide media purchase and placement services for the Campaign.
11. Advertising Campaigns, with total budgets above \$500,000 per financial year and undertaken by non-corporate Commonwealth entities, are required to be evaluated using the whole-of-government Campaign evaluation framework. Hall & Partners Pty Ltd conducts the benchmarking, tracking and evaluation research services for all relevant advertising Campaigns. Hall & Partners provide evaluation services for the Campaign and were sourced through the whole-of-government Campaign evaluation arrangement.
12. The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts has followed appropriate procurement processes to engage Campaign village suppliers.

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Background

1. On the 21 November 2023, the government agreed to the proposal of a spending provision of \$10 million in 2023-24 for the creation of an awareness campaign relating to a Fuel Efficiency Standard Campaign, 2023 24 MYEFO – HL005 (refers).
2. The Campaign received minister's approval on 28 March 2024.

Administered financial Information as at 31 March 2024 in millions (excl GST)

Project Start Date:	14 April 2024					
Project End Date:	30 June 2024					
	2022- 23 \$m	2023- 24 \$m	2024- 25 \$m	2025- 26 \$m	2026- 27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget		9.71				9.71
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024		0.69				0.69
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024		8.61				8.61
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)		0.41				0.41

Note: Committed funds relate to funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient.

Table 2: Administered Budget in millions (excl GST)

	2023- 24 \$m	2024- 25 \$m	2025- 26 \$m	2026- 27 \$m	2027- 28 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Opening Appropriation	9.71					9.71
Movements/decisions						
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Movements/decisions						
Current Appropriation	9.71					9.71

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SUBJECT: Budget Funding**Talking Points**

1. For 2024-25, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts administers **\$19.6 billion** in **agency resourcing** (2024-25 PBS page 31), comprising **\$687.0 million** in departmental resourcing and **\$18.9 billion** in administered resourcing. This excludes **\$2.8 billion** in payments to Portfolio bodies (2024-25 PBS page 32) and payments to States and Territories (refer below).
2. This represents an increase in total **agency resourcing** (excluding payments to Portfolio bodies) of **\$5.0 billion** from **\$14.6 billion in 2023-24** (2023-24 PAES page 23) to **\$19.6 billion in 2024-25**, 2024-25 PBS page 31). This comprises a **\$0.1 billion** in **departmental** resourcing and **\$4.9 billion** variation in **administered** resourcing.
3. **Departmental appropriation funding** as part of the 2024-25 Budget is a total of **\$553.9 million** in 2024-25. This comprises **\$530.0 million** in departmental operating appropriation and **\$23.9 million** in departmental capital budget (2024-25 PBS page 30).
 - a) this is a net increase of **\$66.3 million** from the 2023-24 total departmental funding of **\$487.6 million** comprising of **\$465.0 million** in departmental operating appropriation and **\$22.6 million** in departmental capital budget (2023-24 PAES page 22).
4. The **\$4.9 billion administered resourcing** difference between 2023-24 and 2024-25 largely reflects reduced expenditure for financial assistance grants to local governments in 2023-24 due to **\$3.1 billion** being brought forward and paid in 2022-23 to assist cash flow for local government councils.
 - a. profile changes in administered funding (including movement of funds) and the impact of new measures also contributes to the year on year difference.
5. A further **\$15.3 billion in 2024-25** (\$57.8 billion across the four years from 2024-25) is provided to States and Territories through National Partnership Payments (see 2024-25 Budget Paper 3, page 67). This compares to **\$15.5 billion in 2023-24** (\$61.0 billion across the 4 years from 2023-24 – see 2023-24 Budget Paper 3, page 59).
6. The department's **estimated average staffing** level (ASL) is **2,271** in 2024-25 at the 2024-25 Budget (2024-25 PBS, page 31), an increase of:
 - a) **228** from **2,043** in 2023-24 at the 2023-24 PAES (2023-24 PAES, page 23), and
 - b) **267** since higher than the estimate of **2,004** in 2023-24 at the 2023-24 budget (2023-24 PBS, page 30).
7. In addition to the impacts from measures in the 2024-25 Budget, funding from the department and affected portfolio agencies has been reduced as a result of the

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measure ***Savings from External Labour – extension***, reducing funding for the Portfolio by **\$18.5 million** over four years from 2024-25 and by **\$11.6 million** over the same period for the department.

a) this is in addition to the October 2022-23 Budget and 2023-24 Budget measures ***Savings from External Labour, Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses***, which collectively resulted in **\$70.3 million** savings over 5 years from 2022-23 (the department contributing **\$39.6 million**).

b) a breakdown of the savings (including background on the ED) is at **Attachment D**.

8. The 2024-25 Budget Appropriation Bills included departmental appropriations of **\$553.9 million** and administered appropriations of **\$7.0 billion**.

Background

1. This brief provides a summary of the department's 2024-25 funding position as at the 2024-25 Budget, per the 2024-25 Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS) see Financial Snapshot at **Attachment A**.
2. All entities, including the department, are required to prepare a 2024-25 PBS chapter see **Attachment B** - index of agency chapters.

Departmental appropriation funding

1. **Departmental appropriation** funding in 2024-25 is **\$553.9 million** (including the departmental capital budget) (2024-25 PBS, page 30), an increase of **\$66.3 million** from the 2023-24 appropriation of **\$487.6 million** at PAES (2023-24 PAES, page 22).
2. Increased departmental appropriation funding in 2024-25 is predominantly attributable to Australian Government decisions, including:
 - a) ***New Vehicle Efficiency Standard Implementation*** (\$26.1 million – Budget Paper 2, page 149);
 - b) ***Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment*** (\$24.0 million – Budget Paper 2, page 144);
 - c) ***Supporting Connectivity, Media and Communications*** – (\$18.8 million – Budget Paper 2, page 152); *and*
 - d) ***Supporting Transport Priorities*** (\$15.4 million – Budget Paper 2, page 153).

Departmental Resourcing

1. While the Departmental Appropriation Bill 1 is **\$553.9 million**, **departmental resourcing** is **\$687.0 million**.
 - a) the difference between appropriation and resourcing is due to prior year appropriation of **\$110.5 million**, section 74 external revenue of **\$10.2 million** and

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special accounts balance (including non-appropriation receipts) of **\$12.3 million** (2024-25 PBS, page 30); and

- b) departmental resourcing grows from **\$604.8 million in 2023-24** (2023-24 PAES page 22) to **\$674.7 million in 2024-25** (2024-25 PBS, page 30), with the **\$69.9 million** change largely attributable to government decisions, consistent with the change in appropriation funding described above.

End of year position

1. The department is currently managing its financial resources in order to achieve a **break-even** financial position for 2023-24.
2. The department has an approved operating loss of **\$22.9 million** for the 2023-24 financial year (2024-25 PBS, page 81). This was done as a prudent financial management exercise to provide an early signal to the government on potential cost overruns particularly across IT costs incurred post Machinery of Government (MoG) changes in 2019-20 (\$12.3 million impact), as well as non-cash accounting adjustments (\$10.6 million) associated with impairment of intangible assets and timing differences.
3. The department maintains a prudent approach to spending and continues to monitor and manage spending pressures in the lead up to the end of the financial year which has reduced the pressure on the potential forecast loss. The department's final 2023-24 operating outcome will be included in our annual report.
4. The department is **budgeting to break even in 2024-25** and the **forward estimates**, after adjusting for depreciation and amortisation expenses, and adjustments for leases (2024-25 PBS, page 80).

Administered resourcing

1. Administered resourcing has increased by **\$4.9 billion** from an estimate of **\$14.0 billion in 2023-24** (2023-24 PAES, page 23) to an estimate of **\$18.9 billion in 2024-25** (2024-25 PBS, page 31). Administered resourcing **excludes** payments to corporate entities from annual/special appropriations (**\$2.8 billion** in 2024-25) and payments from annual/special appropriations credited to special accounts (**\$96 million** in 2024-25).
 - a) the difference between 2023-24 and 2024-25 largely reflects reduced expenditure for financial assistance grants to local governments in 2023-24 due to **\$3.1 billion** being brought forward and paid early in 2022-23 to assist cash flow for local government councils.
 - b) profile changes in administered funding (including movement of funds) and the impact of new measures also contributes to the year on year difference.

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2. See **Attachment C** for further breakdown of the department's resourcing. **Payments to State and Territories**
 3. Payments to States and Territories increases by **\$2.2 billion** through various National Partnership Payments from **\$13.1 billion** in 2023-24 to **\$15.3 billion in 2024-25** and **\$57.8 billion** across the forward estimates. These are appropriated through the Treasury (see 2024-25 Budget, Budget Paper 3, page 67). This increase is predominately the result of the following:
 - a. funding increases for rail investment and road investment (\$1.6 billion);
 - b. funding increases for the National Water Grid Fund (\$0.3 billion);
 - c. funding increases related to a range of other payments to align with expected milestone delivery timeframes, including city deals and regional projects (\$0.8 billion); and
 - d. the increases are partially offset by decreases in funding for Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (\$0.5 billion).

ASL

1. The department's estimated average staffing level (ASL) in **2024-25** is **2,271**, a net increase of **228** from the **2023-24** ASL level of **2,043** (Table 1.1 page 23 2023-24 PAES). The net increase ASL increases associated with new measures announced at the 2024-25 Budget offset by terminating measures and ASL fluctuations already factored into the forward estimates.
2. ASL across the **Portfolio** for **2024-25** is estimated to be **12,369**, an **increase of 343** from the estimated actual in **2023-24** of **12,026** (page 178, Budget Paper 4). The change is attributable to 2024-25 Budget measures for the department and also portfolio entities.
3. The total cost of **employee benefits** will grow from **\$294.4 million in 2023-24** (2023-24 PAES, Page 61) to **\$307.4 million in 2024-25** (2024-25 PBS, Page 81). This reflects year on year growth in ASL numbers as outlined above, as well as the costs of wage increased agreed through the new Enterprise Agreement.

Departmental Impacts – Savings measures

1. The 2024-25 Budget Measure Savings from External Labour - extensions allocated additional savings for the **portfolio of \$18.5 million**, including **\$11.6 million** for the **department** over four years from 2024-25.
2. The portfolio's total contribution to savings over the past three Budgets is **\$88.8 million** over **6 years from 2022-23**, comprising:
 - a. **2022-23 Budget**: savings contribution of **\$16.5 million** over three years from 2022-23 (the Department providing \$11.0 million and portfolio agencies \$5.5 million).

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- b. **2023-24 Budget:** residual savings contribution of a further **\$53.8 million** over four years from 2023-24 (the department providing \$28.6 million and portfolio agencies \$25.2 million). The allocation of the remaining savings from the 2022-23 October Budget measure to entities was reprofiled over four years by the Government (rather than the original three remaining years) to smooth the profile across the remaining years.
 - c. **2024-25 Budget:** savings contribution of **\$18.5 million** over four years from 2024-25 as part of the measure *Savings from External Labour - extension*, with the department contributing **\$11.6 million**.
3. Any questions regarding the methodology for calculating or applying the saving should be referred to the Department of Finance.
 4. The above savings are exclusive of the Efficiency Dividend (ED). A breakdown of the savings (including background on the ED) is at **Attachment D**.

APS Reform Agenda – conversion of external labour roles to APS

1. As part of the APS Reform Agenda, the government has committed to reducing the APS' reliance on consultants and contractors, although there is acknowledgement external labour will continue to remain a component of the APS workforce.
2. To support this commitment, the department participated in the **Audit of Employment** led by the Department of Finance with returns, including those for its portfolio agencies, submitted in late 2022.
3. The department also converted **50 external labour roles** to APS on an ongoing basis to APS at the 2023-24 Budget, resulting in efficiencies of **\$3.0 million** over 5 years from 2022-23.
4. Across the portfolio (excluding the department), a further **16 external labour roles** were converted to ASL at the 2024-25 Budget (refer to page 171 of Budget Paper 4). The additional 16 conversions for portfolio entities brings the total portfolio conversions to 72.
5. Further background on the APS Reform Agenda is at **Attachment D**.

Printing

1. Costs associated with printing the Portfolio Budget Statements are \$12,221 (Incl-GST).

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Attachments:

- A: Financial Snapshot
- B: Agency Funding and Staffing
- C: Department's Resourcing
- D: Whole of Government Savings and APS Reform Agenda

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Attachment C

Department's Resourcing

2024-25 Budget			
Breakdown of resourcing	2024-25 Estimate (\$m)	2023-24 PAES (\$m)	2023-24 to 2024-25 variance (\$m)
Departmental	687.0	615.8	71.2
Operating Appropriation	530.0	464.9	65.1
Departmental Capital Budget	23.9	22.7	1.2
S74 external revenue	10.2	10.7	-0.5
Prior year appropriations	110.5	106.5	4.0
Special Accounts*	12.3	11.0	1.3
Administered	18,905.3	13,981.3	4,924.0
Bill Nos 1/3 - Appropriation	2440.8	2,333.4	107.4
Bill Nos 1/3 - Administered Capital Budget	29.7	37.0	-7.3
Payments to Corporate Entities	2,418.4	2,348.4	70.0
Bill Nos 2/4 - Appropriation	4,573.4	4,349.7	223.7
Payments to Corporate Entities	98.2	78.5	19.7
Prior year appropriations:			
Bill No.1	3,025.5	2,792.4	233.1
Bill No.2	4,533.2	3,453.9	1,079.3
Special Appropriations	4,211.9	1,156.6	3,055.3
Special Accounts	455.2	412.3	42.9
Less administered appropriations credited to special accounts**	-96.5	-327.7	231.2
Less payments to Corporate Entities (as department does not control this funding)	-2,784.5	-2,653.2	-131.3
Total Resourcing	19,592.3	14,597.1	4,995.2

*Excludes departmental appropriations drawn from annual/special appropriations and credited to special accounts.

**Administered appropriations drawn from annual/special appropriations and then credited to special accounts are removed to avoid double counting. (Source: 2024-25 PBS pages 30-31).

Average Staffing Level (ASL)

ASL as at the 2024-25 Budget	2024-25 Estimate	2023-24 Estimated Actual	Change	Page Ref
Department	2,271	2,043	228	pages 31 (PBS) and 178 (BP4)
Portfolio	12,369	12,026	343	

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Attachment D

Whole-of-Government savings and APS reform agenda

Savings from External Labour

1. The portfolio's total contribution to savings over the past three Budgets is **\$88.8 million** over 6 years from 2022-23 (see table below for breakdown). Savings comprise:
 - a. **October 2022-23 Budget:** Savings of \$3.6 billion over four years from 2022-23 from the measure *External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses*, with allocated agency savings against the 2022-23 year only. The government also announced the measure *An Ambitious and Enduring APS Reform Plan* that portfolios offset through savings. The portfolio's contribution was **\$16.5 million** over 3 years from 2022-23 (the department providing \$11.0 million and portfolio agencies \$5.5 million).
 - the allocation of the remaining savings from the **2022-23 October Budget** measure to entities was reprofiled over four years by the government (rather than the original 3 remaining years) to smooth the profile across the remaining years.
 - b. **2023-24 Budget:** residual savings contribution for a further **\$53.8 million** in savings over 4 years from 2023-24 (department providing \$28.6 million and portfolio agencies \$25.3 million).
 - c. **2024-25 Budget** additional savings of **\$18.5 million** over 4 years from 2024-25 under the measure *Savings from External Labour – extensions* (the department providing \$11.6 million and portfolio agencies \$6.9 million).
2. Any questions regarding the methodology for calculating or applying the saving should be referred to the Department of Finance.

The contribution to savings (for the department, portfolio entities and total) for the budget measure is outlined on the next page.

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Savings from External Labour – original measure and 2023-24 residual savings allocation, and 2024-25 Budget measure

	2022-23 (\$m)	2023-24 (\$m)	2024-25 (\$m)	2025-26 (\$m)	2026-27 (\$m)	2027-28 (\$m)
DITRDCA						
• Original (Oct 2022 and 23-24 Budget)	10.2	7.5	8.7	8.2	5.0	-
• Extension (May 2024)	-	-	1.2	1.2	1.0	8.1
DITRDCA Total	10.2	7.5	9.9	9.5	6.0	8.1
Portfolio Agencies						
• Original (Oct 2022 and 23-24 Budget)	5.1	6.9	6.8	6.9	4.9	-
• Extension (May 2024)	-	-	0.9	0.7	0.6	4.7
Agency Total	5.1	6.9	7.7	7.6	5.6	4.7
Portfolio Total	15.3	14.4	17.6	17.0	11.6	12.8
Total – 2022-23 to 2027-28: \$88.8 million* (totals in table may not add due to rounding)						

APS Reform Agenda – conversion of external labour roles to APS

1. As part of the APS Reform Agenda the government committed to reduce the APS' reliance on consultants and contractors, although there is acknowledgement external labour will continue to remain a component of the APS workforce.
2. To support this commitment, the department participated in the **Audit of Employment** led by the Department of Finance – of which all portfolio agencies submitted in late 2022.

Revision to the Wage Cost Index (WCI) framework

1. The government agreed to an ongoing change to the WCI framework in the 2023-24 Budget.
2. As part of the revision to the WCI framework, across all affected portfolio agencies, the portfolio received an additional \$99.9 million in departmental funding and \$21.5 million in

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administered funding over four years from 2023-24 (the Department received \$18.5 million in departmental funding and \$20.0 million in administered funding over the same period).

Background on the Efficiency Dividend

1. Government entities are subject to an annual efficiency dividend that reduces entity budgets each year in anticipation of efficiencies being found. The efficiency dividend, currently 1.0% per annum and applying to all entities for operational (running) costs (with the following entities exempt¹ as per table below). The objectives of the efficiency dividend have been to:
 - a. provide managers with a financial incentive to continually seek new or more efficient ways of carrying out ongoing government business;
 - b. allow government to redirect a portion of efficiency gains to higher priority activities; and
 - c. clearly demonstrate public service efficiencies resulting from improvements in management and administrative practices and return these gains to the Budget.

Entities exempt (or partially exempt) from the Efficiency Division	
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited
Special Broadcasting Service Corporation	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility
Australia Council (partial)	Bundanon Trust
Australian Maritime Safety Authority (partial)	Creative Partnership Ltd
National Intermodal Corporation Limited	NBN Co Limited
WSA Co Limited	Australia Postal Corporation

¹ Temporary ED in the past have been applied using different agency exemptions, including a 200 ASL threshold.

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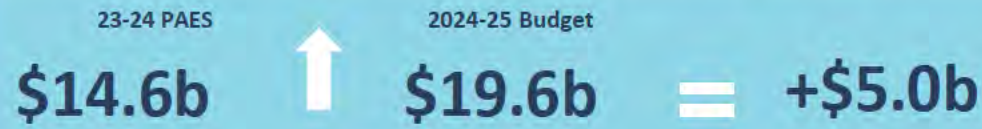
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Department's total budget resourcing year on year comparison

(includes Administered, Departmental, and excludes payments to Portfolio Bodies)

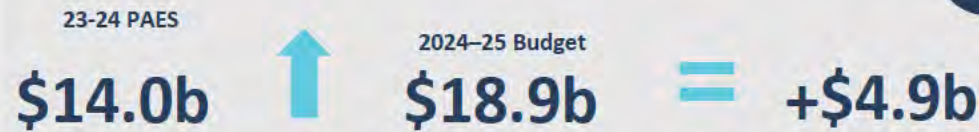


In 2024-25, the Department will administer#:

- \$19.6 billion made up of:
 - » \$0.7 billion in departmental resourcing (\$687.0 million in appropriations)
 - » \$18.9 billion in administered resourcing (excludes approx. \$2.8 billion in payments to corporate entities from annual/special appropriations.)

Administered resourcing

Comparison between 2023-24 PAES and 2024-25 Budget



This difference from 2023-24 to 2024-25 is primarily the result of:

- \$3.2 billion in special appropriations in 2024-25 associated with payments under the Local Government Financial Assistance Act 1995 compared to \$8.6 million in 2023-24 (as \$3.1 billion in assistance was brought forward and paid in 2022-23 to assist cash flow for local government councils), profile changes in administered funding (including movement of funds) and the impact of new measures. This is also outlined under 'Administered Resourcing' below.
- #Administered resourcing includes annual appropriations of \$7.0 billion (ordinary annual services, administered assets and liabilities, and payments to states), as well as prior year appropriations, special appropriations and other revenue.
- There is a further \$15.3 billion in 2024-2025 (\$57.8 billion across four years) provided to States and Territories through various National Partnership Payments – reported in the Treasury Portfolio Budget Statements.

Administered impacts for the Department for 2024-25 Budget measures

Measure	Net impact 2024-25 (\$m)
Support Transport Priorities	20.9
Revive National Cultural Policy	9.1
AIS revitalisation	8.0
Funding for Territories	7.0
Online Safety	6.5
Other^	0.4
Total Administered	51.9

Totals may not sum due to rounding

^ NFP item.

We are budgeting for a break-even position.

In 2023-24 the Department has an approved operating loss of \$22.9 million. This was done as a prudent financial management exercise to provide an early signal to the government on potential cost overruns particularly across IT costs incurred post Machinery of Government (MoG) changes in 2019-20. The department continues to prudently manage spending and is targeting a break-even position for 2023-24 and across the forward estimates.

Departmental appropriations

Agency departmental funding comparison between 2023-24 PAES and 2024-25 Budget



= \$464.9 million in departmental operating funding + \$22.7 million in departmental capital budget

= \$530.0 million in departmental operating funding + \$23.9 million in departmental capital budget

= government decisions (key decisions outlined below)

Departmental impacts for the Department for 2024-25 Budget measures

Measure	Net impact 2024-25 (\$m)
New Vehicle Efficiency Standards Implementation	26.1
Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment	24.0
Supporting Connectivity, Media and Communications	18.8
Supporting Transport Priorities	15.4
Delivering a Strategic Fleet	6.7
Urban Agenda and Community Programs	3.6
Future Made in Australia: Making Australia a Renewable Energy Superpower	3.2
Other^	6.3
Total departmental	104.1

Whole of Australian Government Savings – External Labour – 2024-25 Measure

Year	The Department's share:				Total
	DITRDCA	UCB	impact	\$m	
2024-25	1.2	1.2	1.0	8.1	11.6

Portfolio agencies: contributed \$0.9m in 2024-2025 and \$6.9m from 2024-25 to 2027-28.

The savings above are further to the October 2022-23 Budget and 2023-24 Budget which collectively resulted in savings in the Portfolio of \$70.3 million over five years from 2022-23 - \$39.6 million for the Department.

The portfolio's total contribution to savings over the past three Budgets is \$88.8 million over six years from 2022-23.

ASL snapshot

Department ASL



Increase is attributable to new decisions in the 2024-25 Budget offset by existing reductions in ASL already forecast..

Key measures impacting ASL

The increase in ASL in 2024-25 compared to 2023-24 Estimated Actual for new decisions is predominately driven by the following six measures:

- Resourcing to Deliver the Infrastructure Pipeline (87)
- Supporting Connectivity, Media and Communications (73)
- Supporting Transport Priorities (45)
- NVES Regulator and IT Build (38.5)
- Delivering a Strategic Fleet (33)
- Urban Agenda and Community Programs (20)

Total Employee Benefits

Total employee benefits will grow from \$294.4 million in 2023-24 to \$307.4 million in 2024-25

Conversion of contractors to APS

As part of the APS Reform Agenda, the Government has committed to reducing the APS' reliance on consultants and contractors. The portfolio will contribute by:

Converting contractors by 2026-27
50 DITRDCA
72 Portfolio Agencies

Achieving savings
\$3.0 million over five years from 2022-23 for DITRDCA

The 2024-25 Budget includes the conversion of an additional 16 contractors to ASL for entities in the Portfolio. There were no additional conversions for the department.



2024-25 Budget - Funding and staffing by agency for 2024-25

<p>Department Departmental Approp: \$553.9m Operating: \$530.0m Capital: \$23.9m ASL: 2,271 Administered Approp: Administered capital: \$29.7m <u>Outcome 1</u> Annual Admin : \$21.1m Act 2: \$649.5m ASL: 364 <u>Outcome 2:</u> Annual Admin: \$427.4m Special Approp: \$265.5m ASL: 697 <u>Outcome 3:</u> Annual Admin: \$1,095.5m Act 2: \$269.7m Special Approp: \$3,271.0m ASL: 417 <u>Outcome 4:</u> Annual Admin: \$195.9m Special Account: \$20.5m ASL: 138 <u>Outcome 5:</u> Annual Admin: \$389.4m Special Account: \$312.3m ASL: 408 <u>Outcome 6:</u> Annual Admin: \$311.5m Special Account: \$0.5m ASL: 247</p>	<p>ABC* Dept Approp: \$1,196.1m Operating: \$1,196.1m Capital: Nil ASL: 4,313</p>	<p>ACMA Dept Approp: \$170.7m Operating: \$151.8m Capital: \$18.9m ASL: 654 Special account approp: \$52.6m Admin Approp: \$10.3m Special Approp: \$8.3m</p>	<p>AFTRS* Dept Approp: \$27.9m Operating: \$27.9m Capital: Nil ASL: 145</p>	<p>AMSA* Dept Approp: \$222.1m Operating: \$86.2m Special Approp: \$135.8m Capital: Nil ASL: 481</p>
	<p>ANMM* Dept Approp: \$29.5m Operating: \$24.9m Capital: \$4.6m ASL: 115</p>	<p>ATSB Dept Approp: \$26.7m Operating: \$26.1m Capital: \$0.6m ASL: 120</p>	<p>CASA* Dept Approp: \$173.5m Operating: \$41.5m Special Approp: \$132.0m Capital: Nil ASL: 832</p>	<p>Creative Australia (Formly Australia Council)* Dept Approp: \$289.6m Operating: \$289.6m Capital: Nil ASL: 149</p>
	<p>HSRA* Dept Approp: \$55.1m Operating: \$55.1m Capital: Nil ASL: 28</p>	<p>IA* Dept Approp: \$13.2m Operating: \$13.2m Capital: Nil ASL: 40</p>	<p>NAA Dept Approp: \$93.6m Operating: \$87.1m Capital: \$6.5m ASL: 376</p>	<p>NCA Dept Approp: \$11.0m Operating: \$10.3m Capital: \$0.7m ASL: 61 Admin Approp: \$21.0m Admin Capital: \$15.6m Special Approp: \$0.03m</p>
	<p>NFRA Dept Approp: Nil Operating: Nil Capital: Nil ASL: -</p>	<p>NFSA* Dept Approp: \$47.8m Operating: \$40.8m Capital: \$7.0m ASL: 213</p>	<p>NGA* Dept Approp: \$112.2m Operating: \$70.0m Capital: \$42.2m ASL: 217</p>	<p>NLA* Dept Approp: \$113.0m Operating: \$86.2m Capital: \$26.7m ASL: 410</p>
	<p>NMA* Dept Approp: \$71.5m Operating: \$55.2m Capital: \$16.3m ASL: 222</p>	<p>NPGA* Dept Approp: \$19.4m Operating: \$19.2m Capital: \$0.2m ASL: 55</p>	<p>NTC* Dept Approp: \$6.7m Operating: \$6.7m Capital: Nil ASL: 44</p>	<p>NAIF* Dept Approp: \$21.8m Operating: \$21.8m Capital: Nil ASL: 1</p>
	<p>OPH* Dept Approp: \$27.6m Operating: \$22.3m Capital: \$5.3m ASL: 101</p>	<p>Screen Australia* Dept Approp: \$13.2m (Plus \$72.6m OFTA program funding) Operating: \$13.2m Capital: Nil ASL: 105</p>	<p>SBS* Dept Approp: \$348.4m Operating: \$348.4m Capital: Nil ASL: 1,369</p>	

* Funding is appropriated through the Department for Corporate Commonwealth Entities
 All appropriation figures exclude prior year appropriations available

Table 1 – Portfolio Savings

2022-23 October Budget					
TOTAL savings impacts by agency	UCB Impact (\$'000s)				Total
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	
Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Portfolio - Total	15,337	588	605	0	16,530
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA)*</i>	10,193	442	430	0	11,065
Australian Communications and Media Authority	2,207	97	118	0	2,422
Civil Aviation Safety Authority	1,290	0	0	0	1,290
Australian Maritime Safety Authority	586	0	0	0	586
Australian Transport Safety Bureau	337	22	26	0	385
Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility	258	0	0	0	258
Infrastructure Australia	209	13	16	0	238
National Capital Authority	189	11	12	0	212
National Faster Rail Agency	68	3	3	0	74

*Savings allocated to Australia Council; Australian Film, Television and Radio School; Screen Australia; and National Transport Commission were met by DITRDCA.

2023-24 Budget					
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Total
Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Portfolio - Total	13,867	14,920	15,118	9,910	53,815
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA)*</i>	7,115	8,254	8,223	4,965	28,557
Australian Communications and Media Authority	2,102	2,243	2,429	1,473	8,247
Civil Aviation Safety Authority	1,539	1,038	1,029	613	4,219
Australia Council	690	700	759	610	2,759
Australian Maritime Safety Authority	955	1,018	1,039	917	3,929
Australian Transport Safety Bureau	458	473	450	292	1,673
Australian Film, Television and Radio School	168	363	372	343	1,246
Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility	357	327	297	239	1,220
National Capital Authority	231	241	260	221	953
Infrastructure Australia	198	204	199	187	788
Screen Australia	55	59	61	50	225

*Savings allocated to Australian Film, Television and Radio School (50 per cent of 2023-24 amounts) and National Transport Commission were met by DITRDCA.

2024-25 Budget					
	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Portfolio - Total	2,086	1,902	1,682	12,790	18,460
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA)*</i>	1,194	1,237	1,037	8,129	11,597
Australian Communications and Media Authority	244	288	264	1864	2,660
Australian Maritime Safety Authority	106	120	124	940	1,290
Civil Aviation Safety Authority	107	109	117	845	1,178
Australian Transport Safety Bureau	42	43	43	293	421
Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility	32	31	35	263	361
High Speed Rail Authority	306	14	-	-	320
National Capital Authority	24	27	28	210	289
Infrastructure Australia	23	24	25	183	255
Screen Australia	8	9	9	63	89

*Savings allocated to National Transport Commission, Australian Film Television and Radio School and Creative Australia and were met by DITRDCA.

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SUBJECT: Consultancy and Non-Consultancy Contracts (incl. Big 4)**Talking Points**

1. From 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts entered into a total of **690 new contracts (both consultancy and non-consultancy)** for the 2023-24 Financial Year with a total contract value of **\$188.2 million** (GST inclusive). **Table A**
2. Of the **690 new contracts**:
 - a. **630 non-consultancy contracts** valued at **\$158.4 million** (GST inclusive); and
 - b. **60 consultancy contracts** valued at **\$29.8 million** (GST inclusive).
3. There has been a significant downward trend in contractor use and expenditure. In the **2022-23** financial year, the department awarded **988** new contracts totalling **\$237.3 million** (GST inclusive). **Table A**
4. Of the **988** contracts:
 - a. **902** were non-consultancy contracts valued at **\$221.6 million** (GST inclusive); and
 - b. **86** were consultancy contracts, valued at **\$15.7 million** (GST inclusive).
5. All procurement activity, including engagement of consultancies, is undertaken in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules (CPR), which are made under section 105B (1) of the PGPA Act.
6. The department ensures its compliance via the **Accountable Authority Instructions** (AAIs) which are **instructions** to all departmental officials issued by the Secretary of the department.
7. The department **engages consultants** only when there is a need for specialist or independent expertise, advice or services that are not available in-house.
8. Use of the mandatory whole of government **Management Advisory Services (MAS)** panel is used to procure consultancies, where services align.
9. The department **has continued to strengthen its procurement framework** guidance for staff to ensure procurement activities achieve a value for money outcome and are compliant with the Resource Management Framework, Department of Finance (DoF) Guidance and through the use of standard templates such as the **Commonwealth Contracting Suite**.

Key Issues

1. The department entered into a total of **690 contracts (both consultancy and non-consultancy)** for the 2023-24 Financial Year with a total contract value of **\$188.2 million** (GST inclusive).

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2. The table below captures a comparison of 2022-23 figures to 2023-24 year to date figures highlighting a **30% reduction in the number** of contracts and a **21% reduction in value** of contracts between the financial years.

Table A

	2023-24 YTD (to 31 Mar 2024)		2022-23		Variance between years			
	#	\$ (GST inc)	#	\$ (GST inc)	#	%	\$ (GST inc)	%
Non-Consultancy Contracts	630	\$158.4M	902	\$221.6M	(272)	(30)%	\$(63.2)M	(29)%
Consultancy Contracts	60	\$29.8M	86	\$15.7M	(26)	(30)%	\$14.1M	90%
Total	690	\$188.2M	988	\$237.3M	(298)	(30)%	\$(49.1)	(21)%

Note: All values in this brief, tables and attachments are GST inclusive

3. A list of contracts by group and division is provided at **Attachment A**.

Non-Consultancy Contracts

1. Of the **630 non-consultancy contracts** the department has entered into **4** are with the **Big 4**.

Consultancy Contracts

1. Of the **60 consultancy contracts** the department has entered into **7** are with the **Big 4**.
2. The department has actively reduced the reliance on consultancies by continuing to build in-house capability of staff to create a skilled and confident workforce which is consistent with **priority 4 of the APS Reform**.
3. As part of the **APS Reform** and the **2022-23 Budget measure Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses**, the Australian Government has committed to reducing the APS' reliance on consultants and contractors, although there is acknowledgement external labour will continue to remain a component of the APS workforce.
4. While the number of consultancy contracts has decreased, there has been an increase in the value of consultancy contracts for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024, in comparison to 2022-23. This relates to 2 large contracts in the current period:

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- engagement of **Jacobs Group (Australia) Pth Ltd** for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2026 at a cost of **\$13,781,808.71**. The contract, titled '**Environmental Investigations**' relates to the engagement of a specialist to deliver the government's commitment to determine the nature, extent and magnitude of PFAS contamination at 8 federally leased airports to support the department in developing appropriate management plans (these are Melbourne, Launceston, Hobart, Bankstown, Canberra, Brisbane, Adelaide and Parafield) as part of the pilot (Main Works Program). The contract owner is within the Domestic Aviation and Reform division.
 - engagement of **Aurecon Australasia Pty Ltd** for the period 8 March 2024 to 30 June 2026 at a cost of **\$5,566,765.26**. The contract titled '**PFAS Airports Investigation Program - Main works (tranche 2 airports)**' relates to Tranche 2 of the PFAS investigation program, where the department committed to conducting investigations at airports to determine levels of contamination and develop appropriate management plans. The contract owner is within the Domestic Aviation and Reform division.
5. A list of consultancy contracts is provided at **Attachment B**.

Contracts with the Big 4

1. Of the **690** contracts entered in to from **1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024**, the department has entered into **11 new contracts** valued at **\$2.6 million** (GST inclusive) with the Big 4.
2. In 2022-23, the department entered into **25 new contracts** valued at **\$8.5 million** (GST inclusive), showing a downward trend in the department's reliance on consultants.

	2023-24 YTD (to 31 Mar 2024)		2022-23 FY		Difference			
	#	\$m (GST inc)	#	\$m (GST inc)	# of Contract s	%	Total Contract Value	%
Deloitte	2	0.9	5	2.5	- 3	(60)%	- 1.6	(64)%
Ernst & Young	4	0.5	8	1.4	- 4	(50)%	- 0.9	(64)%
KPMG	3	1	7	1.4	- 4	(57)%	- 0.4	(29)%
PwC/Scyne	2	0.2	5	3.2	- 3	(60)%	- 3.0	(94)%
Total	11	\$2.6m	25	\$8.5m	- 14	(56)%	- \$5.9m	(69)%

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3. Of the 11 new contracts with the Big 4:
 - **7** are **consultancy** contacts valued at **\$2.2 million** (GST inclusive)
 - **4** are **non-consultancy** contacts valued at **\$431,556.30** (GST inclusive)
4. As at 31 March 2024, there are **9 active** contracts with the Big 4 consulting firms valued at **\$2.4 million** (GST inclusive) The contracts are as follows:
 - **2 active** contract with PWC/Scyne with a value of **\$224,973.00**
 - **2 active** contracts with Deloitte with a value of **\$882,401.80**
 - **2 active** contracts with KPMG with a value of **\$907,500.00**
 - **3 active** contracts with Ernst & Young with a value of **\$403,041.50**
5. Of the 11 new contracts with Big 4 entered into from 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024, **2 new contracts** entered into are **no longer active**, with the contract period ending before 31 March 2024. The contracts are as follows:
 - **1 inactive** contract with Ernst & Young with a value of **\$99,348.00**
 - **1 inactive** contract with KPMG with a value of **\$131,629.30**
6. A further breakdown of the above contracts can be found in **Table B**.

Table B- New Big 4 contract details

Contract Notice ID	Supplier Name	Description	Start Date	End Date	Value (GST incl.)	Tender process	Division
New ACTIVE contracts – 9 contracts							
CN4033077	PWC/Scyne	Media Outlook Services	17 Jan 24	16 Jan 25	\$26,500.00	Limited	Communications Infrastructure
CN4034385	Scyne Advisory Pty Ltd	Middle arm commercial advice	7 Feb 24	31 March 24	\$198,473.00	Open	Partnerships and Projects
CN4033096	Deloitte	Financial Services	1 Feb 24	31 Jan 27	\$500,000.00	Open	Finance Budget & Governance
CN4028969	Deloitte	Corporate Strategy Roadmap	15 Jan 24	7 May 24	\$382,401.80	Open	People, Culture Change

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Contract Notice ID	Supplier Name	Description	Start Date	End Date	Value (GST incl.)	Tender process	Division
CN3996362	KPMG	Rail technical expertise	12 Jul 23	30 Jun 26	\$880,000.00	Open	Surface Transport Emissions and Policy
CN4033079	KPMG	Financial Services	1 Mar 24	28 Jun 24	\$27,500.00	Open	Finance Budget & Governance
CN4026199	Ernst & Young	Training Services	10 Jan 24	22 May 24	\$ 79,367.00	Open	Communication Infrastructure
CN4033094	Ernst & Young	Financial Services	1 Feb 24	31 Jan 27	\$301,020.00	Open	Finance Budget & Governance
CN4011920	EY Digital Pty Ltd	Software Services	4 Nov 23	4 Nov 24	\$22,654.50	Open	People, Culture & Change
New INACTIVE contracts – 2 contracts							
CN4028865	Ernst & Young	Accommodation Modelling	11 Dec 23	19 Feb 24	\$99,348.00	Open	Olympic, Paralympic & Sport Infrastructure
CN3996364	KPMG	Social benefits remote roads consultancy	31 July 23	22 Dec 23	\$131,629.30	Open	Data, Research, Strategy & Net Zero

Contracts with the Big 7

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- From **1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024**, the department has entered into **11 new contracts** valued at **\$2.6 million** (GST inclusive) with the Big 7.
- Outside the Big 4, there are no active contracts with **McKinsey, Boston Consulting Group, Accenture**. Refer to Section "Contracts with the Big 4" above for detailed breakdown.
- In 2022-23, the department entered into **26 new contracts** with the Big 7 consulting firms valued at **\$8.8 million** (GST inclusive), showing a downward trend in the department's reliance on consultants.

	2023-24 YTD (to 31 Mar 2024)		2022-23 FY		Difference	
	#	\$m (GST inc)	#	\$m (GST inc)	# of Contracts	Total Contract Value
Accenture	-	-	1	0.3	-1	-0.3
Boston Consulting	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deloitte	2	0.9	5	2.5	-3	-1.6
Ernst & Young	4	0.5	8	1.4	-4	-0.9
KPMG	3	1	7	1.4	-4	-0.4
McKinsey	-	-	-	-	-	-
PWC/Scyne	2	0.2	5	3.2	-3	-3.0
Total^b	11	\$2.6M	26	\$8.8M	-15	-\$6.2M

- The value and number of contracts awarded to the Big 7 by the department is trending down:
 - number of contracts awarded in FY 23-24 has decreased by **15 (58%)**
 - total value of contracts awarded in FY 23-24 has decreased by **\$6.2M (70%)**

Background

- Consultancy contracts are a subset of total contracts reported on AusTender.
 - a **consultancy contract** is considered to be the provision of professional, independent, expert advice, which represents the **independent view** of the service provider. The department does not control the output. The consultants work assists the department with its decision-making.
 - a non-consultancy contract is where the department buys goods or services and **we tell the supplier what we want**.

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• Category	Definition	Example
Consultancy contract	A third-party that provides independent advice to the department	A person or firm engaged to provide an independent review of a program, policy or project. Examples: - advise on the financial viability of a government business enterprise - provide strategic advice on how to implement a new system - provide independent policy advice
Non-consultancy contract	A third-party that provides goods or services or general day-to-day services at the direction of the department	Goods and Services contract: A firm engaged to deliver an output aligned to the department's specifications. Example: analyse data under direction of the entity. Labour hire contract (Contractor): A firm providing personnel to fill a temporary vacancy and perform the day to day duties of the department.

*Contracts are reported on AusTender where they exceed \$10,000 (GST inclusive).

*Contracts reported may be across financial years.

The Department's process and policy for procurement

1. The department has comprehensive guidance and controls in place to ensure procurement is appropriate, represents value for money and is compliant with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules (CPRs). This includes:
 - a) use of the mandatory whole of government Management Advisory Services (MAS) panel to procure consultancies, where services align;
 - b) a procurement framework, procurement training modules and corresponding quick reference guides which detail procurement best practice and value for money principles in line with Commonwealth policies; and
 - c) checklists for officials and delegates to ensure compliant procurement practices.
2. Other key controls/processes:
 - a) **all procurements** require delegate endorsement prior to approaching the market as part of the procurement plan process.
 - b) any procurements with an expected value greater than **\$10,000** require an approved **Procurement Approval Request**.
3. Procurements **over \$80,000** require either an **open/limited tender approach to market** or use of an **existing approved panel arrangement**.

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4. For procurements between \$80,000 and \$200,000, officials must investigate whether an indigenous owned supplier is able to fulfil the requirement under the Indigenous Procurement Policy's Mandatory Set Aside. Mandatory Set Aside (MSA) (www.niaa.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/ipp-mandatory-set-aside-factsheet.pdf).
 5. As part of the AAI's, **section 23 PGPA Act approvals** (i.e., commitment of relevant monies) are required to be signed off by the appropriate delegate prior to the execution of the contract/work order.

Attachments

A: 2023-24 FY Contracts

B: 2023-24 FY Consultancy Contracts

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Chief Operating Officer							
CN3968819	ESRI AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Learning and Development	41014248	20-Jul-23	20-Jul-23	12,012.00	Data, Research, Strategy & Net Zero
CN3977485	OAG AVIATION WORLDWIDE PTE LTD	Airline schedule data	41014307	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	19,235.75	
CN3983895	AUSTRALIAN PROPERTY MONITORS PTY LI	Housing Data Purchase	41014347	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	24,640.00	
CN3991433	GS1 AUSTRALIALTD	National Location Registry Freight - Phase 4	41014382	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	127,600.00	
CN3996364	KPMG	Social benefits remote roads consultancy	42009368	31-Jul-23	22-Dec-23	131,629.30	
CN3996365	MARITIME INSIGHTS & INTELLIGENCE LI	Data subscription	41014410	18-Aug-23	30-Jun-24	72,831.37	
CN3988552	STRATEGIC REFORM PTY LTD	Data Services	0042009321	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	200,200.00	
CN3997855	AUSTROADS LTD	Australian Transport Assessment and Planning (ATAP) Guidelines	41014413	22-Aug-23	30-Jun-24	345,266.90	
CN3999905	BIS OXFORD ECONOMICS	Cost escalation update 2023	42009392	29-Aug-23	6-Oct-23	82,665.00	
CN4002871	ROYAL MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF TECHNO	Research services	42009420	8-Sep-23	30-Jun-24	151,250.00	
CN4011917	BIS OXFORD ECONOMICS	Subscription Licence	0041014504	15-Oct-23	14-Jun-24	13,029.50	
CN4017001	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Contractor	0042009535	15-Nov-23	17-May-24	70,992.00	
CN4017016	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Recruitment services	0042009512	16-Nov-23	16-Feb-24	38,500.00	
CN4022398	GLOBAL DATA UK LTD	Data Services	0041014582	12-Dec-23	11-Dec-24	46,000.00	
CN4026220	S&P GLOBAL MARKET INTELLIGENCE	Software Licence Subscription	0041014597	15-Dec-23	14-Dec-24	41,000.00	
CN4026323	DATA CAMP INC	Data Subscription Services	0041014611	27-Nov-23	27-Nov-24	27,500.00	
CN3988545	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	RECRUITMENT PLACEMENT FEES	0041014366	18-Jul-23	18-Jul-23	17,168.31	
CN3991446	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Recruitment fee	41014384	27-Jul-23	27-Jul-23	18,316.78	
CN3994571	Lex Australia Pty Ltd	Freedom of Information database	41014394	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-28	76,550.00	
CN4002878	XAANA PTY LTD	Recruitment services	41014442	7-Sep-23	7-Sep-23	17,309.20	
CN4002880	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Contractor	42009412	31-Aug-23	30-Dec-23	86,900.00	
CN4002881	FINXL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PTY LTD	SAP Support Services 2023-2024	42009411	3-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	152,064.00	
CN4002882	EPI-USE AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED	SAP Support Services 2023-2024	42009410	3-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	197,472.00	
CN4002883	EPI-USE AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED	SAP Support Services (BW/BO) - 2023-2024	42009409	3-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	363,528.00	
CN4002884	PHOENIX MANAGEMENT SERVICES PTY LTD	SAP Support Services 2023-2024	42009408	3-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	198,000.00	
CN4002891	DFP BUSINESS TRUST T/A DFP RECRUITMENT SERVICES PTY LT	Recruitment services	42009399	1-Sep-23	30-Sep-23	10,583.69	
CN4006895	SYNERGY GROUP AUSTRALIA LTD	Business Analyst - Business Services Engagement	0042009454	20-Sep-23	30-Apr-24	110,000.00	
CN4011907	SENTENTIA CONSULTING PTY LTD	Internal Audit Services	0042009490	9-Oct-23	30-Apr-24	70,000.00	
CN4011909	CANON BUSINESS SERVICES AUSTRALIA P	Paperless Accounts Payable Services	0041014516	27-Oct-23	26-Oct-25	245,381.00	
CN4011912	CHARTERPOINT PTY LTD	Financial Analysis	0042009486	25-Sep-23	29-Feb-24	429,000.00	
CN4015975	CAPITAL COMMUNICATIONS PTY LTD T/A CAPITAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONSULTANTS	Strategic Advisor	0041014531	30-Oct-23	30-Jun-24	132,000.00	
CN4016982	SENTENTIA CONSULTING PTY LTD	Performance Reporting	0042009541	25-Oct-23	30-Apr-24	124,833.75	
CN4016997	AGORA CONSULTING PTY LTD	Business Management Services	0042009545	14-Nov-23	30-Jun-24	66,000.00	
CN4017003	INFOCAPITAL PTY LTD	Computer Services	0041014557	13-Nov-23	30-Jun-24	40,000.00	
CN4020012	MICHAEL PAGE INTERNATIONAL (AUST) P MICHAEL PAGE	Recruitment Services	0041014571	11-Sep-23	11-Sep-23	17,309.18	
CN4022409	SENTENTIA CONSULTING PTY LTD	Purpose and performance redesign services	0042009564	30-Oct-23	31-Jan-24	124,833.75	
CN4026219	CPA AUSTRALIA	CPA Bulk Membership Renewal	0041014604	1-Jan-24	31-Dec-24	13,513.00	
CN4026319	GINNANE CONSULTING MS GAYLE GINNANE	Independent Member of the Audit and Risk Committee	0041014620	1-Jan-24	31-Dec-24	32,500.00	

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CN4026320	KNUCKEY FAMILY TRUST MCBEATH PTY LTD AS TRUSTEE OF THE	Independent Member of the Audit and Risk Committee	0041014619	1-Jan-24	31-Dec-24	40,000.00	Finance, Budget & Governance	
CN4033079	KPMG	Financial Services	0042009638	1-Mar-24	28-Jun-24	27,500.00		
CN4033094	ERNST & YOUNG	Financial Services	0042009648	1-Feb-24	31-Jan-27	301,020.00		
CN4033096	DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU	Financial Services	0042009647	1-Feb-24	31-Jan-27	500,000.00		
CN4036470	McGrath Nicol Advisory Partnership	Internal Audit Services	0042009670	4-Mar-24	30-Sep-24	200,000.00		
CN4037314	SENTENTIA CONSULTING PTY LTD	Internal Audit Services	0042009678	4-Mar-24	30-Sep-24	200,000.00		
CN4037317	CANPRINT COMMUNICATIONS P/L	Printing	0041014676	18-Jan-24	29-Feb-24	12,760.00		
CN4039365	KAREN WILLIAMS	Corporate objectives or policy development	0041014714	18-Mar-24	30-Jun-24	44,550.00		
CN4039366	CLICKS RECRUIT (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Recruitment Services	0041014713	21-Feb-24	22-Mar-24	12,000.00		
CN4039368	PROTIVITI PTY LTD	Internal Audit Services	0042009696	4-Mar-24	30-Sep-24	200,000.00		
CN4039942	CAPITAL RECRUIT PTY LTD	APS6 placement fee	0042009701	4-Mar-24	1-May-24	10,500.00		
CN4039944	AXIOM ASSOCIATES (AUST) PTY LTD	Internal Audit Services	0042009699	4-Mar-24	30-Sep-24	200,000.00		
CN4043055	Corporate Travel Management Group Pty Ltd	Travel management services		5-Feb-24	30-Jun-27	4,800,000.00		
CN3965454	SALORIX PTY LTD	Contractor	42009210	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	329,049.60		Information Technology
CN3975286	XAANA PTY LTD	Contractor Services	42009273	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	313,896.00		
CN3977490	INFORMATECH PTY LTD	Contractor Services	42009283	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	317,615.52		
CN3978480	DATA#3 LTD	Cisco Maintenance & Support	42009303	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	133,264.66		
CN3978484	TERRACE SERVICES PTY LTD	Provision of procurement support services	42009298	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	868,925.00		
CN3986273	COSMIC TECH SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	ICT Services	42009324	12-Jul-23	11-Jan-24	190,300.00		
CN3988546	DATA#3 LTD	Network Devices	0042009343	17-Jul-23	16-Oct-23	33,026.40		
CN3994572	Adecco Australia P/L	Contractor	42009366	9-Aug-23	30-Nov-23	47,025.00		
CN3996369	ETERNITY SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	ICT Contractor Services	0042009371	28-Aug-23	30-Jun-24	258,792.00		
CN3997859	THE TRUSTEE FOR CONSTECH UNIT TRUST CTDS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	IT Hardware	42009386	24-Aug-23	31-Aug-23	40,425.00		
CN3999919	STUTCH DATA SERVICES PTY LTD	Printer Cartridges	41014421	30-Aug-23	30-Sep-23	16,478.00		
CN4002876	TELSTRA LIMITED	Mobile devices	42009416	7-Sep-23	30-Sep-23	75,360.00		
CN4002879	EXPERIS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	CRM Sr Software Developer	42009414	25-Sep-23	24-Sep-24	394,644.00		
CN4002889	VOCUS PTY LTD	Data Carriage and Managed Router Services	42009401	31-Aug-23	31-Aug-26	4,873,103.00		
CN4002890	DATA#3 LTD	ICT Hardware Network Switches	42009400	31-Aug-23	15-Sep-23	34,502.12		
CN4003892	HEWLETT PACKARD AUST PTY LTD	IT Network Equipment	0042009423	12-Sep-23	30-Sep-23	28,930.00		
CN4004845	THE RECRUITMENT HIVE PTY LTD	ICT Contracting Services	0042009441	20-Sep-23	30-Jun-24	221,312.00		
CN4004855	TECHITUP PTY LTD	ICT Contractor	0042009429	3-Oct-23	2-Oct-24	394,664.00		
CN4006897	CBIT DIGITAL FORENSICS SERVICES CDFS AUS	Nuix Software	0042009450	5-Sep-23	6-Sep-24	385,104.17		
CN4006898	OPTUS NETWORKS PTY LIMITED OPTUS	Cisco IP Phones	0042009449	26-Sep-23	31-Oct-23	20,393.56		
CN4006899	EQUINIX AUSTRALIA NATIONAL PTY LTD	Telecommunication Services	0041014484	14-Sep-23	14-Sep-26	145,000.00		
CN4008141	MINTERELLISON CONSULTING	ICT Service Offering	0042009457	29-Sep-23	28-Dec-23	215,204.00		
CN4015980	OPTUS NETWORKS PTY LIMITED OPTUS	ICT Professional Services	0041014529	27-Oct-23	27-Dec-23	19,470.00		
CN4015982	REALLY AWESOME PEOPLE PTY LTD	Contractor	0041014525	1-Oct-23	30-Jun-24	192,257.00		
CN4017000	DIALOG PTY LTD T/A DIALOG INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	Contractor	0042009539	16-Nov-23	22-Dec-23	32,000.00		
CN4017008	ETHAN INDIGENOUS PTY LTD	ICT Equipment	0042009523	25-Oct-23	11-Dec-23	41,250.00		
CN4017014	PEOPLEBANK AUSTRALIA LTD	Contractor	0042009515	16-Nov-23	30-Jun-24	238,920.00	Information Technology	
CN4017019	DATA#3 LTD	ICT Hardware	0042009488	20-Oct-23	30-Nov-23	231,892.14		
CN4017039	NARADA CONSULTING PTY LTD	Contractor	0042009533	14-Nov-23	13-May-24	166,320.00		

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CN4018516	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Contractor	0042009555	30-Nov-23	28-Jun-24	200,000.00	Information Technology	
CN4018519	THE TRUSTEE FOR CONSTECH UNIT TRUST CTDS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	IT Equipment	0042009552	21-Nov-23	31-Dec-23	11,239.25		
CN4018520	XAMPLIFY SERVICES PTY LTD	Provision of ICT Professional Services	0042009547	17-Nov-23	29-Mar-24	551,262.90		
CN4022403	DIALOG PTY LTD T/A DIALOG INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	Business Analyst	0042009579	1-Jan-24	31-Dec-24	327,836.20		
CN4026214	COSMIC TECH SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	Dynamics CRM Developer	0042009599	12-Jan-24	30-Jun-24	175,560.00		
CN4026218	HP PPS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	IT Hardware	0042009594	18-Dec-23	31-Jan-24	639,656.60		
CN4026223	MINDAVATION PTY LIMITED	Change and Transformation Services	0041014591	2-Jan-24	2-Apr-24	112,000.00		
CN4026316	Simpler Technology Pty Ltd	Contractor	0042009602	1-Jan-24	30-Jun-24	191,512.00		
CN4028767	4DATA IT PTY LTD	IT Works	0042009610	27-Nov-23	31-Dec-23	27,610.00		
CN4028864	KINETIC IT PTY LTD	Provision of IT Managed Services	0041014643	15-Dec-23	14-Dec-26	23,730,000.00		
CN4032674	ONNEER PTY LTD	IT Services	0042009634	23-Jan-24	30-Jun-24	451,000.00		
CN4032675	GENERATION-E PRODUCTIVITY SOLUTIONS	Exchange Architect	0042009633	22-Jan-24	30-Jun-24	143,000.00		
CN4032743	BLISS MEDIA PTY LTD	Website Development	0042009637	29-Jan-24	31-Jul-24	188,848.00		
CN4033076	ETHAN INDIGENOUS PTY LTD	IT Hardware	0042009642	1-Feb-24	29-Feb-24	75,032.10		
CN4033078	HP PPS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	IT Hardware	0042009640	23-Jan-24	29-Feb-24	34,658.80		
CN4033236	JB HI-FI GROUP PTY LTD	IT Hardware - Keyboard Mouse & Web Cameras	0042009649	5-Feb-24	29-Feb-24	31,000.00		
CN4035699	BLUEBIRD ADVISORY PTY LTD	Professional Services	0042009667	19-Feb-24	30-Jun-24	345,588.00		
CN4036850	YNOT Consulting Services Pty Ltd	Provision of IT Services	0041014688	26-Feb-24	15-Apr-24	22,000.00		
CN4037316	IVANTI UK LIMITED	Support for Ivanti Service Manager Toolset	0041014690	27-Feb-24	28-Feb-25	216,461.00		
CN4038903	INTOPIA PPTY LTD	Website WCAG Accessibility Testing	0042009692	5-Mar-24	31-Aug-24	39,215.00		
CN4038904	HITECH GROUP AUSTRALIA LIMITED HITECH PERSONNEL	IT Contractor	0042009691	18-Mar-24	30-Jun-24	124,626.00		
CN4040768	DATA#3 LTD	Computer Equipment and Accessories	0042009711	14-Mar-24	19-Jan-25	48,595.69		
CN3972581	LAWYERBANK	Legal Services 2022-2023	42009260	11-Jul-23	12-Jan-24	280,995.00		Legal, FOI & Privacy
CN3986271	AUST GOVT SOLICITOR-CENTRAL OFF 9090 CENTRAL OFFICE	Legal Services 2023-2024	41014355	12-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	186,000.00		
CN4008143	MCINNES WILSON LAWYERS PTY LTD	Legal Services 2023 - 2024	0042009448	3-Oct-23	6-Dec-23	60,720.00		
CN4015993	A ABRAHAMS & OTHERS T/A LANDER & RO	Legal Services	0042009480	25-Sep-23	31-Dec-23	16,000.00		
CN4016998	LAWYERBANK	Legal Services 2023 - 2024	0042009542	22-Jan-24	22-Apr-24	226,600.00		
CN4016999	LAWYERBANK	Legal Services 2023 - 2024	0042009540	4-Dec-23	4-Mar-24	188,870.00		
CN4018513	NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT	Legal Services 2023 - 2024	0042009558	4-Dec-23	4-Jun-24	240,625.00		
CN4022400	Franklin Covey	Legal Services Training	0041014581	7-Dec-23	29-Dec-23	30,573.20		
CN4038906	lawyerbank Pty Ltd	Legal Services 2023-24	0042009688	5-Mar-24	6-Nov-24	278,850.00		
CN4039371	lawyerbank Pty Ltd	Legal Services 2023-24	0042009694	14-Mar-24	14-Jun-24	267,520.00		
CN3975288	SIRVA PTY LTD	Storage Services	42009271	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	40,000.00	People, Culture & Change	
CN3977475	LIFELINE AUSTRALIA LTD	Accidental Counsellor Training	41014315	3-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	26,598.00		
CN3977487	MOCK COURT INTERNATIONAL	Due Diligence Training	41014303	3-Jul-23	8-Jul-24	33,000.00		
CN3978474	MIKE PIELOOR AND ASSOCIATES CONSULT	Training Services	41014327	3-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	60,372.00		
CN3981453	NATIONAL INDIGENOUS TRAINING EMPLOY SOLUTIONS	Training	41014343	3-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	42,185.00		
CN3981457	9160AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	Education and Training Services	41014334	19-Jul-23	31-Jul-23	30,000.00		
CN3986270	THE HATCHERY (HUB) PTY LTD	Learning and Development	41014357	3-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	49,500.00		

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CN3986276	AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT	Learning & Development Courses	41014346	3-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	17,080.02	People, Culture & Change
CN4017010	THE TRUSTEE FOR VIEWGRAND TRUST E TROPICAL ALMOND DEVELOPMENT (PTC) L	Venue hire	0041014545	6-Nov-23	1-Nov-24	35,550.00	
CN3988550	LIFELINE AUSTRALIA LTD	Managing Challenging Interactions Grad training	0041014358	7-Sep-23	8-Sep-23	15,000.00	
CN3991430	GRACE WORLDWIDE (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD T/A GRACE REMOVALS GROUP	Relocation Services	42009360	19-Jul-23	30-Nov-23	11,375.00	
CN3991431	GRACE WORLDWIDE (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD T/A GRACE REMOVALS GROUP	Relocation Services	42009359	18-Jul-23	30-Oct-23	14,782.80	
CN3991436	GRACE WORLDWIDE (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD T/A GRACE REMOVALS GROUP	Relocation Services	42009351	12-Jul-23	31-Oct-23	19,772.20	
CN3991451	VENTIA PROPERTY PTY LTD	Canberra Office Relocations	42009355	27-Jul-23	1-Sep-23	93,500.00	
CN3991456	GETTY IMAGES SALES AUSTRALIA PTY LT	Stock Image and video Subscription	41014373	1-Aug-23	1-Aug-25	37,950.00	
CN3991459	CCH Australia Limited	Media alerts service	41014368	1-Jul-23	9-Oct-24	29,820.45	
CN3992299	GRACE WORLDWIDE (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD T/A GRACE REMOVALS GROUP	Relocation Services	42009363	3-Aug-23	30-Dec-23	26,357.00	
CN3994579	LIFE UNLIMITED HEALTH SOLUTIONS	Training	41014393	13-Sep-23	30-Jun-24	15,840.00	
CN3996370	TANNER JAMES MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS PTY LTD	Project Management Training Services	42009370	1-Aug-23	30-Jun-24	180,000.00	
CN3997863	ENLIGHTEN LEADERSHIP	Leadership Excellence & Applied Practices Program	41014414	12-Oct-23	30-Jun-24	84,360.00	
CN3997865	AUSTRALIAN NETWORK ON DISABILITY	Australian Network on Disability Membership	41014412	4-Sep-23	1-Jun-24	13,213.20	
CN3997867	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Recruitment Process	42009377	18-Aug-23	13-Oct-23	21,538.00	
CN3999909	9290 COMCARE AUSTRALIA	2023-24 Comcare Insurance	41014437	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	1,623,041.50	
CN3999911	CANON BUSINESS SERVICES AUSTRALIA P	Mail and Despatch Services	41014435	1-Sep-23	31-Aug-27	1,931,994.28	
CN4002869	THUNDERSTONE ABORIGINAL CULTURAL SERVICES PTY LTD	Language Workshops	41014452	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	22,440.00	
CN4002870	RELATBL RECRUITING PTY LTD	Recruitment Services	42009421	25-Aug-23	26-Aug-24	19,497.00	
CN4002885	EXECUTIVE INTELLIGENCE GROUP	Recruitment Services	42009407	11-Aug-23	12-Aug-24	126,500.00	
CN4002887	EXECUTIVE INTELLIGENCE GROUP	Recruitment Services	42009405	25-Aug-23	26-Aug-24	35,000.00	
CN4002892	CAPITAL RECRUIT PTY LTD	Contractor placement fee	42009395	24-Aug-23	30-Jun-24	12,500.00	
CN4003884	VENTIA PROPERTY PTY LTD	Office fitout	0042009432	5-Sep-23	31-Dec-23	2,467,933.60	
CN4003885	DEXUS CPA PTY LTD TRUSTEE FOR 145 ANN ST	Office Accommodation	0041014467	3-Aug-23	2-Aug-33	13,017,580.00	
CN4003887	DECISIVE PUBLISHING PTY LTD	Subscription	0041014459	1-Sep-23	1-Sep-24	18,975.00	
CN4003891	VENTIA PROPERTY PTY LTD	Property Management Services	0042009424	12-Sep-23	30-Jun-24	38,072.10	
CN4003894	VENTIA PROPERTY PTY LTD	Workstations	0042009422	7-Sep-23	30-Jun-24	16,324.00	
CN4004849	WHON PTY LTD	Education and Training Services	0041014471	25-Sep-23	28-Jun-24	11,440.00	
CN4004850	The Australian and New Zealand School of Government Ltd	Education and Training Services	0041014470	18-Sep-23	14-Nov-23	20,350.00	
CN4004851	9290 COMCARE AUSTRALIA	2021-22 Premium Adjustment	0041014463	14-Sep-23	14-Sep-23	107,720.80	
CN4004853	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Hire to Retire Project Business Analyst	0042009430	9-Oct-23	6-Sep-24	189,475.00	
CN4004856	WHON PTY LTD	Education and Training Services	0041014455	25-Sep-23	28-Jun-24	14,410.00	
CN4004857	9160AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	Education and Training Services	0041014454	18-Sep-23	22-Dec-23	30,200.00	
CN4006892	FIRST AKROW TRUST & BRIAN T WILSON T/A CLAYTON UTZ	Investigation services	0042009455	13-Sep-23	31-Jul-24	55,000.00	
CN4011894	33 Creative Pty Limited	Creative Design & Communication Services	0042009479	13-Oct-23	30-Sep-24	253,000.00	

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CN4011913	Horizon One Recruitment Pty Ltd	Recruitment services	0042009483	3-Oct-23	3-Oct-24	16,362.76	People, Culture & Change
CN4011920	EY DIGITAL PTY LTD	Software Services	0042009468	4-Nov-23	4-Nov-24	22,654.50	
CN4011926	MEDIBRANDS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD (TRADING AS UNIVERSAL MCCANN)	External Advertising	0042009447	9-Oct-23	30-Mar-24	110,000.00	
CN4015981	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Recruitment services	0041014526	26-Oct-23	30-Nov-23	10,754.00	
CN4015987	International Assoc for Public Participation Australia	Training Services	0041014521	9-Nov-23	29-Nov-23	25,221.50	
CN4015989	Swift Digital	Marketing platform licence fees	0041014511	5-Nov-23	4-Nov-24	12,705.00	
CN4015994	NTT Australia Pty Ltd	Contractor	42009477	10-Oct-23	6-Sep-24	169,538.00	
CN4015995	CLICKS RECRUIT (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Contractor	0042009473	16-Oct-23	10-Nov-23	355,716.00	
CN4016020	WHON PTY LTD	Education and Training Services	0041014532	1-Jan-24	20-Dec-24	12,375.00	
CN4016022	VENTIA PROPERTY PTY LTD	Security scoping works	0042009500	30-Oct-23	1-Jun-24	14,952.30	
CN4017002	9160AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	Education and Training Services	0041014558	27-Nov-23	31-May-24	31,200.00	
CN4017011	WEBQEM PTY LTD	Video and Image Library	0042009520	4-Nov-23	4-Nov-24	22,654.50	
CN4018518	BD INFRASTRUCTURE PTY LTD	Application of new branding to road signage templates and update of signage guidelines	0041014563	17-Nov-23	22-Dec-23	26,676.00	
CN4018521	MEDIBRANDS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD (TRADING AS UNIVERSAL MCCANN)	Subscription Renewal	0042009537	25-Nov-23	24-Nov-24	27,496.18	
CN3965451	CAPITAL TRAINING PTY LIMITED CAPITAL TRAINING COLLEGE	Education and Training Services	41014230	5-Mar-24	30-Jun-24	20,075.00	
CN4020009	Gillian Beaumont Recruitment Pty Li	Recruitment Services	0042009570	6-Nov-23	5-Nov-24	22,000.00	
CN4020010	Gillian Beaumont Recruitment Pty Li	Recruitment Services	0042009569	19-Sep-23	20-Sep-24	44,000.00	
CN4022393	TBWA MELBOURNE PTY LTD	Advertising and Creative Communication services	0042009571	1-Dec-23	30-Sep-24	1,100,000.00	
CN4022395	TBWA MELBOURNE PTY LTD	Advertising and Creative services	0042009551	24-Nov-23	30-Sep-24	193,409.84	
CN4022396	THINK HQ PTY LTD	Public Relations & Communications Services	0042009549	27-Nov-23	30-Sep-24	164,813.00	
CN4022397	CULTURE HQ PTY LTD (CULTUREVERSE) CULTUREVERSE	Communication Services	0042009548	23-Nov-23	30-Sep-24	198,000.00	
CN4022410	Kent Moving and Storage	Relocation Services	0042009559	24-Nov-23	29-Feb-24	160,000.00	
CN4022411	INTERSECTION PTY LTD	Training Services	0041014564	20-Nov-23	30-Jun-24	66,000.00	
CN4026159	Hide and Seek Group Pty Ltd	Technical Development Work	0041014576	13-Nov-23	10-Jan-24	19,800.00	
CN4026201	HALL AND PARTNERS PTY LTD	Market Research Services	0042009598	15-Dec-23	30-Sep-24	155,395.90	
CN4026206	MEDIBRANDS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD (TRADING AS UNIVERSAL MCCANN)	Media Campaign	0042009593	15-Dec-23	30-Sep-24	3,054,810.00	
CN4028766	UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA	2024 GDP Graduate Certificates	0042009611	31-Jan-24	13-Dec-24	858,162.50	
CN4028770	Pursuit Technology	Software user licenses and support	0042009608	1-Jan-24	31-Dec-24	115,980.48	
CN4028771	WAYARANG PTY LTD	First Nations Design System	0041014623	22-Sep-23	30-Apr-24	66,550.00	
CN4028772	HIDE AND SEEK GROUP PTY LTD	Technical development work	0041014576	16-Nov-23	16-Feb-24	19,800.00	
CN4028969	DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU	Corporate Strategy Roadmap	0041014638	15-Jan-24	7-May-24	382,401.80	
CN4032316	WHERE TO RESEARCH BASED CONSULTING P LTD	Market Research	0042009630	22-Dec-23	30-Sep-24	550,000.00	
CN4032339	CLEMENGER BBDO	Advertising and Creative services	0042009632	22-Dec-23	30-Sep-24	1,210,000.00	
CN4033989	Gillian Beaumont Recruitment Pty Li	Recruitment Services	0042009656	23-Jan-24	24-Jan-25	22,000.00	
CN4033990	HAVELOCK CONSULTING GROUP	Security Threat Risk Assessment	0041014671	9-Feb-24	28-Jun-24	79,500.00	
CN4034384	Gillian Beaumont Recruitment Pty Li	Recruitment Services	0042009661	16-Jan-24	15-Jan-25	22,000.00	
CN4034945	Asdar Nominees Pty Ltd & Barzelai P	Building Lease	0041014677	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-28	6,223,744.00	
CN4036469	FUTURE WOMEN PTY LTD	Future Women Platinum Plus Program 2024	0041014687	20-Feb-24	31-Dec-24	27,500.00	
CN4037875	Gillian Beaumont Recruitment Pty Li	Recruitment Services	0042009679	23-Jan-24	22-Jan-25	22,000.00	

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CN4038905	THE HATCHERY (HUB) PTY LTD	APS Pride Summit	0041014707	13-Mar-24	12-Mar-25	22,960.08	People, Culture & Change
CN4038909	UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA	Secretary Scholarship 2024 Cohort	0041014703	7-Mar-24	31-Dec-24	84,000.00	
CN4038911	THE HATCHERY (HUB) PTY LTD	The Hatchery Credits	0041014701	1-Mar-24	31-Dec-24	49,000.00	
CN4039369	INTREPID MINDS PTY LTD	Education and Training Services	0041014709	1-Nov-23	2-Nov-23	15,796.00	
CN4039927	MEDIBRANDS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD (TRADING AS UNIVERSAL MCCANN)	Media Services	0042009706	12-Mar-24	30-Jun-24	7,150,000.00	
CN4039928	HALL AND PARTNERS PTY LTD	Evaluation Market Research Services	0042009705	7-Mar-24	30-Sep-24	99,055.00	
CN4039945	RELATBL RECRUITING PTY LTD	Recruitment Services	0042009698	24-Jan-24	23-Jan-25	19,497.00	
CN4040759	33 Creative Pty Limited	Advertising	0042009715	15-Mar-24	30-Sep-24	330,000.00	
CN4040764	CAPITAL RECRUIT PTY LTD	Recruitment services	0042009714	5-Feb-24	5-Feb-25	16,000.00	
CN4040769	CAPITAL RECRUIT PTY LTD	Temporary Personnel services	0042009710	7-Feb-24	7-Nov-24	12,499.66	
CN4041929	CLICKS RECRUIT (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Temporay Personnel Services	0042009721	11-Mar-24	14-Jun-24	10,000.00	
CN4042570	GRACE REMOVALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Personnel Relocation	0042009726	14-Mar-24	4-Jun-24	22,000.00	
CN4043141	CULTURE HQ PTY LTD (CULTUREVERSE) CULTUREVERSE	Advertising	0042009729	18-Mar-24	30-Sep-24	275,000.00	
CN4043142	THINK HQ PTY LTD	Advertising	0042009728	18-Mar-24	30-Sep-24	602,460.17	
CN4043144	SPARK & CO	Education and Training Services	41014739	13-Mar-24	28-Jun-24	14,200.00	
CN3981458	AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION	Sponsorship - Recipients Construction Industry Culture Taskforce	41014333	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	110,000.00	Executive
CN4011922	BLOOMBERG AUSTRALIA PTY	Subscription Licence	0041014496	11-Sep-23	11-Sep-24	176,100.21	
CN4022404	INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIPS AUSTRAL	Membership for Infrastructure Partnership Australia	0041014575	1-Nov-23	31-Oct-24	34,199.00	
CN4033095	THE HATCHERY (HUB) PTY LTD	First Nations Leadership and Allyship Summit	0041014665	1-Feb-24	1-Feb-24	21,495.65	
CN4037313	CSIRO-WILDLIFE AND ECOLOGY	Renewable liquid fuels project	0041014692	13-Nov-23	30-Sep-24	275,000.00	
CN4039943	STICKY TICKETS PTY LTD	Garma Tickets 2024	0041014722	1-Mar-24	22-Mar-24	52,071.80	
Communication and Media							
CN3796459	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Contractor	42007861	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	840,369.00	Communication Infrastructure
CN3948663	SPARKE HELMORE LAWYERS	External Probity Advisor	42009128	6-Nov-23	3-Jun-24	75,777.50	
CN3977495	Adam Chant Projectionist	Projector Installation Services	41014295	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	70,000.00	
CN3983892	NATIONAL FARMERS' FEDERATION LIMITED	Regional Tech Hub	41014344	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-26	6,592,190.00	
CN3986268	ACIL ALLEN CONSULTING	Newswire Services Program Evaluation	42009332	12-Jul-23	6-Oct-23	55,000.00	
CN3994568	HOUSTON KEMP PTY LTD	Cost Benefit Analysis	41014397	7-Aug-23	31-Mar-24	198,000.00	
CN3997858	WHON PTY LTD	Executive Training	41014417	23-Aug-23	23-Aug-23	11,440.00	
CN3997869	NOVA SYSTEMS PTY LTD	Professional services	41014403	11-Aug-23	24-Dec-25	182,842.00	
CN3999908	MINGARA AUSTRALASIA PTY LTD	Project Integration Coordinator	41014409	14-Aug-23	31-Dec-24	600,000.00	
CN4004854	AORB Pty Ltd	Development of updated online classification training	0041014462	11-Sep-23	30-Nov-23	52,509.60	
CN4008138	DON MARKUS	Legislative Policy Development	0041014492	18-Sep-23	31-Dec-24	144,000.00	
CN4011895	LANDELL PROBITY PTY LTD	Probity assurance	0042009478	1-Mar-24	30-Apr-24	79,882.55	
CN4011900	MILLS OAKLEY	Probity services	0042009472	11-Oct-23	30-Apr-24	75,000.00	
CN4011919	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Recruitment services	0042009469	3-Oct-23	3-Apr-24	10,754.00	
CN4011923	TALENT INTERNATIONAL Holdings	Recruitment services	0042009464	1-Aug-23	31-Oct-23	13,200.00	
CN4016021	SPARKE HELMORE LAWYERS	Probity Adviser	0042009501	23-Oct-23	28-Jun-24	15,880.00	
CN4016023	.AU ADMINISTRATION LIMITED	Sponsorship	0041014519	28-Aug-23	1-Sep-23	52,514.40	

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CN4016992	NATIONAL FARMERS' FEDERATION LIMITED	Project development Services	0041014546	3-Nov-23	30-Jun-24	215,600.00	Communication Infrastructure	
CN4002893	MEDIBRANDS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD (TRADING AS UNIVERSAL MCCANN)	Advertising Services	41014420	25-Aug-23	22-Sep-23	60,000.00		
CN4017017	Icon Agency Melbourne	PR and content development	0042009508	12-Oct-23	30-Jun-24	349,556.68		
CN3981459	Statista Pte. Ltd	Media Subscription	41014332	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-25	54,040.00		
CN4022401	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Recruitment services	0042009583	4-Dec-23	5-Jan-24	16,233.50		
CN4022402	NOVA SYSTEMS PTY LTD	Technical Assessment Services	0041014580	7-Dec-23	30-Jun-24	75,500.00		
CN4022406	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Recruitment services	0042009576	4-Dec-23	25-Jan-24	26,369.25		
CN4026199	ERNST & YOUNG	Training Services	0042009600	10-Jan-24	22-May-24	79,367.00		
CN4026225	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Recruitment services	0042009580	8-Dec-23	30-Jan-24	16,500.00		
CN4026315	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Recruitment services	0042009606	8-Jan-24	24-Jun-24	83,255.25		
CN4026325	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Recruitment services	0042009562	6-Nov-23	3-May-24	94,739.77		
CN4030416	CAPITAL RECRUIT PTY LTD	Recruitment services	0042009631	22-Jan-24	29-Feb-24	11,286.00		
CN4032673	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Recruitment services	0042009641	2-Jan-24	12-Feb-24	11,440.00		
CN4032677	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Recruitment services	0041014640	2-Jan-24	1-Mar-24	11,440.00		
CN4033077	PWC PRODUCT SALES LLC (US)	Data Subscription Service	0041014660	17-Jan-24	16-Jan-25	26,500.00		
CN4034943	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Placement fee for staff engagement	0042009663	30-Nov-23	23-Feb-24	16,500.00		
CN4035673	Edge Digital Technology Pty Ltd	Theatre management system	0041014681	14-Feb-24	1-Jun-24	30,000.00		
CN4035698	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Recruitment services	0041014683	12-Feb-24	12-Apr-24	10,754.00		
CN4036851	WHON PTY LTD	executive training	0041014686	23-Feb-24	23-Feb-24	15,565.00		
CN4039372	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Placement services	0042009693	6-Mar-24	4-Sep-24	11,440.00		
CN4040766	NICHOLLS.MMC PTY LIMITED ATF NICHOLLS.MMC TRUST	Business Intelligence Consulting Services	0041014727	8-Jan-24	30-Jun-24	27,500.00		
CN4040767	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Temporary Personnel services	0042009712	20-Nov-23	29-Mar-24	16,500.00		
Creative Economy and the Arts								
CN4018512	JULIA FARR ASSOCIATION INC	Facilitation of Arts and Disability Co-Design Working Groups	0041014570	15-Nov-23	29-Feb-24	35,937.75		Office of the Arts
CN3992301	DFP RECRUITMENT SERVICES	Recruitment services	42009365	1-Aug-23	31-Oct-23	32,500.00		
CN3994569	CreatEve Pty Ltd	Application Assessment Services	41014396	20-Jul-23	30-Oct-23	16,500.00		
CN3996368	CATHERINE BISHOP	Application Assessment Services	41014405	8-Aug-23	30-Oct-23	12,650.00		
CN3997868	COLEMANS INK PTY LTD	Printing services	41014408	16-Aug-23	7-Sep-23	12,941.50		
CN4003881	IAS Logistics Pty Ltd	Sensitive transport services	0041014469	8-Sep-23	29-Sep-23	15,125.00		
CN4003882	IAS Logistics Pty Ltd	Sensitive transport services	0041014468	24-Aug-23	29-Sep-23	15,991.65		
CN4003886	Neon Parc	Artbank Acquisition	0041014465	26-Jul-23	31-Dec-23	11,000.00		
CN4003893	ARWARBUKARL CULTURAL RESOURCE ASSOC	Events coordination	0041014451	21-Aug-23	23-Sep-23	72,600.00		
CN4004858	Matthew Lynch	Application Assessment Services	0041014440	22-Aug-23	10-Nov-23	16,500.00		
CN4006893	IAS Logistics Pty Ltd	International Freight UK Repatriation 2023	0041014487	15-Sep-23	31-Oct-23	129,987.79		
CN4006894	IAS Logistics Pty Ltd	International Freight Austria Repatriation 2023	0041014486	19-Sep-23	31-Oct-23	108,977.30		
CN4011905	EDUCATION SERVICES AUSTRALIA LTD	Survey and data analysis services	0041014522	19-Oct-23	28-Jun-24	286,110.00		
CN4011910	Chalk Horse Pty Ltd	Artwork acquisition	0041014515	7-Sep-23	31-Dec-23	12,420.00		
CN4011911	SDR NT Pty Ltd	Artwork acquisition	0041014514	4-Sep-23	31-Oct-23	21,500.00		
CN4011914	Kordamentha Pty Ltd	Financial Services	0042009482	25-Sep-23	30-Dec-23	495,000.00		
CN4011915	IAS Logistics Pty Ltd	Freight Services	0041014510	28-Sep-23	31-Oct-23	18,733.00		

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CN4011916	NEON PARC PTY LTD	Artwork acquisition	0041014507	26-Jul-23	31-Dec-23	11,000.00	Office of the Arts	
CN4011921	IGNITE LIMITED T/A IGNITE	Contractor	0042009466	15-Aug-23	31-Mar-24	68,607.22		
CN4011924	DBD Film Services Pty Ltd	Location Offset Assessment	0041014495	28-Sep-23	15-Dec-23	10,890.00		
CN4015988	Sullivan + Strumpf	Artwork acquisition	0041014517	7-Sep-23	31-Dec-23	12,000.00		
CN4015991	IAS Logistics Pty Ltd	Freight Services	0041014506	28-Sep-23	31-Oct-23	30,918.53		
CN4016013	IAS Logistics Pty Ltd	Crating USA Repatriation	0041014556	10-Nov-23	15-Dec-23	26,777.96		
CN4017009	IGNITE LIMITED T/A IGNITE	Recruitment services	0042009521	15-Aug-23	6-Sep-23	15,572.00		
CN4017015	FACE2FACE RECRUITMENT	Contractor	0042009513	23-Oct-23	23-Apr-24	75,702.00		
CN4018514	IAS Logistics Pty Ltd	Domestic Freight USA Repatriation	0041014567	21-Nov-23	15-Dec-23	32,023.34		
CN4018515	IAS Logistics Pty Ltd	International Freight USA Repatriation	0041014566	21-Nov-23	15-Dec-23	149,107.45		
CN4026217	EDUCATION SERVICES AUSTRALIA LTD	Modernisation of the school library survey	0041014615	20-Dec-23	28-Jun-24	108,900.00		
CN4026314	DATA ANALYSIS AUSTRALIA	Statistical Survey	0041014608	12-Oct-23	28-Jun-24	49,500.00		
CN4026318	Universal McCann	Advertising	0041014621	10-Nov-23	17-Dec-23	81,964.25		
CN4029312	Civica Pty Ltd	Public library catalogue data	0041014647	15-Dec-23	30-Jun-24	13,310.00		
CN4029314	CATHERINE BISHOP	Assessment for the Location Offset	0041014648	25-Sep-23	12-Jan-24	15,180.00		
CN4029315	NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA	Secure storage services and facilities	0041014646	16-Jan-24	16-Jan-27	327,583.00		
CN4032317	CreatEve Pty Ltd	Assessment for the Location Offset	0041014649	2-Dec-23	30-Mar-24	16,500.00		
CN4033991	YAVUZ GALLERY PTY LTD	Artwork acquisition 16757-16758	0041014670	16-Dec-23	31-Mar-24	13,000.00		
CN4035651	MOSENSON GALLERIES	Artwork acquisition 16768	0041014682	20-Dec-23	31-Mar-24	24,000.00		
CN4036472	DESART INC	Artwork acquisition 16736-16743	0041014685	6-Sep-23	31-Mar-24	21,585.00		
CN4042572	RELATBL RECRUITING PTY LTD	Recruitment Support Services	42009727	1-Feb-24	30-Apr-24	17,299.00		
CN4042573	SOPHIE GANNON GALLERY PTY LTD	Art	0041014737	19-Feb-24	5-Apr-24	13,000.00		
CN4011922	BLOOMBERG AUSTRALIA PTY	Subscription Licence	0041014496	11-Sep-23	11-Sep-24	176,100.21		
CN4022404	INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIPS AUSTRAL	Membership for Infrastructure Partnership Australia	0041014575	1-Nov-23	31-Oct-24	34,199.00		
CN4033095	THE HATCHERY (HUB) PTY LTD	First Nations Leadership and Allyship Summit	0041014665	1-Feb-24	1-Feb-24	21,495.65		
CN4037313	CSIRO-WILDLIFE AND ECOLOGY	Renewable liquid fuels project	0041014692	13-Nov-23	30-Sep-24	275,000.00		
CN4039943	STICKY TICKETS PTY LTD	Garma Tickets 2024	0041014722	1-Mar-24	22-Mar-24	52,071.80		
Infrastructure								
CN3991440	STANFIELD RE PTY LTD	Property Management Services	41014371	12-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	79,000.00		Commonwealth Infrastructure Projects
CN3991453	PEPWORLDWIDE PTY LTD	Training	41014377	12-Jul-23	18-Oct-23	10,953.80		
CN4011906	AUST GOVT SOLICITOR-CENTRAL OFF 9090 CENTRAL OFFICE	Legal training	0041014520	1-Nov-23	28-Jun-24	18,000.00		
CN4035319	DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND FINANCE	Project Management Training - AMPLA	0041014679	8-Mar-24	24-Dec-24	38,390.00		
CN3999918	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Contractor	42009389	26-Jul-23	23-Jan-24	125,000.00	Infrastructure Group Advisory & Assurance	
CN4003888	BEVINGTON CONSULTING PTY LTD	Resourcing review	0042009427	13-Sep-23	15-Mar-24	177,210.00		
CN4015974	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Recruitment Services	0042009519	2-Oct-23	3-Nov-23	16,500.00		
CN4032744	MEDIBRANDS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD (TRADING AS UNIVERSAL MCCANN)	Advertising	0042009636	12-Feb-24	29-Feb-24	60,000.00		
CN4035674	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Executive Recruitment Services	0042009665	19-Feb-24	12-Apr-24	62,700.00	Land Transport Instructure	
CN3975284	PAXUS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Labour Hire Contract	42009274	3-Jul-23	2-Jun-24	404,000.00		
CN3977493	TECHITUP PTY LTD	Contractor	42009279	5-Jul-23	7-Jul-24	428,000.00		
CN3978476	PAXUS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Contractor	42009308	3-Jul-23	7-Jul-24	440,000.00		
CN3988548	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Contractor - RPM Taskforce	0042009339	31-Jul-23	2-Aug-24	260,000.00		

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CN3991448	RANDSTAD PTY LTD	NoG placement fee	42009357	13-Jul-23	13-Jul-23	12,650.64	Land Transport Infrastructure	
CN3996367	JACOBS AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED	Provision of Technical Reports	42009373	27-Jul-23	29-Sep-23	113,280.00		
CN3997856	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Contractor	42009387	28-Aug-23	30-Aug-24	410,000.00		
CN3996373	SOURCE NATION PTY LTD TRADING AS NGANYA	First Nations Advisor	41014376	13-Jul-23	29-Sep-23	49,280.00		
CN3999916	MICHAEL PAGE INTERNATIONAL (AUST) P MICHAEL PAGE	Recruitment services	42009391	14-Aug-23	14-Aug-23	15,963.37		
CN4002875	PAXUS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Contractor	42009417	11-Sep-23	15-Sep-24	300,000.00		
CN4002894	RANGEWORTHY ADVISORS S J HALTON T/A	Lead Reviewer	41014407	13-Jul-23	29-Sep-23	88,000.00		
CN4004844	PAXUS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Contractor - RPM	0042009446	25-Sep-23	27-Sep-24	360,000.00		
CN4006891	MICHAEL PAGE INTERNATIONAL (AUST) P MICHAEL PAGE	Non-Ongoing placement fee	0042009456	18-Sep-23	18-Sep-23	14,666.44		
CN4008142	WHON PTY LTD	Extension of Membership	0041014489	17-Aug-23	17-Aug-24	11,440.00		
CN4011918	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Labour Hire Service	0042009470	16-Oct-23	21-Apr-24	220,000.00		
CN4015970	LOGICAL SCOPE PTY LTD	Building works	0041014528	10-Oct-23	30-Jan-24	45,597.10		
CN4015979	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Contractor	0042009497	1-Nov-23	30-Jun-24	287,000.00		
CN4018508	SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL	Local Government Emergency Management Services	0041014568	20-Sep-23	18-Sep-24	120,000.00		
CN4022405	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Labour Hire Services	0042009577	11-Dec-23	30-Jun-24	252,000.00		
CN4022408	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Labour Hire Services	0042009565	2-Jan-24	30-Jun-24	195,000.00		
CN4028970	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Recruitment Services	0042009618	20-Dec-23	29-Feb-24	10,754.00		
CN4033987	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Non-ongoing placement fee	0042009658	15-Dec-23	29-Feb-24	11,440.00		
CN4033988	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Non-ongoing placement fee	0042009657	29-Jan-24	29-Feb-24	11,440.00		
CN4036471	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Contractor - 4 month duration	0042009669	26-Feb-24	30-Jun-24	105,000.00		
CN4037315	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Contractor - 4 months	0042009677	5-Mar-24	30-Jun-24	145,000.00		
CN4038907	MICHAEL PAGE INTERNATIONAL (AUST) P MICHAEL PAGE	NoG Employee	0042009686	28-Feb-24	31-Mar-24	12,980.00		
CN4041035	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Temporary Personnel services	0042009719	27-Feb-24	15-Apr-24	11,440.00		
CN3991450	Horizon One Recruitment Pty Ltd	Contractor	42009356	31-Jul-23	15-Dec-23	125,812.00		Olympic, Paralympic & Sport Infrastructure
CN4016015	BRISBANE ORGANISING COMMITTEE 2032	Olympic Observer Program	0041014540	13-Oct-23	31-Aug-24	10,670.00		
CN4028865	ERNST & YOUNG	Accommodation modelling	0042009612	11-Dec-23	19-Feb-24	99,348.00		
CN4034944	DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND FINANCE	Participation in the 2024 AMPLA program	0041014678	8-Mar-24	24-Dec-24	38,390.00		Road and Vehicle Safety
CN3983896	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Contractor	42009319	5-Jul-23	5-Jul-24	229,500.00		
CN3991460	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Contractor	42009311	3-Jul-23	23-Dec-23	150,045.00		
CN3992304	RANDSTAD PTY LTD	Contractor	42009364	31-Jul-23	31-Dec-23	78,000.00		
CN3991449	QT CANBERRA QT CANBERRA	Function room hire	41014381	20-Jul-23	16-Aug-23	11,820.00		
CN4004852	RANDSTAD PTY LTD	Contractor	0042009431	4-Sep-23	30-Jun-24	85,800.00		
CN4015976	RANDSTAD PTY LTD	Contractor	0042009499	31-Oct-23	15-Oct-24	190,000.00		
CN4015978	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Contractor	0042009498	9-Oct-23	29-Feb-24	57,409.00		
CN4015986	MINTER ELLISON	Privacy Impact Assessment	0042009493	18-Sep-23	1-Mar-24	44,000.00		
CN4016014	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Contractor	0042009517	20-Nov-23	12-Nov-24	178,000.00		
CN4017005	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Contractor	0042009530	4-Dec-23	19-Apr-24	81,500.00		
CN4017006	CAPITAL RECRUIT PTY LTD	Contractor	0042009528	8-Nov-23	29-Mar-24	117,500.00		
CN4017007	CAPITAL RECRUIT PTY LTD	Contractor	0042009527	8-Nov-23	29-Dec-23	28,500.00		
CN4017012	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Recruitment services	0041014544	6-Nov-23	7-Nov-23	14,085.78		

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CN4017013	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Recruitment services	0041014542	14-Nov-23	14-Nov-23	15,104.08	Road and Vehicle Safety
CN4017018	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Recruitment services	0041014536	31-Oct-23	31-Oct-23	16,500.00	
CN4020011	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Contractor	0042009560	20-Nov-23	10-May-24	109,000.00	
CN4028861	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Recruitment services	0042009622	1-Dec-23	16-Jan-24	10,754.00	
CN4028862	RANDSTAD PTY LTD	Contractor	0042009620	1-Jan-24	31-Mar-24	38,000.00	
CN4028863	RANDSTAD PTY LTD	Contractor	0042009619	1-Jan-24	30-Jun-24	145,000.00	
CN4029316	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Contractor	0042009621	2-Jan-24	30-Jun-24	80,000.00	
CN4032340	CALLIDA PTY LTD	RVS CRIS Review	0042009635	21-Dec-23	26-Apr-24	117,760.00	
CN4037874	AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF ROAD SAFETY INCORPORATED	Develop guidance for local governments to undertake risk assessments of their road networks	0041014696	19-Feb-24	3-Oct-24	250,000.00	
CN4037920	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	RVSD APS4 Grants Assessment Officer	0042009682	1-Mar-24	30-Jun-24	55,000.00	
CN4038129	MONASH UNIVERSITY	Road Safety Research Review	0042009683	23-Feb-24	9-Aug-24	171,224.00	
CN4040765	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Temporary Personnel services	0042009713	1-Mar-24	30-Jun-24	55,000.00	
CN4042191	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Temporary Personnel services	0042009725	13-Mar-24	30-Jun-24	55,000.00	
Regions, Cities and Territories							
CN3983897	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Contractor	42009318	10-Jul-23	10-Jan-24	93,000.00	Partnerships and Projects
CN3996371	MURAWIN PTY LTD	Project Support Services	41014401	7-Aug-23	10-Nov-23	222,235.00	
CN3996366	INSTINCT AND REASON PTY LTD	Refresh of the White Paper on Developing Northern Australia	42009376	14-Aug-23	19-Apr-24	198,000.00	
CN4002874	WHON PTY LTD	Staff Development	41014448	23-Nov-23	23-Nov-24	11,500.00	
CN4002888	INSTINCT AND REASON PTY LTD	Program Evaluation	42009404	4-Sep-23	31-Jan-24	89,100.00	
CN4004835	WESTERN PARKLAND CITY AUTHORITY	State & Federal Government Collaboration	0041014479	14-Sep-23	31-Jan-24	100,000.00	
CN4026222	SGS ECONOMICS AND PLANNING	Technical advisory service	0042009590	8-Dec-23	30-Jun-24	109,263.00	
CN4032742	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Contractor	0042009628	29-Jan-24	29-Apr-24	41,000.00	
CN4034385	SCYNE ADVISORY PTY LTD	Middle Arm Commercial Advice	0042009660	7-Feb-24	31-Mar-24	198,473.00	
CN4034386	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	LabourHire	0042009659	15-Feb-24	15-May-24	41,000.00	
CN4037872	GRACE REMOVALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Relocation Services	0041014698	11-Jan-24	30-Jun-24	17,000.00	
CN4038908	McGrath Nicol Advisory Partnership	External probity advisory services.	0042009685	28-Feb-24	31-Dec-24	30,000.00	
CN4038910	DIRECTORS AUSTRALIA	For the provision of end to end board search process for upcoming NAIF Board positions due for expiry in 2024	0042009684	26-Feb-24	30-Jun-24	76,230.00	
CN3986266	THINKPLACE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Facilitate RDA Roundtable Forums	42009325	10-Jul-23	31-Jul-23	29,186.00	
CN3988551	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Contractor	0042009327	30-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	160,000.00	
CN3991443	REGIONAL AUSTRALIA INSTITUTE LTD	Conference Attendance	41014386	13-Sep-23	14-Sep-23	12,100.00	
CN3997860	CAPITAL RECRUIT PTY LTD	Non-Ongoing Placement Fee	42009385	18-Aug-23	9-Sep-23	11,085.67	
CN3999912	AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIA	Sponsorship	41014429	6-Sep-23	7-Sep-23	20,000.00	
CN4002873	CAPITAL RECRUIT PTY LTD	Contractor	42009418	13-Sep-23	28-Jun-24	139,000.00	
CN4003883	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Recruitment services	0042009433	25-Sep-23	27-Sep-24	227,693.70	
CN4003889	CAPITAL RECRUIT PTY LTD	Temporary Personnel services	0042009426	25-Sep-23	28-Jun-24	110,000.00	
CN4004847	CALLEO RESOURCING PTY LTD	Temporary Personnel services	0042009438	25-Sep-23	28-Jun-24	115,000.00	
CN4006900	CAPITAL RECRUIT PTY LTD	Temporary labour hire required to backfill a role.	0041014483	9-Oct-23	12-Apr-24	155,000.00	
CN4011884	CAPITAL RECRUIT PTY LTD	Labour Hire Services	0042009491	23-Oct-23	31-Jan-24	105,000.00	
CN4011887	MEDIBRANDS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD (TRADING AS UNIVERSAL MCCANN)	Advertising Services	0042009489	20-Oct-23	30-Jun-24	55,000.00	
CN4015984	PEPWORLDWIDE PTY LTD	Executive coaching sessions	0042009495	30-Sep-23	30-Jun-24	10,953.80	

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CN4016016	International Assoc for Public Participation Australia	Learning and Development	0041014538	10-Oct-23	12-Oct-23	18,430.00	Regional Development, and Local Government	
CN4016018	CALLEO RESOURCING PTY LTD	Recruitment services	0042009505	30-Oct-23	28-Jun-24	115,000.00		
CN4016996	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Labour Hire Service	0042009546	27-Nov-23	28-Jun-24	107,000.00		
CN4017004	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Recruitment services	0042009531	27-Nov-23	28-Jun-24	100,000.00		
CN4017038	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Labour hire	0042009538	27-Nov-23	28-Jun-24	125,000.00		
CN4022399	CALLEO RESOURCING PTY LTD	Labour Hire Services	0042009584	3-Jan-24	28-Jun-24	108,000.00		
CN4026213	CAPITAL RECRUIT PTY LTD	Recruitment services	0042009603	22-Dec-23	14-Feb-24	10,500.00		
CN4026221	WHON PTY LTD	Education and Training Services	0041014593	22-Nov-23	21-Dec-24	12,375.00		
CN4032676	AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIA	Event Management Services	0041014652	25-Jan-24	8-Jul-24	371,000.00		
CN4033097	CAPITAL RECRUIT PTY LTD	Recruitment services	0042009645	12-Feb-24	12-Aug-24	105,000.00		
CN4033098	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Recruitment services	0042009644	22-Jan-24	22-Jul-24	80,000.00		
CN4034942	MEDIBRANDS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD (TRADING AS UNIVERSAL MCCANN)	Advertising services	0041014675	15-Feb-24	30-Jun-24	12,820.48		
CN4035652	THINKPLACE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Planning Facilitation	0042009666	25-Sep-23	15-Dec-23	33,156.00		
CN4036473	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Labour Hire Engagement	0042009668	12-Mar-24	12-Sep-24	87,701.25		
CN4040763	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Personnel Recruitment	0042009716	9-Feb-24	29-Feb-24	11,440.00		
CN3816136	KUULI PLUNS	Horticultural and Property Maintenance	41013242	31-Aug-23	30-Aug-24	557,770.00		Territories
CN3816145	DIANNE ADAMS CLEANING CONTRACT GOVERNMENT HOUSE	Property Maintenance	41013289	22-Sep-23	21-Sep-24	452,081.24		
CN3950151	CUMMINS SOUTH PACIFIC PTY LTD TRADING AS CUMMINIS	Plant Repairs and Maintenance	41014119	28-Feb-24	30-Jun-24	369,105.90		
CN3955756	DR GARY MITCHELL	Provision of Locum Doctors 2023-2024	41014174	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	398,000.00		
CN3955757	JVARA HEALTH (MATTHEW ECKERSLEY)	Provision of Locum Doctors 2023-2024	41014173	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	398,000.00		
CN3968799	SUMAC CONSULTING PTY LTD SUZANNAH MACKEY	Labour Hire	41014260	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	336,400.00		
CN3970944	NURSE AT CALL .COM PTY LTD BEJAMIN SUTER	Locum Agency Nurses	42009248	11-Aug-23	31-Oct-23	90,000.00		
CN3971484	SYNERGY GROUP AUSTRALIA LTD	External Probity Advisor	42009261	4-Feb-24	31-Aug-24	107,000.00		
CN3975271	ABD RAHIM, MOHMMAD S H	Provision of Locum Doctor Services	41014283	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	333,600.00		
CN3975273	PRESCRIPT RECRUITMENT PTY LTD	Provision of Locum Doctors	41014278	1-Jul-23	11-Jul-23	19,850.00		
CN3977465	OLIVER JAMES DUNCAN	Hepatology and Gastroenterology Services	41014313	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-26	76,500.00		
CN3977467	MILLODON CONSULTING	Contractor - IOT Fisheries Research	41014310	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	83,215.00		
CN3981444	C.I TOURISM ASSOCIATION INC	CI Tourism Services	41014341	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	366,200.00		
CN3981445	Cocos (Keeling) Islands Tourism Association Inc (SDA Payments Only)	CKI Tourism Services	41014340	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	322,250.00		
CN3981447	THERAPY FOCUS LTD RUTH LEE	Allied Health Services	42009316	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	143,133.41		
CN3981448	THERAPY FOCUS LTD RUTH LEE	Allied Health Services	0042009315	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	143,133.41		
CN3981450	THERAPY FOCUS LTD RUTH LEE	Allied Health Services	0042009314	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	143,133.41		
CN3984351	WATSON ISLAND CARPENTRY & EXCAVATIN T/A The Watson Island Family Trust	Replacement of termite damaged beams	41014352	7-Jul-23	14-Jul-23	30,000.00		
CN3986265	STOWE AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED	Provision of Electrical Services	41014356	3-Jul-23	31-Jul-24	50,000.00		
CN3986267	GRAEME PAUL MAGUIRE	Specialist Physician Services	41014353	18-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	70,000.00		
CN3988532	NURSE AT CALL .COM PTY LTD BEJAMIN SUTER	Provision of Ageny Nurses	42009342	18-Jul-23	31-Dec-23	56,100.00		
CN3988533	AVOCA PAINTING	Asbestos Removal from New Military Barracks Amenitites	0041014364	18-Jul-23	28-Aug-23	15,500.00		

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CN3988534	ISLAND TRANSPORT PTY LTD	Provision of Bus Services	0041014363	18-Jul-23	31-Dec-23	465,000.00	Territories
CN3988538	EFFECTIVE PEOPLE PTY LTD	Labour Hire Norfolk Island	0042009337	1-Jul-23	31-Dec-24	2,924,514.26	
CN3988539	ISLAND PLUMBING & GAS	Norfolk Island infrastructure maintenance	0041014359	14-Jul-23	31-Dec-24	2,511,850.55	
CN3988540	HEALTHCARE AUSTRALIA	Provision of Agency Nurses	0042009335	14-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	162,194.64	
CN3988541	HEALTHCARE AUSTRALIA	Provision of Agency Nurses	0042009334	14-Jul-23	31-Dec-23	42,964.32	
CN3988542	HEALTHCARE AUSTRALIA	Provision of Agency Nurses	0042009333	14-Jul-23	31-Dec-23	37,823.20	
CN3991432	ENERGY SKILLS INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD ENERGY SKILLS SOLUTIONS	HV Electrical Switching Operations Training	41014385	21-Jul-23	30-Sep-23	21,124.98	
CN3991434	ANDREW KLOMP	Supply and Install Airconditioning	41014378	21-Jul-23	30-Sep-23	16,482.00	
CN3991435	HEALTHCARE AUSTRALIA	Provision of Agency Nurses	42009353	26-Jul-23	31-Dec-23	132,297.07	
CN3991437	ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE OF AUST (WESTERN OPERATIONS)	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	42009350	17-Jul-23	18-Jul-23	68,606.37	
CN3991438	HEALTHCARE AUSTRALIA	Provision of Agency Nurses	42009349	24-Jul-23	31-Dec-23	63,373.96	
CN3991439	HEALTHCARE AUSTRALIA	Provision of Agency Nurses	42009348	24-Jul-23	31-Dec-23	47,585.76	
CN3991442	PHYSIOTHERAPY POSTURE & PILATES PTY THERESE REEVES	Allied Health Services	42009345	19-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	62,400.00	
CN3991444	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Temporary personnel	42009362	21-Aug-23	20-Aug-24	250,000.00	
CN3991445	DFP BUSINESS TRUST T/A DFP RECRUITMENT SERVICES PTY LT	Temporary employee services	42009361	9-Aug-23	8-Aug-24	250,000.00	
CN3991447	AIRSAFE LABORATORIES PTY LTD	Air Quality Monitoring	41014383	27-Jul-23	31-Aug-23	29,500.00	
CN4020004	NURSE AT CALL .COM PTY LTD BEJAMIN SUTER	Provision of Agency Nurses	0042009563	27-Nov-23	30-Jun-24	69,000.00	
CN3991455	TALENT INTERNATIONAL	Temporary Personnel Services	42009352	19-Jul-23	31-Dec-23	100,000.00	
CN3992298	FIRE & SAFETY SERVICES CO PTY LTD	Inspection & Testing Fire Equipment	41014387	2-Aug-23	30-Jun-24	68,963.80	
CN3994564	COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS SHIRE COUNCIL	Road repairs	41014402	10-Aug-23	30-Jun-24	200,000.00	
CN3994577	MEDICAL AIR PTY LTD	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	42009369	4-Aug-23	5-Aug-23	71,700.00	
CN3996361	MM ELECTRICAL & DATA SUPPLIES	IOT power infrastructure	41014406	14-Aug-23	29-Sep-23	13,650.00	
CN3996363	STATEWIDE OIL DISTRIBUTOR	Supply of Mobilgrad Lubrication Oil	41014404	14-Aug-23	30-Dec-23	42,558.84	
CN3997850	SHIMADZU MEDICAL SYSTEMS (OCEANIA)	Medical Imaging Equipment	41014419	25-Aug-23	30-Jun-24	266,141.12	
CN3997851	JON AND JON CONSULTING PTY LTD	Locum Chief Medical Officer	41014416	24-Oct-23	5-Jan-24	169,249.48	
CN3997852	MEDICAL AIR PTY LTD	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	42009381	14-Aug-23	15-Aug-23	65,000.00	
CN3997853	MEDICAL AIR PTY LTD	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	42009380	6-Aug-23	7-Aug-23	65,000.00	
CN3997854	NURSE AT CALL .COM PTY LTD BEJAMIN SUTER	Provision of Agency Nurses	42009378	17-Aug-23	31-Dec-23	96,000.00	
CN3999902	RELY PACIFIC LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT	Electrical appliances	41014436	29-Aug-23	29-Feb-24	53,478.00	
CN3999904	ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE OF AUST (WESTERN OPERATIONS)	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	42009393	18-Aug-23	19-Aug-23	73,766.91	
CN3999906	PURCELL ASIA PACIFIC LIMITED	Conservation architect services	41014422	28-Aug-23	30-Jun-24	40,000.00	
CN3999907	TRUSTEE FOR KIDD FAMILY TRUST TA AUSTRALIAN ELECTION COMPANY	Election services Norfolk Island	41014415	18-Aug-23	27-Oct-23	122,124.20	
CN3999913	AVOCA PAINTING	Asbestos Removal	41014427	25-Aug-23	15-Sep-23	43,000.00	
CN3999914	GP SERVICES GARRY GEORGE PARSONS	Soil remediation services	41014425	25-Aug-23	30-Sep-23	86,721.29	
CN4002857	GRACE REMOVALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Relocation Services	42009425	11-Sep-23	31-Jan-24	22,191.74	
CN4002858	HAZRAD AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Disposal of Contaminated Equipment and Materials	41014449	11-Sep-23	31-Oct-23	15,614.50	
CN4002859	COCOS ISLANDS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY CATERING DIVISION	Building and Construction	41014444	25-Sep-23	30-Dec-23	23,800.00	
CN4002860	GEOBRUGG AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Structural components	41014443	21-Aug-23	30-Nov-23	31,432.60	

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CN4002861	DR PAUL TAYLOR	Locum Dentist Services IOT	0041014441	1-Oct-23	24-Nov-23	62,841.00	Territories
CN4002863	COCOS ISLANDS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY CATERING DIVISION	Building and Construction	41014439	1-Sep-23	30-Sep-23	25,272.00	
CN4002866	NORFOLK INDUSTRIES	Provision of Rock Products for Construction Projects on Norfolk Island	41014430	30-Aug-23	30-Jun-25	168,000.00	
CN4002867	THE AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL ON HEALTHCAR	Professional Accreditation	41014426	15-Sep-23	30-Jun-24	12,413.00	
CN4002868	ISLAND CABINETS	Kitchen Manufacture	41014423	28-Aug-23	30-Jun-24	26,229.00	
CN4003876	GRACE REMOVALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Relocation Services	0042009435	15-Sep-23	31-Jan-24	16,361.10	
CN4003877	HAPPY JACKS CKI PTY LTD	Pest control	0041014457	22-Sep-23	31-Dec-23	24,662.00	
CN4003878	UFC ULTIMATE FINISH CARPENTRY	Carpentry Services	0041014456	12-Sep-23	31-Jan-24	50,490.00	
CN4003879	NIGAS PTY LTD	Norfolk Island infrastructure maintenance	0041014431	23-Aug-23	31-Jan-24	19,223.00	
CN4004836	ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE OF AUST (WESTERN OPERATIONS)	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	0042009445	2-Sep-23	3-Sep-23	100,778.87	
CN4004837	HEWITT, RODNEY TRADING AS CI REEFER SERVICES	Plumbing and Heating and Air Conditioning	0041014478	20-Sep-23	30-Jun-24	56,520.00	
CN4004838	ST JOHN AMBULANCE AUSTRALIA (WESTERN AUST) INC	*Replacement Ambulance for the Indian Ocean Territories Health Service, Christmas Island	0041014477	19-Sep-23	30-Nov-23	67,165.00	
CN4004839	WORKPAC HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE	Provision of Locum Doctors	0041014476	10-Oct-23	10-Nov-23	57,234.86	
CN4004840	SG FLEET AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Indian Ocean Territories Light Vehicle Replacement Program	0042009440	13-Oct-23	30-Jun-24	169,295.46	
CN4004841	NURSE AT CALL .COM PTY LTD BEJAMIN SUTER	Provision of Agency Nurses	0042009437	18-Sep-23	30-Jun-24	97,500.00	
CN4004842	Northern Refueling Maintenance Pty	Fuel Truck Repairs and Maintenance -Home Island	0041014472	25-Sep-23	15-Nov-23	21,660.14	
CN4004843	UNITED EQUIPMENT PTY LTD	Annual Inspection and Service of EWP and other goods and Services	0041014466	20-Sep-23	31-Jan-24	19,580.50	
CN4006888	HEALTHCARE AUSTRALIA	Provision of Agency Nurses	0042009451	20-Oct-23	30-Jun-24	57,903.60	
CN4006889	PROFORM PRODUCTS PTY LTD	Procuring Kitchen materials for House 47 West Island	0041014482	22-Sep-23	30-Jun-24	10,935.62	
CN4006890	A.C ADAMS & B.C ADAMS	NIHRACS Body Protection Upgrade	0041014481	21-Sep-23	22-Nov-23	75,518.00	
CN4008133	NURSE AT CALL .COM PTY LTD BEJAMIN SUTER	Provision of Agency Nurses	0042009461	2-Jan-24	30-Jun-24	42,500.00	
CN4008134	SEE GEOPHYSICS	Norfolk Island Cemetery Geophysical Survey	0041014493	4-Oct-23	30-Apr-24	31,271.00	
CN4008135	ST JOHN AMBULANCE AUSTRALIA (WESTERN AUST) INC	Training and support to volunteers of st johns ambulance service	0041014491	4-Oct-23	30-Jun-24	91,443.00	
CN4008136	HEALTHCARE AUSTRALIA	Provision of Agency Nurses	0042009460	2-Jan-24	30-Jun-24	51,130.84	
CN4008137	GHD PTY LTD	Provision of environmental and heritage assessments to support Development Applications for Roads Project	0042009459	19-Sep-23	30-Jun-24	174,423.70	
CN4011886	MEDICAL AIR PTY LTD	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	0042009492	18-Oct-23	19-Oct-23	65,000.00	
CN4011888	ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE OF AUST (WESTERN OPERATIONS)	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	0042009487	5-Sep-23	6-Sep-23	73,766.91	
CN4011889	DR HEATHER CONNORS	Provision of Locum Doctor Services	0041014513	15-Nov-23	30-Jun-24	166,000.00	
CN4011890	SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL	Local government services	0041014512	1-Oct-23	30-Jun-26	3,164,149.50	
CN4011891	DUNN INVESTMENTS (WA) PTY LTD	Construction Works	0042009485	11-Oct-23	7-Nov-23	162,000.00	
CN4011892	ACOR CONSULTANTS (ACT) PTY LIMITED	Technical Support	0042009484	13-Oct-23	28-Feb-24	104,500.00	
CN4011893	CHARLOTTE YAGER	Record Digitisation	0041014508	20-Oct-23	30-Jun-24	30,000.00	
CN4011896	HIVAC SERVICES PTY LTD	HV Electricians / Cable Jointers	0041014502	13-Oct-23	15-Dec-23	219,952.00	
CN4011897	BLUE CRAB INVESTMENTS PTY LTD T/A GREGORY CI MAINTENANCE	Construction Works	0042009476	11-Oct-23	7-Nov-23	162,000.00	

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CN4011898	CAPS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Air Compressor	0041014501	22-Sep-23	31-Jan-24	83,689.10	Territories
CN4011899	ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS WA	Electrical Services	0041014500	11-Oct-23	30-Nov-23	26,827.46	
CN4011901	MILLER AVIATION PARTNERS PTY LTD	Technical advice	0041014499	11-Oct-23	30-Jun-25	195,250.00	
CN4011902	GRACE REMOVALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Relocation Services	0042009471	13-Oct-23	31-Mar-24	10,480.13	
CN4011903	GRACE REMOVALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Relocation Services	0042009467	10-Oct-23	31-Jan-24	13,204.10	
CN4011904	GHD PTY LTD	Design Services	0041014497	28-Sep-23	27-Oct-23	48,429.00	
CN4015971	BILL BURTON BUILDING	Replace locks	0041014527	26-Oct-23	30-Jun-24	78,000.00	
CN4015972	SCOTT NORMAN EVANS	Assessment of Regulation permits	0041014524	24-Oct-23	24-Oct-24	49,400.00	
CN4015973	CHRISTMAS ISLAND ENGINEERING & MAINTENANCE PTY LTD	Rock fall fence maintenance	0041014523	23-Oct-23	30-Jun-24	282,010.00	
CN4015983	Horizon One Recruitment Pty Ltd	Contractor	0042009496	21-Aug-23	15-Mar-25	300,000.00	
CN4015992	IGNITE LIMITED T/A IGNITE	Contractor	0042009481	11-Sep-23	15-Mar-24	131,127.75	
CN4016002	WARTSILA AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Wartsila Lubricating Oil Pump	0041014553	8-Nov-23	29-Feb-24	36,222.68	
CN4016003	WARTSILA AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Wartsila generator parts	0041014552	8-Nov-23	31-Mar-24	103,821.34	
CN4016004	WARTSILA AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Wartsila generator parts	0041014550	8-Nov-23	29-Mar-24	254,591.23	
CN4016005	WARTSILA AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Wartsila Generator parts	0041014551	8-Nov-23	15-Jan-24	28,767.84	
CN4016006	CONSULT MARINE PTY LTD	Pier feasibility study	0041014549	14-Aug-23	15-Jan-24	79,420.00	
CN4016007	SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND	Roadworks	0041014539	12-Oct-23	30-Jun-24	180,000.00	
CN4016008	GRACE REMOVALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Relocation Services	0042009510	31-Oct-23	31-Oct-23	19,772.20	
CN4016009	CI MAINTENANCE SERVICES PTY LTD	Pest control	0041014537	15-Sep-23	31-Dec-23	47,715.00	
CN4016010	SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND	Roadworks	0041014535	30-Oct-23	30-Jun-24	600,000.00	
CN4016011	REMOTE CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING	Roof replacement	0041014534	1-Nov-23	31-Mar-24	123,473.00	
CN4016012	Jane Therese Harrington T/a Jane Harrington Consulting	Heritage Specialist	0041014533	23-Oct-23	30-Jun-24	10,000.00	
CN4016017	Elliott Gray	Recruitment Services	0042009507	31-Oct-23	31-Jan-24	25,000.00	
CN4016980	GRACE REMOVALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Relocation Services	0042009544	16-Nov-23	30-Apr-24	10,436.80	
CN4016981	GRACE REMOVALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Relocation Services	0042009543	1-Dec-23	30-Apr-24	15,299.80	
CN4016983	NURSE AT CALL .COM PTY LTD BEJAMIN SUTER	Provision of Agency Nurses	0042009536	13-Nov-23	1-Mar-24	68,000.00	
CN4016984	ELEMENTAL INSIGHT PTY LTD T/A SILVER GROUP	Probity Advisory Services	0042009534	8-Nov-23	30-Jun-25	47,542.00	
CN4016985	COCOS ISLANDS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY CATERING DIVISION	Construction Services	0041014559	15-Dec-23	20-Feb-24	24,900.00	
CN4016986	ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE OF AUST (WESTERN OPERATIONS)	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	0042009529	3-Nov-23	4-Nov-23	94,248.87	
CN4016987	DESIRE FRANCIS BOUDAN	Resurfacing of Carpark	0041014555	3-Nov-23	31-Dec-23	90,175.00	
CN4016988	ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE OF AUST (WESTERN OPERATIONS)	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	0042009526	25-Oct-23	26-Oct-23	81,020.60	
CN4016989	ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE OF AUST (WESTERN OPERATIONS)	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	0042009525	21-Oct-23	22-Oct-23	99,778.87	
CN4016990	MEDICAL AIR PTY LTD	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	0042009524	5-Nov-23	6-Nov-23	76,500.00	
CN4016991	CHRISTIAN BAILEY AGENCIES	COMPACTUS	0041014547	13-Nov-23	30-Jun-24	40,000.00	
CN4016993	CORDELTA PTY. LTD.	Probity Advisor	0042009518	2-Nov-23	31-Dec-24	39,600.00	
CN4016994	GRACE REMOVALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Relocation Services	0042009514	1-Nov-23	30-Nov-23	11,375.00	
CN3988531	Daniel Williams	Provision of Locum Doctors	41014365	3-Oct-23	24-Oct-23	33,000.00	
CN4018509	ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE OF AUST (WESTERN OPERATIONS)	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	0042009556	7-Nov-23	8-Nov-23	71,766.91	

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CN4018510	INDIAN OCEAN OIL COMPANY	Fuel Bund Integrity Works	0041014565	27-Nov-23	29-Feb-24	22,600.00	Territories
CN4018511	DUNN INVESTMENTS (WA) PTY LTD	Trenching works for the Irvine Hill Damage Remediation	0042009553	6-Nov-23	15-Dec-23	30,000.00	
CN4020003	ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE OF AUST (WESTERN OPERATIONS)	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	0042009557	16-Nov-23	17-Nov-23	99,778.87	
CN4020005	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Labour hire contractor	0042009561	27-Nov-23	30-Jun-24	151,676.75	
CN4020006	WAVELENGTH INTERNATIONAL PTY LIMITE	Provision of Locum Doctor Services	0041014572	22-Nov-23	30-Jun-24	43,060.00	
CN4020007	CHRISTIAN BAILEY AGENCIES	Bollards for Kingston Jetty	0041014569	24-Nov-23	30-Jun-24	14,301.00	
CN4020008	NORFOLK ISLAND MECHANICAL	Supply of diesel	0041014561	1-Dec-23	30-Jun-24	29,000.00	
CN4022386	BLUE CRAB INVESTMENTS PTY LTD T/A GREGORY CI MAINTENANCE	Construction Works	41014589	16-Dec-23	31-Mar-24	32,150.00	
CN4022387	GHD PTY LTD	Rock fall mitigation	0041014584	1-Dec-23	28-Jun-24	198,967.00	
CN4022388	CHES POWER GROUP PTY LTD	Mechanical works	0041014578	6-Dec-23	30-Jun-24	151,914.98	
CN4022389	J.SANDERS CONSTRUCTION	Construction Works	0041014577	6-Dec-23	30-Jun-24	221,485.62	
CN4022390	MEDICAL AIR PTY LTD	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	0042009575	29-Nov-23	30-Nov-23	65,000.00	
CN4022391	MEDICAL AIR PTY LTD	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	0042009574	24-Nov-23	25-Nov-23	76,500.00	
CN4022392	DUNN INVESTMENTS (WA) PTY LTD	Construction Works	0042009573	30-Nov-23	31-Dec-23	44,800.00	
CN4022394	CI MAINTENANCE SERVICES PTY LTD	Construction Works	0042009567	27-Nov-23	19-Feb-24	79,077.00	
CN4022407	Universal McCann	Advertising Services	0042009572	31-Oct-23	19-Nov-23	13,518.62	
CN4026194	CARER SOLUTIONS PAYROLL PTY LTD	Payroll administration services	0041014632	1-Jan-24	30-Jun-24	91,208.28	
CN4026195	GRACE REMOVALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Relocation Services	0042009605	2-Jan-24	30-Mar-24	15,000.00	
CN4026196	GRACE REMOVALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Relocation Services	0042009604	21-Nov-23	30-Apr-24	20,473.00	
CN4026197	RICHARD NEIL MORGAN	Locum Doctor Services	0041014630	22-Dec-23	30-Jun-24	129,245.00	
CN4026198	CI REEFER SERVICES PTY LTD	Servicing AC units	0041014628	20-Sep-23	30-Jun-24	56,520.00	
CN4026200	FUTURE POWER WA PTY LTD	Electrical Supervisor	0041014614	2-Jan-24	30-Jan-24	60,943.00	
CN4026202	HIGH ENERGY SERVICE PTY LTD	HV/LV Electrician	0041014613	9-Jan-24	29-Feb-24	78,201.76	
CN4026203	PHYSIOTHERAPY POSTURE & PILATES PTY THERESE REEVES	Physiotherapy Services	0042009597	7-Dec-23	30-Jun-24	62,400.00	
CN4026204	PLATINUM FLOW PLUMBING SOLUTIONS	Plumbing Works	0041014610	6-Nov-23	31-Jan-24	10,120.00	
CN4026205	PLATINUM FLOW PLUMBING SOLUTIONS	Plumbing Works	0041014609	6-Nov-23	31-Jan-24	13,420.00	
CN4026207	DR PAUL TAYLOR	Dental Services	0041014607	8-Dec-23	30-Jun-24	50,331.00	
CN4026208	PK LOH	Medical Services	0041014606	7-Dec-23	30-Jun-24	30,720.00	
CN4026209	ISLAND PLUMBING & GAS	Replacement of UV Filtration System	0041014603	19-Dec-23	30-Jun-24	23,000.00	
CN4026210	MM ELECTRICAL & DATA SUPPLIES	Electrical equipment	0041014595	13-Dec-23	30-Jun-24	64,938.00	
CN4026216	123 TRAINING SOLUTIONS FLOKI PTY LTD ATF FLOKI UNIT TRUST	Training Services	0041014616	7-Feb-24	31-Mar-24	28,000.00	
CN4026226	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Recruitment services	0042009568	4-Sep-23	30-Nov-23	16,500.00	
CN4026308	CASA LEISURE PTY LTD	Management and Operation of the Christmas Island Recreation Centre	0041014631	1-Jan-24	31-Dec-28	4,783,917.00	
CN4026309	JULIEMAN PTY LTD T/A COMPLETE BUILDING SUPPLIES WA	Building roof supplies	0041014627	21-Dec-23	31-Mar-24	36,090.00	
CN4026310	GHD PTY LTD	Design Services	0041014626	21-Dec-23	29-Mar-24	21,791.00	
CN4026311	ST JOHN AMBULANCE WESTERN AUSTRALIA	Paramedic support	0041014625	21-Dec-23	5-Jan-24	48,648.00	
CN4026312	INDIAN OCEAN GROUP TRAINING ASSOCIA	Mechanical Trade Apprentice	0041014624	8-Jan-24	30-Jun-24	44,150.00	
CN4026313	GRACE REMOVALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Relocation Services	0042009596	18-Dec-23	31-Mar-24	33,715.00	
CN4028763	GRIFFIN LEGAL PTY LIMITED	Probity Services	0041014637	8-Jan-24	8-Jul-24	29,891.40	

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CN4028764	LOGICAL SCOPE PTY LTD	Refurbishment Works	0041014636	22-Dec-23	30-Mar-24	14,211.50	Territories
CN4028765	PLATINUM TANK SERVICES PTY LTD	Diesel Fuel Tank Repairs	0041014635	25-Jan-24	30-Jun-24	491,880.64	
CN4028769	WAIDT SERVICES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Contractor	0041014634	22-Jan-24	22-Jan-25	274,195.00	
CN4028948	MEDICAL AIR PTY LTD	Emergency Medical Evacuation on 31/12/23	0042009623	31-Dec-23	1-Jan-24	76,500.00	
CN4028949	ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE OF AUST (WESTERN OPERATIONS)	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	0042009617	28-Dec-23	29-Dec-23	71,766.91	
CN4028950	ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE OF AUST (WESTERN OPERATIONS)	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	0042009616	5-Jan-24	6-Jan-24	94,248.87	
CN4028951	ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE OF AUST (WESTERN OPERATIONS)	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	0042009615	30-Dec-23	31-Dec-23	99,778.87	
CN4028952	MEDICAL AIR PTY LTD	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	0042009614	8-Jan-24	9-Jan-24	110,000.00	
CN4028953	MEDICAL AIR PTY LTD	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	0042009613	10-Dec-23	11-Dec-23	76,500.00	
CN4028967	GP SERVICES GARRY GEORGE PARSONS	Construction Works	0041014642	11-Jan-24	31-Mar-24	33,798.30	
CN4028968	NORFOLK ISLAND REAL ESTATE	Commercial shed Lease agreement	0041014639	12-Jan-24	30-Jun-25	63,000.00	
CN4029310	Kent Moving and Storage	Relocation Services	0042009625	22-Jan-24	22-Apr-24	17,000.00	
CN4029311	GRACE REMOVALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Relocation Services	0042009624	1-Feb-24	30-Apr-24	27,000.00	
CN4029313	ST JOHN AMBULANCE WESTERN AUSTRALIA	Paramedic support	0041014645	15-Jan-24	6-Feb-24	69,192.00	
CN4029324	ECOWISE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Storm water monitoring system	0041014579	6-Dec-23	30-Jun-25	67,347.50	
CN4029586	WATSON ISLAND CARPENTRY & EXCAVATION T/A The Watson Island Family Trust	Renovation Services	0042009626	3-Jan-24	15-May-24	80,000.00	
CN4029668	ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE OF AUST (WESTERN OPERATIONS)	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	0042009627	1-Jan-24	2-Jan-24	71,766.91	
CN4032670	CHRISTMAS ISLAND REMOVALS PTY LTD	Airfreight Services	0041014653	22-Jan-24	29-Feb-24	27,335.00	
CN4032671	MEDICAL AIR PTY LTD	Emergency Medical Evacuation Services	0042009629	12-Jan-24	13-Jan-24	66,200.00	
CN4032672	Specialist Heat Exchangers Ltd	Machinery Supply	0041014650	18-Jan-24	15-Oct-24	680,000.00	
CN3970939	HEALTHCARE AUSTRALIA	Locum Agency Nurses	42009254	1-Jul-23	30-Jan-24	42,395.40	
CN4033074	FIRE & SAFETY SERVICES CO PTY LTD	Integrity Testing	0041014659	30-Jan-24	30-Jun-24	25,240.00	
CN4033075	FUTURE POWER WA PTY LTD	Provision of Labour Hire Services- Electrician	0041014658	30-Jan-24	19-Apr-24	99,478.00	
CN4033089	INDIAN OCEAN AIR CONDITIONING	Install of new Air conditioning	0041014664	1-Feb-24	30-Jun-24	17,700.00	
CN4033090	CI MAINTENANCE SERVICES PTY LTD	instalation of new kitchen	0041014663	31-Jan-24	30-Jun-24	37,095.00	
CN4033091	ISLAND TRANSPORT PTY LTD	School Bus Services	0041014662	2-Feb-24	30-Jan-26	1,858,433.00	
CN4033092	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Recruitment services	0042009646	29-Jan-24	30-May-24	18,250.00	
CN4033231	BLUE CRAB INVESTMENTS PTY LTD T/A GREGORY CI MAINTENANCE	Tiling a house	0041014667	2-Feb-24	30-Jun-24	31,531.00	
CN4033232	HEALTHCARE AUSTRALIA	Provision of Agency Nursing Services to the IOTHS	0042009653	6-Feb-24	30-Jun-24	95,895.64	
CN4033233	HIVAC SERVICES PTY LTD	Provision of Labour Hire Services- HV Electricians/Cable Jointers	0041014666	23-Feb-24	27-Feb-24	111,768.00	
CN4033234	NORFOLK ISLAND REAL ESTATE BRETT READ PTY LIMITED	Leasing of building for housing of large infrastructure materials and machines	0041014657	12-Jan-24	30-Jun-25	59,500.00	
CN4033438	NORFOLK FORWARDING SERVICES PTY LTD	Freight for laundry machines	0041014668	8-Feb-24	31-Mar-24	11,378.24	
CN4033985	THERAPY FOCUS LTD RUTH LEE	Provision of Allied Health Services	0042009655	7-Feb-24	30-Jun-24	143,133.41	
CN4033986	Northern Refueling Maintenance Pty	Fuel Track repairs and Maintenance Home Island	0041014669	9-Feb-24	30-Apr-24	12,990.03	
CN4034024	COCOS ISLANDS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY CATERING DIVISION	Installation of kitchen	0041014651	18-Jan-24	30-Apr-24	40,750.00	

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CN4035318	WATSON ISLAND CARPENTRY & EXCAVATION T/A The Watson Island Family Trust	Replacement of Two Garden Sheds on Cocos (Keeling) Islands	0042009664	16-Feb-24	30-Jun-24	100,715.28	Territories
CN4035672	SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL	Construction Preliminaries	0041014680	26-Feb-24	13-Dec-24	20,000.00	
CN4036849	ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE OF AUST (WESTERN OPERATIONS)	Emergency Medical Evacuation Service	0042009671	31-Jan-24	1-Feb-24	94,248.87	
CN4037308	TYMLEAP PTY LTD TRADING AS ARMSTRONG ELECTRICAL WHO	Supply of 2+1 Ring Main Unit with 4 Transformers and Base	0041014691	23-Feb-24	30-Jun-24	84,059.79	
CN4037309	MEDICAL AIR PTY LTD	Emergency Medical Evacuation Service	0042009676	26-Feb-24	27-Feb-24	76,500.00	
CN4037310	MEDICAL AIR PTY LTD	Emergency Medical Evacuation Service	0042009675	23-Feb-24	24-Feb-24	65,000.00	
CN4037312	MEDICAL AIR PTY LTD	Emergency Medical Evacuation Service	0042009673	17-Feb-24	18-Feb-24	65,000.00	
CN4038128	B. WADDELL CONSULTING ENGINEERS	Cocos (Keeling) Islands Power Infrastructure Structural Inspections	0041014699	19-Mar-24	30-Apr-24	14,700.00	
CN4038897	GHD PTY LTD	Design and Development Application Documentation for Norfolk Island Quarry	0042009689	6-Mar-24	30-Jun-24	434,176.62	
CN4038898	HOSECO AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Supply of Floating Maine Oil Hose for Christmas Island	0041014706	27-Feb-24	30-Sep-24	261,140.00	
CN4038899	TYMLEAP PTY LTD TRADING AS ARMSTRONG ELECTRICAL WHO	Provision of 2+1 ring unit with kiosk and transformer with base	0041014704	29-Mar-24	28-Jun-24	66,818.01	
CN4038900	RPM TECHNICA PTY LTD	Provision of Geriatrician Services	0041014702	7-Dec-23	30-Jun-24	30,720.00	
CN4038901	JON AND JON CONSULTING PTY LTD	Locum Director of Public Health&Medicine	0041014700	27-Feb-24	30-Jun-24	240,387.50	
CN4039363	COTTLES CRUSHER & CONCRETE PTY LTD	Removal of old pavers and replace with new pavers	0041014712	11-Mar-24	30-Jun-24	84,240.00	
CN4039367	SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND	Deliver a Landfill Environment Management Plan	0041014711	15-Mar-24	30-Jun-24	100,000.00	
CN4039929	VENTIA PROPERTY PTY LTD	Additional property services for Norfolk Island - NIHRACS Commonwealth Assets Licence documentation	0042009704	8-Mar-24	1-Dec-24	300,000.00	
CN4039935	MILROCK NOMINEES T/A CI MECHANICAL SERVICES	Engine Investigation Oversight Services	0041014719	11-Mar-24	20-Mar-24	13,000.00	
CN4039939	COCOS ISLANDS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY CATERING DIVISION	Fire Station Roof Replacement, West Island	0041014715	11-Mar-24	28-Jun-24	98,110.00	
CN4039940	CI MAINTENANCE SERVICES PTY LTD	Supply and install Kitchens at 11A & B Silver City Dr	0042009697	1-Mar-24	30-Jun-24	78,040.00	
CN4040758	GRACE REMOVALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Personnel Relocation	0042009717	15-Mar-24	4-Jun-24	16,000.00	
CN4040761	GRACE REMOVALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Relocation Services	0042009709	12-Mar-24	4-Jun-24	17,000.00	
CN4040762	ABP GROUP	Finish Carpentry or Cabinetry	0041014725	13-Mar-24	5-Apr-24	69,707.00	
CN4041034	GRACE REMOVALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Personnel Relocation	0042009718	15-Mar-24	11-Jun-24	22,000.00	
CN4041581	WEST COAST DENTAL	Medical Equipment and Accessories and Supplies	0041014733	14-Mar-24	30-Jun-24	20,850.00	
CN4041582	DWELL REALTY PTY LTD	Property Management Services	0041014732	5-Mar-24	30-Jun-25	197,814.30	
CN4041583	SOUTHERN PEARL SERVICES PTY LTD	Medical Equipment and Accessories and Supplies	0041014731	22-Mar-24	30-Jun-24	22,450.00	
CN4041928	BLUE CRAB INVESTMENTS PTY LTD T/A GREGORY CI MAINTENANCE	Building construction and support and maintenance and repair services	0042009720	20-Mar-24	14-Jun-24	10,589.00	
CN4042189	GRIFFIN LEGAL PTY LIMITED	Management advisory services	0042009723	8-Jan-24	30-Jun-24	29,891.40	
CN4042190	ACKER PTY LTD	Building construction and support and maintenance and repair services	0042009722	21-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	37,795.00	
CN4042571	BIOLINE GLOBAL PTY LTD	Medical Equipment and Accessories and Supplies	0041014736	22-Mar-24	30-Mar-24	34,800.00	
CN4043138	WEROMBI AG & MECHANICAL	Building construction and support and maintenance and repair services	0041014740	27-Mar-24	24-Sep-24	75,000.00	
CN4043139	NURSE AT CALL .COM PTY LTD BEJAMIN SUTER	Healthcare provider support persons	0042009732	26-Mar-24	30-Jun-24	48,000.00	
CN4043140	BLUE CRAB INVESTMENTS PTY LTD T/A GREGORY CI MAINTENANCE	Building construction and support and maintenance and repair services	0042009730	25-Mar-24	30-Jun-24	70,560.00	
CN4043143	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Personnel Recruitment	42009733	26-Feb-24	30-Jun-24	10,754.00	

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Transport							
CN3984353	Horizon One Recruitment Pty Ltd	Contractor	42009322	10-Jul-23	5-Jan-24	76,500.00	Domestic Aviation and Reform
CN3986264	JACOBS GROUP (AUSTRALIA) PTH LTD	Environmental Investigation	42009330	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-26	13,781,808.71	
CN3986272	Universal McCann	Advertising	42009326	17-Jul-23	30-Nov-23	11,000.04	
CN3996372	AERODROME MANAGEMENT SERVICES PTY L	Remote Aerodrome Inspection Services	41014398	7-Aug-23	30-Oct-24	476,949.00	
CN4002864	NORTHERN TERRITORY AIR SERVICES PTY	Air Transport Services	41014438	1-Sep-23	31-Aug-25	1,744,107.00	
CN4003890	PUBLIC AFFAIRS NETWORK PTY LTD	Meeting facilitation services	0041014453	12-Sep-23	15-Dec-23	114,620.00	
CN4011908	SOURCE NATION PTY LTD TRADING AS NGANYA	Community Facilitation Services	0041014518	27-Sep-23	15-Dec-23	111,650.00	
CN4015977	PROXIMITY ADVISORY SERVICES PTY LTD	Probity and Procurement Services	0041014530	25-Oct-23	15-May-24	225,000.00	
CN4026211	JANDAKOT AIRPORT HOLDINGS PTY LTD	PFAS sampling near Jandakot Airport	0041014594	29-Nov-23	30-Apr-24	157,824.70	
CN4026215	GHD PTY LTD	Provide advice on the Sydney Airport	0041014617	8-Jan-24	10-May-24	76,000.00	
CN4026317	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Contractor	0042009601	2-Jan-24	24-Dec-24	238,317.00	
CN4039930	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AUSTRALIA	PFAS Airports Investigation Program - Main Works (Tranche 2 Airports)	0042009703	8-Mar-24	30-Jun-26	971,684.51	
CN4039931	AURECON AUSTRALASIA PTY LTD	PFAS Airports Investigation Program - Main Works (Tranche 2 Airports)	0042009702	8-Mar-24	30-Jun-26	5,566,765.26	
CN4039932	ROYAL MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF TECHNO	Women in Aviation Initiative Approach to Market	0041014721	11-Mar-24	11-Sep-24	280,882.00	
CN4039936	THINKPLACE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Women in Aviation Initiative Approach to Market	0041014718	11-Mar-24	11-Sep-24	474,431.63	
CN4039937	WAI AUSTRALIAN CHAPTER INCORPORATED	Project Management	0041014717	11-Mar-24	11-Mar-25	275,110.00	
CN4039938	CIVIL AVIATION ACADEMY AUSTRALASIA	Women in Aviation Initiative Approach to Market	0041014716	11-Mar-24	11-Sep-24	245,850.00	
CN3988549	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Contractor	0042009338	17-Jul-23	15-Dec-23	112,014.00	International Aviation, Technology and Services
CN3999903	IVE GROUP AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Mailout services	41014428	19-Jul-23	11-Aug-23	370,000.00	
CN3999910	CALLIDA PTY LTD	Financial Management Advisory Services	42009396	1-Sep-23	30-Nov-23	897,360.00	
CN3999915	CENTRE ASIA PACIFIC AVIATION P/L	Data Subscription	41014424	1-Oct-23	30-Sep-24	26,400.00	
CN4002862	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Contractor	42009402	29-Aug-23	1-Mar-25	440,643.52	
CN4002872	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Recruitment services	42009419	4-Sep-23	8-Dec-23	29,000.00	
CN4011925	MEDIBRANDS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD (TRADING AS UNIVERSAL MCCANN)	Advertising Services	0042009462	24-Oct-23	31-Dec-23	24,484.24	
CN4026224	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Recruitment services	0042009588	11-Dec-23	8-Mar-24	27,500.00	
CN4026324	MEDIBRANDS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD (TRADING AS UNIVERSAL MCCANN)	Media Campaign	0042009592	24-Oct-23	17-Dec-23	37,825.69	
CN4032315	MEDIBRANDS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD (TRADING AS UNIVERSAL MCCANN)	Public Notification of CIFS	0042009639	24-Oct-23	17-Dec-23	37,825.69	
CN4033093	DRONESEC PTY LTD	Drone Security Subject Matter Expertise	0041014661	30-Jan-24	8-Feb-24	18,667.00	
CN4034387	Wings Education	AUS PNG MoU Executive Leadership training to transport sector	0041014673	12-Feb-24	30-Jun-24	136,600.00	
CN4039933	JACOBS GROUP (AUSTRALIA) PTH LTD	Biodiversity Offset Delivery Plan Independent Audit	0042009700	12-Mar-24	27-Sep-24	86,677.80	
CN4039941	CBR RECRUITMENT PTY LTD	Scribe services for APS5-EL1 recruitment round for Western Sydney Airport Regulatory Policy Branch	0042009708	18-Mar-24	21-Jun-24	11,000.00	
CN4042192	Australian National University	Management advisory services	0042009724	20-Mar-24	20-Sep-24	209,817.30	

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CN3970951	INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS AUSTR	Professional Memberships	41014267	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-24	19,376.50	Surface Transport Emissions and Policy
CN3991458	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Contractor	42009346	31-Jul-23	31-Jul-24	310,500.00	
CN3992303	PUBLIC AFFAIRS NETWORK PTY LTD	Workshop Facilitation	41014389	13-Jul-23	12-Aug-23	13,400.00	
CN3994578	STAFFING AND OFFICE SOLUTIONS P/L T/A SOS RECRUITMENT	Recruitment services	42009367	27-Jul-23	30-Aug-23	11,220.00	
CN3996362	KPMG	Rail technical expertise	42009372	12-Jul-23	30-Jun-26	880,000.00	
CN3997862	RANDSTAD PTY LTD	Contractor	42009382	28-Aug-23	28-Aug-24	326,500.00	
CN3999917	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Contractor	42009390	4-Sep-23	8-Mar-24	72,000.00	
CN3999920	Adecco Australia P/L	Contractor	42009388	11-Sep-23	23-Feb-24	120,000.00	
CN4002877	RANDSTAD PTY LTD	Contractor	42009415	11-Sep-23	9-Feb-24	110,000.00	
CN4002886	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Recruitment services	42009406	5-Sep-23	26-Sep-23	13,475.85	
CN4006901	THINKPLACE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Workshop facilitator	0042009439	18-Sep-23	30-Jun-24	45,000.00	
CN4015985	REASON GROUP PTY LTD	ICT Scoping and Design Services	0042009494	27-Oct-23	26-Mar-24	330,000.00	
CN4015990	SHU-LING CHEN	Research Services	0041014509	2-Oct-23	20-Dec-23	40,000.00	
CN4018517	Hudson Global Resources (Aust) P/L	Labour Hire Worker	0042009554	27-Nov-23	30-May-24	99,500.00	
CN4028768	GHD PTY LTD	Commercial advice	0042009609	5-Jan-24	31-Mar-24	285,865.00	
CN4033080	WORLD ROAD ASSOCIATION (PIARC) MONDIALE DE LA ROUTE	Association Membership	0041014656	30-Jan-24	31-Dec-24	44,000.00	
CN4033235	HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST)	Temporary Personnel services	0042009652	7-Feb-24	31-May-24	141,741.75	
CN4039364	OECD	International Transport Forum membership contribution	0041014710	7-Mar-24	31-Dec-24	122,000.00	
CN4039370	BIOTEXT PTY LTD	Copy editing of public consultation papers	0042009695	6-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	16,500.00	
Number of Contracts		690	Total Value			\$188,149,760.72 (GST inclusive)	

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CN4011894	33 Creative Pty Limited	Creative Design & Communication Services	0042009479	13-Oct-23	30-Sep-24	253,000.00
CN3986268	ACIL ALLEN CONSULTING	Newsire Services Program Evaluation	0042009332	12-Jul-23	6-Oct-23	55,000.00
CN4011892	ACOR CONSULTANTS (ACT) PTY LIMITED	Technical Support	0042009484	13-Oct-23	28-Feb-24	104,500.00
CN3996372	AERODROME MANAGEMENT SERVICES PTY L	Remote Aerodrome Inspection Services	0041014398	7-Aug-23	30-Oct-24	476,949.00
CN4039931	AURECON AUSTRALASIA PTY LTD	PFAS Airports Investigation Program - Main Works (Tranche 2 Airports)	0042009702	8-Mar-24	30-Jun-26	5,566,765.26
CN4037874	AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF ROAD SAFETY INCORPORATED	Develop guidance for local governments to undertake risk assessments of their road networks	0041014696	19-Feb-24	3-Oct-24	250,000.00
CN4042192	Australian National University	Management advisory services	0042009724	20-Mar-24	20-Sep-24	209,817.30
CN4039944	AXIOM ASSOCIATES (AUST) PTY LTD	Internal Audit Services	0042009699	4-Mar-24	30-Sep-24	200,000.00
CN4003888	BEVINGTON CONSULTING PTY LTD	Resourcing review	0042009427	13-Sep-23	15-Mar-24	177,210.00
CN3999905	BIS OXFORD ECONOMICS	Cost escalation update 2023	0042009392	29-Aug-23	6-Oct-23	82,665.00
CN4032340	CALLIDA PTY LTD	RVS CRIS Review	0042009635	21-Dec-23	26-Apr-24	117,760.00
CN4015975	CAPITAL COMMUNICATIONS PTY LTD T/A CAPITAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONSULTANTS	Strategic Advisor	0041014531	30-Oct-23	30-Jun-24	132,000.00
CN4011912	CHARTERPOINT PTY LTD	Financial Analysis	0042009486	25-Sep-23	29-Feb-24	429,000.00
CN4016993	CORDELTA PTY. LTD.	Probity Advisor	0042009518	2-Nov-23	31-Dec-24	39,600.00
CN4037313	CSIRO-WILDLIFE AND ECOLOGY	Renewable liquid fuels project	0041014692	13-Nov-23	30-Sep-24	275,000.00
CN4033096	DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU	Financial Services	0042009647	1-Feb-24	31-Jan-27	500,000.00
CN4033093	DRONESEC PTY LTD	Drone Security Subject Matter Expertise	0041014661	30-Jan-24	8-Feb-24	18,667.00
CN4016984	ELEMENTAL INSIGHT PTY LTD T/A SILVER GROUP	Probity Advisory Services	0042009534	8-Nov-23	30-Jun-25	47,542.00
CN4039930	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AUSTRALIA	PFAS Airports Investigation Program - Main Works (Tranche 2 Airports)	0042009703	8-Mar-24	30-Jun-26	971,684.51
CN4033094	ERNST & YOUNG	Financial Services	0042009648	1-Feb-24	31-Jan-27	301,020.00
CN4028865	ERNST & YOUNG	Accommodation modelling	0042009612	11-Dec-23	19-Feb-24	99,348.00
CN4026199	ERNST & YOUNG	Training Services	0042009600	10-Jan-24	22-May-24	79,367.00
CN4006892	FIRST AKROW TRUST & BRIAN T WILSON T/A CLAYTON UTZ	Investigation services	0042009455	13-Sep-23	31-Jul-24	55,000.00
CN4028768	GHD PTY LTD	Commercial advice	0042009609	5-Jan-24	31-Mar-24	285,865.00
CN4028763	GRIFFIN LEGAL PTY LIMITED	Probity Services	0041014637	8-Jan-24	8-Jul-24	29,891.40
CN4033990	HAVELOCK CONSULTING GROUP	Security Threat Risk Assessment	0041014671	9-Feb-24	28-Jun-24	79,500.00
CN3994568	HOUSTON KEMP PTY LTD	Cost Benefit Analysis	0041014397	7-Aug-23	31-Mar-24	198,000.00
CN4002888	INSTINCT AND REASON PTY LTD	Program Evaluation	0042009404	4-Sep-23	31-Jan-24	89,100.00
CN3996366	INSTINCT AND REASON PTY LTD	Refresh of the White Paper on Developing Northern Australia	0042009376	14-Aug-23	19-Apr-24	198,000.00
CN4039933	JACOBS GROUP (AUSTRALIA) PTH LTD	Biodiversity Offset Delivery Plan Indenpedent Audit	0042009700	12-Mar-24	27-Sep-24	86,677.80
CN3986264	JACOBS GROUP (AUSTRALIA) PTH LTD	Environmental Investigation	0042009330	1-Jul-23	30-Jun-26	13,781,808.71
CN4011914	Kordametha Pty Ltd	Financial Services	0042009482	25-Sep-23	30-Dec-23	495,000.00
CN3996364	KPMG	Social benefits remote roads consultancy	0042009368	31-Jul-23	22-Dec-23	131,629.30
CN3996362	KPMG	Rail technical expertise	0042009372	12-Jul-23	30-Jun-26	880,000.00
CN4011895	LANDELL PROBITY PTY LTD	Probity assurance	0042009478	1-Mar-24	30-Apr-24	79,882.55
CN4016998	LAWYERBANK	Legal Services 2023 - 2024	0042009542	22-Jan-24	22-Apr-24	226,600.00
CN4038908	McGrath Nicol Advisory Partnership	External probity advisory services.	0042009685	28-Feb-24	31-Dec-24	30,000.00
CN4036470	McGrath Nicol Advisory Partnership	Internal Audit Services	0042009670	4-Mar-24	30-Sep-24	200,000.00
CN4011900	MILLS OAKLEY	Probity services	0042009472	11-Oct-23	30-Apr-24	75,000.00
CN4026223	MINDAVATION PTY LIMITED	Change and Transformation Services	0041014591	2-Jan-24	2-Apr-24	112,000.00
CN4015986	MINTER ELLISON	Privacy Impact Assessment	0042009493	18-Sep-23	1-Mar-24	44,000.00
CN4038129	MONASH UNIVERSITY	Road Safety Research Review	0042009683	23-Feb-24	9-Aug-24	171,224.00

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CN4040766	NICHOLLS.MMC PTY LIMITED ATF NICHOLLS.MMC TRUST	Business Intelligence Consulting Services	0041014727	8-Jan-24	30-Jun-24	27,500.00
CN4018513	NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT	Legal Services 2023 - 2024	0042009558	4-Dec-23	4-Jun-24	240,625.00
CN4022402	NOVA SYSTEMS PTY LTD	Technical Assessment Services	0041014580	7-Dec-23	30-Jun-24	75,500.00
CN3997869	NOVA SYSTEMS PTY LTD	Professional services	0041014403	11-Aug-23	24-Dec-25	182,842.00
CN4039368	PROTIVITI PTY LTD	Internal Audit Services	0042009696	4-Mar-24	30-Sep-24	200,000.00
CN4015985	REASON GROUP PTY LTD	ICT Scoping and Design Services	0042009494	27-Oct-23	26-Mar-24	330,000.00
CN4034385	SCYNE ADVISORY PTY LTD	Middle Arm Commercial Advice	0042009660	7-Feb-24	31-Mar-24	198,473.00
CN4037314	SENTENTIA CONSULTING PTY LTD	Internal Audit Services	0042009678	4-Mar-24	30-Sep-24	200,000.00
CN4022409	SENTENTIA CONSULTING PTY LTD	Purpose and performance redesign services	0042009564	30-Oct-23	31-Jan-24	124,833.75
CN4016982	SENTENTIA CONSULTING PTY LTD	Performance Reporting	0042009541	25-Oct-23	30-Apr-24	124,833.75
CN4011907	SENTENTIA CONSULTING PTY LTD	Internal Audit Services	0042009490	9-Oct-23	30-Apr-24	70,000.00
CN4026222	SGS ECONOMICS AND PLANNING	Technical advisory service	0042009590	8-Dec-23	30-Jun-24	109,263.00
CN4043144	SPARK & CO	Education and Training Services	0041014739	13-Mar-24	28-Jun-24	14,200.00
CN4016021	SPARKE HELMORE LAWYERS	Probity Adviser	0042009501	23-Oct-23	28-Jun-24	15,880.00
CN3948663	SPARKE HELMORE LAWYERS	External Probity Advisor	0042009128	6-Nov-23	3-Jun-24	75,777.50
CN3971484	SYNERGY GROUP AUSTRALIA LTD	External Probity Advisor	0042009261	4-Feb-24	31-Aug-24	107,000.00
CN4006901	THINKPLACE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Workshop facilitator	0042009439	18-Sep-23	30-Jun-24	45,000.00
CN3986266	THINKPLACE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Facilitate RDA Roundtable Forums	0042009325	10-Jul-23	31-Jul-23	29,186.00
Number of Contracts		60	Total Value		\$29,806,987.83	

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SUBJECT: Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap and Action Plan

Talking Points

1. The Australian Government is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 43% below 2005 levels by 2030 and achieve net zero emissions by 2050. Achieving economy-wide targets will require concerted action across all sectors to reduce emissions.
2. The government is developing 6 sectoral plans to support our 2030 and 2050 targets, across key sectors of the Australian economy. One of these sectors is for the transport sector, which contributes 21% of Australia's direct emissions.
3. The Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap and Action Plan, announced in the 2023-24 Budget, will be the transport sectoral plan.
4. The Roadmap will be a comprehensive plan to reduce emissions across all forms of transport and will cover low and zero carbon fuels, new technologies and transport infrastructure to support the transition of the transport sector to net zero.
5. The Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Consultation Roadmap was recently released for public consultation.
6. The government is seeking submissions from stakeholders on the net zero pathways for transport and transport infrastructure as well as the actions or policies that need to be taken by government to support these pathways.
7. Feedback from the public consultation will inform the final Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap and Action Plan, expected to be released in late 2024.

Key Issues

1. Announced in the 2023-24 Federal Budget, the government is investing \$7.8m to develop a comprehensive Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap and Action Plan. The Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap will be the transport sectoral plan, one of the six sectoral plans to drive Australia's emissions to its 2030 and 2050 targets.
2. The Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap and Action Plan will also support national and international commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, capitalise on economic opportunities presented by the net zero transition, provide investors with

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certainty for future investment, and set out a nationally consolidated approach to accelerate decarbonisation.

3. The Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Consultation Roadmap (the Consultation Roadmap) was recently released for public consultation.
4. The formal consultation period for the Consultation Roadmap will run until 26 July 2024.
5. Three main engagement mechanisms are being used to support the consultation:
 - a. **written submissions** – stakeholders are invited to make submissions through the websites of both the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.
 - b. **roundtables and meetings** – the department is delivering online and in person consultation forums with stakeholder, including:
 - consultation workshops with existing reference groups such as the Australian Jet Zero Council; Freight Industry Reference Group; Maritime Emissions Reduction National Action Plan Consultative Group.
 - targeted roundtables with industry peak bodies, academics, environmental organisations and unions. The themes of the 3 roundtables will be: decarbonising road transport; active and public transport; and decarbonising transport infrastructure.
 - workshops with state and territory governments through the ITMM Decarbonisation of Transport Working Group and Infrastructure Decarbonisation Working Group.
 - online information sessions that are open to the public. These sessions will provide an overview of the potential decarbonisation pathways for transport and transport infrastructure and encourage interested parties to make submissions.
 - additional meetings and workshops with interested stakeholders as requested.
 - c. **whole of government processes** – the department is participating in whole-of-government engagement processes for the development of the six sectoral decarbonisation plans. These activities are being led by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water and the Climate Change Authority, with support from the Net Zero Economy Agency. This includes consultation activities with:
 - First Nations, young Australians, unions, workforce organisations, women and cultural and linguistically diverse multicultural communities
 - online workshops for regional consultation

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- online information sessions on the net zero planning process
- whole of economy stakeholder reference group
- state and territory workshops with senior officials.

Background

1. During the development of the Consultation Roadmap, the department undertook preliminary consultation as part of the research and development for the Consultation Roadmap.
2. This included the engagements with over 100 stakeholder representatives from industry, researchers and all levels of government, which can be broken down as follows:
 - a. 57 industry representatives;
 - b. 31 research organisations; and
 - c. 18 state, territory, local government and independent statutory bodies (106 total).
3. Online engagement was available from 7 July until 22 December 2023 for interested stakeholders. The web portal provided a high-level questionnaire about the barriers and opportunities for transport and infrastructure decarbonisation. A copy of the media release for the online survey is provided **Attachment A**.
 - a. the portal received 258 responses. Feedback from this input was analysed and incorporated into the Consultation Roadmap.
4. As part of the development of the Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap and Action Plan, an IDC has been established to oversee this work. The IDC has met 4 times and is attended by 11 government departments and statutory bodies. These are:
 - a. Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts
 - b. Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
 - c. Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
 - d. Department of Defence
 - e. Department of Finance
 - f. Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
 - g. Department of Industry, Science and Resources
 - h. Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
 - i. Austrade
 - j. Treasury
 - k. Climate Change Authority.
5. The Roadmap will build on other transport emissions reduction strategies including the National Electric Vehicle Strategy and the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard, improving

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consumer information including real world emissions testing, promoting sustainable fuels and other emerging technologies for aviation and maritime, establishing an Australian Jet Zero Council, developing a Maritime Emissions Reduction National Action Plan, and engaging with international partners to reduce shipping and aviation emissions. For further details of the policies to reduce emissions in the department's portfolio, see **SB24-000012**.

Attachments

A: Media Release: Call for ideas to help reduce transport emissions

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Media Release

1 December, 2023

Call for ideas to help reduce transport emissions

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts is calling for ideas to help shape the Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap and Action Plan.

This Roadmap and Action Plan is one of six sector plans that will inform Australia's economy-wide 2050 Net Zero Plan. It will examine the potential pathways to achieve a lower emissions future for Australia's road, rail, maritime and aviation sectors.

The Department is making a call out for your input on the key opportunities and barriers to decarbonise the transport sector which will inform the draft Roadmap, planned for release in early 2024.

The Department is already taking a coordinated and collaborative approach to reduce transport emissions through the National Electric Vehicle Strategy, working towards an Australian Fuel Efficiency Standard, developing the Aviation White Paper, chairing the Australian Jet Zero Council and consulting on the Maritime Emissions Reduction National Action Plan.

Visit www.infrastructure.gov.au/netzeroroadmap to provide ideas by Friday, 22 December 2023.

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SUBJECT: Reducing greenhouse gas emissions: Summary of Portfolio Actions

Talking Points

1. This portfolio is making a significant contribution to the Australian Government's climate change agenda and the transition to net zero emissions by 2050.
2. Measures announced in the 2024-25 Budget include:
 - a. \$20.9 million to support the development of a **low carbon liquid fuels** industry to reduce transport emissions.
 - b. \$84.5 million over 5 years to help establish the **New Vehicle Efficiency Standard**, as well as to establish a regulator and facilitate credit trading between manufacturers.
 - c. \$100 million to states and territories to build and upgrade bicycle and walking paths to encourage the use of **active transport** across Australia.
3. To support our 2030 and 2050 net zero targets, the government is also developing **6 sectoral plans** across key sectors of the Australian economy. One of these sectors is the transport sector.
 - a. The transport sector plan was agreed to in the 2023-24 Budget, as the **Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap and Action Plan**. The Roadmap will tie together existing actions and provide a clear strategy and supporting actions to reduce emissions across the transport and infrastructure sectors.

Key Issues

1. Emissions from the transport sector account for 21% of Australia's direct greenhouse gas emissions.
 - a. emissions from **road transport** accounts for 83% of transport emissions
 - b. emissions from **aviation** accounts for 9% of transport emissions
 - c. emissions from **domestic maritime** accounts for 2% of transport emissions
 - d. emissions from **rail** accounts for 4% of transport emissions
 - e. embodied emissions from **transport infrastructure** is estimated to account for 3% of Australia's total emissions.

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Key portfolio actions to decarbonise the transport sector announced in the 2024-25 Budget were:

Future Made in Australia – Making Australia a Renewable Energy Superpower

1. As part of the Future Made in Australia plan, the government will fast-track support for a low carbon liquid fuel industry. This will initially focus on sustainable aviation fuel and

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renewable diesel to support emissions reduction in the aviation, heavy vehicle, rail and maritime sectors.

2. This investment will help move the transport sector towards net zero and create new jobs and industry across Australia. This investment includes:
 - a. \$18.5 million over 4 years from 2024-25 to develop a certification scheme for low-carbon liquid fuels, including sustainable aviation fuels and renewable diesel in the transport sector by expanding the Guarantee of Origin scheme.
 - b. \$1.5 million over two years from 2024-25 to undertake a regulatory impact analysis of the costs and benefits of introducing mandates or other demand-side measures for low carbon liquid fuels.
 - c. investing \$1.7 billion over the next decade in the Future Made in Australia Innovation Fund to support the Australian Renewable Energy Agency to commercialise net zero innovations including low-carbon liquid fuels.
3. The government will undertake targeted consultation to identify options for production incentives to support the establishment of a made in Australia low carbon liquid fuel industry.

New Vehicle Efficiency Standard

1. The New Vehicle Efficiency Standard (NVES) aims to limit the average carbon dioxide emissions across the range of light vehicles sold by each supplier to incentivise the supply of more fuel-efficient petrol, diesel, hybrid and electric vehicles (**SB24-000128** refers).
2. Following extensive consultation, the government introduced the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard Bill 2024, and the New Vehicle Efficiency Standards (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2024 on 27 March 2024.
3. The government will provide \$84.5 million over 5 years to help establish the scheme, a regulator and facilitate credit trading between manufacturers.

Active Transport Fund

1. The government committed \$100 million over 5 years from 2024-25 to state and territories to build bicycle and walking paths to encourage the use of active transport across Australia.
2. This will support zero emissions travel and ensure that people who want to walk and cycle in their local community can do so safely.

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Reducing emissions

Further Government initiatives led by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to reduce emissions include:

1. The Transport Sector Plan – The government is developing a **Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap and Action Plan**. The Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap and Action Plan will be a comprehensive plan to reduce emissions across all forms of transport. The Consultation Roadmap was recently released for public consultation. Consultation will be open until 26 July 2024 (**SB24-000011** refers).
2. Noxious emissions standards – The government is implementing stricter noxious emissions standards for both heavy vehicles (**Euro VI**) and for light vehicles (as **Euro 6**). The government has mandated Euro VI noxious emission standards for newly approved heavy vehicle models supplied from 1 November 2024 and all new heavy vehicles supplied from 1 November 2025.
3. Aviation decarbonisation – The government established the **Australian Jet Zero Council**, to provide advice to government on issues related to the aviation industry's transition to net zero emissions (**SB24-000133** refers).
4. The government is developing an **Aviation White Paper** which will consider (amongst other issues) how to maximise the aviation sector's contribution to achieving net zero carbon emissions (**SB24-000130** refers). The Green Paper was released on 7 September 2023 and the Aviation White Paper is expected to be released in mid-2024.
5. International engagement (aviation) – Australia is supporting initiatives to reduce emissions from international aviation. This includes supporting the **International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) long term aspirational goal (LTAG)** for international aviation to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050. In November 2023, to support the LTAG, ICAO and its Member States agreed to reduce CO₂ emissions in international aviation by 5% by 2030.
6. Maritime policy – The government is developing a **Maritime Emissions Reduction National Action Plan (MERNAP)** to set the strategic direction and commitments to actions to decarbonise our maritime transport sector (**SB24-000127** refers).
7. Infrastructure decarbonisation – The Commonwealth **Infrastructure Policy Statement (IPS)** was released in 2023 to guide the government's investment decisions in land transport infrastructure by focusing on 3 strategic themes – productivity and resilience, liveability and sustainability.
8. Working with states and territories – The **Infrastructure and Transport Ministers' Meetings (ITMM)** provides a forum for progressing priorities of national importance. ITMM has set decarbonisation of transport and infrastructure as a priority and has established two working groups to deliver supporting work programs.

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Supporting adaptation and resilience to climate change impacts

Key Government initiatives led by the department to support adaptation and resilience include:

1. Urban policy – The **National Urban Policy Framework (NUPF)**, which is currently in development, will outline the government's vision for sustainably managing population and economic growth in current and future major urban centres.
2. The **Telecommunications Disaster Resilience Innovation (TDRI) program** will promote the development of new technologies to provide solutions for telecommunications disaster resilience.
 - a. the Government is funding 33 projects for \$17.4 million through the TDRI program to strengthen resilience during and following power outages and natural disasters.
 - b. TDRI includes projects which pilot renewable and hydrogen power alternatives and, if successful, may contribute to reducing carbon emissions in the telecommunications sector.

Supporting regional transition to a net zero economy

The government has committed funding to a range of projects to support regional transition and development outcomes across various states and regions, including:

1. The department is delivering the \$400 million **Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program** to support transformative investment across Australia, including those related to the transition to net zero (**SB24-000075** refers).
2. The government has committed \$100 million to support the **Port of Newcastle and the Hunter region** to become hydrogen-ready. When fully constructed, the Clean Energy Precinct will facilitate clean energy production, storage, transmission, domestic distribution and international export (**SB24-000060** refers).
3. The government has committed \$440 million in planned equity investment to support the development of **Regional Logistic Hubs** along key transport links. These upgrades will provide productive and efficient logistics and resilient supply chains to the regional and remote communities through Central and Northern Australia (**SB24-000069** refers)
4. The government has committed to provide \$565 million for **common-user port infrastructure upgrades at Port Lumsden and Dampier in the Pilbara**. This will support the import and export capability to support and grow the critical minerals, hydrogen and renewable energy industry (**SB24-000070** refers).
5. The **Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)** will continue to provide concessional financing to projects across Northern Australia that deliver economic and social benefits. The NAIF's Statement of Expectations and Investment Mandate 2023 include supporting the transition to net zero.

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SUBJECT: First Nations Partnerships**Talking Points**

- Our portfolio has a significant role to proactively contribute to the Australian Government's national commitment to reconciliation, Closing the Gap and developing genuine partnerships with First Nations peoples for better outcomes.

Key Issues*If asked about staffing appointments for the First Nations Partnerships Division*

- Lil Gordon has been appointed, through a merit selection process, as the First Assistant Secretary, First Nations Partnerships, effect 1 May 2024.
- The Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts originally temporarily appointed Lil Gordon to lead the First Nations Strategy and Outcomes Project in a non-ongoing temporary appointment from 1 November 2022 to 30 June 2023, then further extended to 30 April 2024.
- The annual remuneration of the officer currently holding the SES Band 2 position is \$325,470, plus superannuation.
- In addition, the secretary has engaged two SES Band 1's to work in the First Nations Partnerships Division, one as a non-ongoing temporary appointment from 9 October, 2023 to 9 April, 2025 and one as an ongoing position the department has appointed Assistant Secretary, Tanya Koeneman in the temporary role and Rebekah Hendriks in the ongoing role.
- The annual remuneration of the officer currently holding the non-ongoing SES Band 1 position is \$252,520, plus superannuation and the annual remuneration on the ongoing SES band 1 is \$217,507 plus superannuation.
- As per the department's standard SES conditions, the SES Bands 1 and 2 positions receive a car park at the department's premises and two domestic airline memberships in addition to their salary and superannuation at 15.4%.
- An Agency Head may engage a person for a specified maximum term (18 months or 2 years) in accordance with the Australian Public Service Commissioner's Directions 2022 (amended).

If asked about the current work of the First Nations Partnerships Division

- The First Nations Partnerships Division was established in August 2023, with an additional 8.7 ASL (total ASL 14.7).

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- The Division leads the development and implementation of the First Nations Agreement which includes building cultural capability, strengthening engagement and partnerships with First Nations people and communities, growing First Nations employment and policy advice and coordination. The Division partners across the department to deliver on the department's Closing the Gap, Reconciliation Action Plan and broader First Nation commitments.
- The Division also supports the First Nations Steering Committee, which monitors, and provides accountability and momentum across the department's First Nations outcomes work. The Steering Committee is chaired by the secretary and has a shared leadership model with a majority First Nations membership.
- A critical part of the Division's work is to consider how the department can expedite implementation of the Closing the Gap Priority Reforms. The National Agreement contains four Priority Reforms that focus on changing the way governments work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people:
 - Priority Reform 1 – Partnership and Shared Decision-Making
 - Priority Reform 2 – Building the Community-Controlled Sector
 - Priority Reform 3 – Transforming Government Organisations
 - Priority Reform 4 – Shared Access to Data and Information at a Regional Level

If asked about work undertaken by the department in relation to Closing the Gap
Department activities contributing to progress on the Priority Reforms:

Priority Reform One

- The UN International Decade of Indigenous Languages Directions Group (lead division: Office for the Arts).
- The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages Policy Partnership (lead division: Office for the Arts).

Priority Reform Three

- Our Stories On Country Agreement (lead Division: First Nations Partnerships).
- The First Assistant Secretary is engaged in initiatives across APS to support Priority Reform 3, including but not limited to SES 100, COO Collaboration Circle, and Monitoring and Accountability Framework development.
- As at 31 March, the department employs 71 operative First Nations staff, accounting for 3.2% of the workforce (lead: People Branch).
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Section established, which includes an EL1 Assistant Director Indigenous Liaison (started 5 February) and an APS 6 Indigenous Senior Liaison (started 24 January) (lead: People Branch).

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- The department's Innovate RAP (lead division: First Nations Partnerships).
- A Monitoring and Accountability Framework for Secretaries Board (APS lead: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (department lead division: First Nations Partnerships). To complement this work, the department is collaborating with the Department of Social Services on a project to progress Priority Reform Three.
- Northern Australia Reference Group (lead group: Regions, Cities and Territories).
- The establishment of the First Nations Digital Inclusion Advisory Group (lead division: Communications Infrastructure).

Priority Reform Four

- The Australian Regions and Cities Dashboard (lead division: Communication, Research, Strategy and Parliamentary).
- The Regional Data Hub (lead division: Communication, Research, Strategy and Parliamentary).

The department has responsibility for 3 socio-economic targets, and the First Nations Steering Committee provides monitoring and accountability for progress.

Target 9b: By 2031, all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households:

- within discrete Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander communities receive essential services that meet or exceed the relevant jurisdictional standard;*
 - in or near to a town receive essential services that meet or exceed the same standard as applies generally within the town (including if the household might be classified for other purposes as a part of a discrete settlement such as a "town camp" or "town-based reserve") (lead group: Regions, Cities and Territories).*
- The Closing the Gap Joint Council confirmed the addition of the target under the National Agreement in August 2022.
 - The department is committed to developing delivery options in partnership with First Nations Peak Bodies, communities and jurisdictions to inform its approach to progress outcomes under Target 9b, and embed the Priority Reforms.
 - The department has met with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Association (NATSIHA) as a first step to working in partnership to progress outcomes under Target 9b, and will continue to develop these relationships as a priority.
 - The department is establishing dedicated resources to progress work on the Essential Community Infrastructure socio-economic target team in areas of data development, partnerships and stakeholder engagement. An EL2 and two EL1 positions commenced in January as temporary appointments.

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- The department has not been funded for work necessary to achieve the Essential Community Infrastructure Target, and if progress is going to be made, budget consideration will be required.

Target 16: *By 2031, there is a sustained increase in the number and strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages being spoken (lead division: Office for the Arts).*

- The government funds the Indigenous Languages and Arts (ILA) program which supports organisations working on conserving, revitalising and sustaining First Nations Languages. The ILA program administers a budget of around \$30 million which supports a network of 24 Indigenous language centres throughout Australia with annual operational funding and support for First Nations people to develop, produce, present, exhibit and perform arts projects.
- The Language Policy Partnership (LPP) is the agreed mechanism for driving reform against Target 16 under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap. The structure of the LPP ensures that First Nations organisations and community members are the majority of the membership. The government has provided \$9.7 million over 3 years (from 2022-23 to 2024-2025) to establish the Languages Policy Partnership.
- The government's participation in the United Nations International Decade of Indigenous Languages 2022-32 embeds a best-practice approach to working in partnership with First Nations people to improve outcomes for Australia's Indigenous languages (through the International Decade of Indigenous Languages Directions Group) Australia's National Action Plan for the International Decade – the *Voices of Country* – was launched at the PULiiMA Indigenous Language and Technology Conference in Darwin on 23 August 2023.
- The government has provided \$1.2 million over two years from 2022-23, to fund the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Studies (AIATSIS) to deliver the National Indigenous Languages Survey (NILS).

Target 17: *By 2026, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have equal levels of digital inclusion (lead division: Communications Infrastructure).*

- The First Nations Digital Inclusion Advisory Group (Advisory Group), made up of First Nations experts and funded by the government, provides advice to the government on ways to achieve Target 17 across the telecommunications, media and broadcasting sectors. First Nations perspectives and voices are central in its advice to the Commonwealth.
- The Advisory Group published its initial report on 23 October 2023, available here: www.digitalinclusion.gov.au/publications. Recommendations from the report are being

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considered by the government and have been shared with states and territories for their consideration as well.

- The Advisory Group published a discussion paper to help establish its longer-term digital inclusion roadmap on 1 May 2024.
 - the digital inclusion roadmap will be a plan to meet Target 17 and beyond, and ensure that First Nations people have the information they need to make informed decisions about their lives and communities, consistent with Outcome 17 as part of the government's commitment under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.
 - The Advisory Group will undertake in-person and virtual consultation with First Nations communities and stakeholders on the roadmap.
- On 13 February 2024, the Prime Minister announced that NBN Co would be funded to roll out free Community Wi-Fi in around 20 remote communities, subject to commercial negotiations.
- The 2024-25 Budget includes \$48 million over 3 years for measures to support the digital inclusion of First Nations Australians. These measures include:
 - additional community Wi-Fi in remote communities through a contestable program for the provision of broadband connectivity solutions;
 - the establishment of a First Nations Digital Support Hub and a network of digital mentors; and
 - funding to improve the national collection of data on First Nations digital inclusion.
- These measures will be co-designed with First Nations organisations and communities therefore detailed program information is not available at this early stage.
- The Better Connectivity Plan for Regional and Rural Australia (Better Connectivity Plan) is providing more than \$1.1 billion to rural and regional communities, and is part of the government's investment of more than \$2.2 billion in regional communications.
- The Better Connectivity Plan includes \$656 million, announced in the 2022-23 October Budget over 5 years to improve mobile and broadband connectivity and resilience in regional and rural Australia, with funding reserved for projects that target First Nations communities and contribute towards achieving Target 17.
- The 2023 combined grant opportunity round for Round 3 of the Regional Connectivity Program (RCP) and Round 7 of the Mobile Black Spot Program (MBSP), funded through the Better Connectivity Plan, included dedicated funding for First Nations communities and Central Australia. This combined round is providing \$54.8 million in funding for 44 projects to improve telecommunications services in First Nations communities across Australia.

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- This builds on the government's investment of \$253 million towards 222 place-based telecommunications infrastructure projects funded through the first two rounds of the RCP. 79 projects in Northern Australia are being funded, with many located in remote First Nations communities such as Yirrkala, Napranum and Bidyadanga.
- These upgrades build on the arrangements in place to provide access to baseline broadband, voice and payphone services, including around 570 Telstra payphones in remote First Nations communities, with NIAA separately funding a number of Wi-Fi telephones and community payphones in remote communities.
- Questions regarding updates on National Broadband Network (NBN) First Nations initiatives should be directed towards the NBN.

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SUBJECT: Road Vehicle Safety Regulation**Talking Points**

- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts is responsible for regulating the first supply of new and used vehicles to the Australian market to confirm they meet safety, anti-theft and environmental standards.
- The Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018 (RVSA) commenced on 1 July 2021, replacing the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989 (MVSA). A 24-month transitional period ended on 30 June 2023.
- As at 31 March 2024, there were 3,356,346 vehicles entered on the Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV).

Key Issues*Recent activity*

- Due to a decision by the current service provider to discontinue support for the existing ROVER Portal platform, we are in the process of transitioning the ROVER Portal to a new platform. This change is essential to maintain the system's security and functionality.
- The updated portal, scheduled to launch in mid-June 2024, is also expected to bring system performance improvements.
- Further system enhancements agreed with industry are anticipated to be delivered in the 2024-25 financial year.

Application assessments

- The department receives and decides approximately 900 applications per week.
- Between 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024:
 - 35,313 applications had been received, and
 - 34,016 applications had been decided.
- As at 31 March 2024, the average processing time for an application is 10 days.

Compliance and enforcement

- The RVS provides the department with access to a modern suite of compliance monitoring and enforcement powers via the Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Act 2014 (RPA).
- The RPA contains compliance and enforcement powers including: monitoring warrants, investigation warrants, seeking civil penalties via a court determination, issuing

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infringement notices (i.e. fines), accepting enforceable undertakings and seeking injunctions.

- Between 1 July 2023 and 31 March 2024:
 - the department has accepted 3 enforceable undertakings, with brief details of each published on the department's website.
 - the department has issued two infringement notices to a multinational approval holder.
 - the department has undertaken 14 domestic inspections as part of a targeted campaign of various regulated entities to monitor their compliance with RVS.
- The department has suspended three approvals following investigations of non-compliance.

Recalls

- Suppliers can take voluntary action to recall road vehicles or approved road vehicle components because they may cause injury or they may not comply with applicable standards.
- The department is also responsible for compulsory recalls when it is apparent that a supplier is not taking satisfactory action to rectify unsafe vehicles.
- Road vehicle recalls are published on the department's dedicated recalls website and the progress of the recalls is actively monitored. As at 31 March 2024:
 - 4,924 voluntary recalls are published on the recall's website.
 - on average 4.8 voluntary recalls are published weekly.
- The department has not published a compulsory recall since assuming responsibility for the function from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) on 1 July 2021.

Stakeholder engagement

- The department actively engaged with industry stakeholders throughout the implementation of the RVS legislation.
- Through a comprehensive communications plan, the department continues to engage with and support industry to understand their regulatory obligations.
- Key communication activities include: social media, regular emails, newsletters, guidance materials and resources (guides, videos and flyers); attending industry conferences and events; and hosting regular "open-mic" industry and jurisdiction webinars, as well as topic-specific webinars.

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Recent activity

- RVS News Update newsletter sent monthly to a mailing list of over 6,000 subscribers.
- RVS webinars for industry stakeholders hosted monthly.
- RVS webinars for jurisdictions hosted monthly.
- RVS Testing Facilities webinar for industry stakeholders hosted on 21 March 2024.
- Attendance at 2024 Australian Auto Aftermarket Expo on 11 April 2024.
- Attendance at Caravan Industry Association of Australia's 2024 National Conference from 15 to 17 May 2024.

ROVER

- ROVER is the IT system that supports applications, approvals, recalls and compliance activities under the RVS legislation.
- Since ROVER was initially deployed, there have been eight updates which have added to ROVER's features and functionality.
- Industry has been closely engaged during the development and deployment of these updates.

Background

- The department administers the RVSA and the *Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2019* (together the RVS Legislation), which:
 - sets vehicle standards for all new vehicles entering the Australian market;
 - establishes a RAV;
 - regulates the first supply of new and used vehicles to the market, including all compliance and enforcement activities; and
 - has responsibility for voluntary and compulsory recalls of road vehicles and approved road vehicle components that are unsafe or are non-compliant with national road vehicle standards.
- The RVS identifies two pathways to enter vehicles on the RAV, the type approval pathway and the concessional approval pathway.
- The RVS legislation also sets regulatory requirements for approved entities to test, modify and verify vehicles to be entered on the RAV.

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SUBJECT: Road Safety Data**Talking Points**

- The Australian Government is working with all states and territories to improve road safety through the collection and use of data, and progress is being made.
- A Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) was agreed by all governments on 12 April 2024.
- The DSA:
 - formalises existing data sharing arrangements for road crash data currently collected from jurisdictions; and
 - outlines clear terms of use and processes for on-sharing of road safety data.
- On 2 May 2024, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, the Hon Catherine King MP announced that the government is seeking to include a requirement for the provision of a nationally consistent data set in the Federation Funding Agreement Schedule (FFAS) that is being negotiated with the states and territories.
- The government is also working with state and territory governments to develop a National Data Collection and Reporting Framework and a National Minimum Data Set (NMDS).
 - The Framework and NMDS will identify the road safety data sets needed to inform future planning and policy development for road safety in Australia, and are due for completion by the end of the 2024.
- The National Road Safety Data Hub provides access to nationally consistent, timely and accessible data.
- The Data Hub includes information on fatalities, injuries and enforcement such as that published in the Hospitalised Injuries for Road Crashes Dashboard and the National Crash Dashboard.
- The government has committed an additional \$21.2 million over 6 years from 2024-25 for the National Road Safety Data Hub in the 2024 Budget.
- These various arrangements and tools complement each other:
 - The Data Hub serves as the repository for the data collected and provided by states and territories, as well as a variety of analytical reports.
 - The Framework will articulate what additional information is needed by governments and outline a plan to develop and improve the NMDS over time.
 - new and relevant data sets identified through the Framework and NMDS are expected to be added to the DSA over time as appropriate.

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- The first National Road Safety Annual Progress Report (Progress Report) for the Action Plan, detailing the implementation efforts of all governments throughout 2023, was published on 19 May 2024.

Key Issues*Data Sharing Agreement*

- The DSA is agreed by all jurisdictions and sets out Approved Purposes that govern the on-sharing of restricted data to non-government researchers and other organisations.
- The process and templates for requesting data is being developed by the Australian and all state and territory governments, and will be published on the Data Hub website.
- The DSA is administered by the Road Safety Working Group and will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains fit for purpose.
- The National Road Safety Action Plan 2023-25 set a goal to finalise the DSA by mid-2023. However, negotiations with jurisdictions and extensive legal review meant that the DSA was not finalised until April 2024.

National Data Collection and Reporting Framework and a National Minimum Data Set

- The National Data Collection and Reporting Framework and National Minimum Data Set are part of the commitment under the Road Safety Action Plan to clearly prioritise, continuous improvement for road safety data holdings.
 - data identified in the NMDS but not currently available will be gathered as a priority.
 - as high priority data gaps are filled, additional data gaps, data sources and data use cases will be explored.
- The NMDS will contain a mix of open and restricted access data and will include data from a range of sources including data shared by governments, data from industry and purchased data.

Road Safety Data Working Group

- The Road Safety Data Working Group is part of the formal governance structure for the National Road Safety Action Plan and is comprised of representatives from the Australian and all state and territory governments.
- It reports to the Intergovernmental Steering Committee on Road Safety and is focused on making data available for measuring progress towards the National Road Safety Strategy, agreeing national Dashboard reporting, oversighting development of the NMDS and Framework, and also considering third party access requests under the DSA.

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National Road Safety Strategy's Safety Performance Indicators

- The Safety Performance Indicators (SPIs) have proven challenging to define and measure in practice. There are data gaps and differences in the way each jurisdiction captures the data that need to be reported.
- The working group has made progress towards making data available for the SPIs. Some data against most of the SPIs was published in the National Road Safety Annual Progress Report. Where data sources are incomplete, an alternate measure was used that provided the most comparable set of national data available to what the SPI is seeking to measure.

National Road Safety Data Hub

- The Data Hub was established through the 2020-21 Budget to provide nationally consistent, timely and consumable data and information to support the prevention of fatal and serious injuries on Australian roads.
- During 2023, the National Road Safety Data Hub (Data Hub) supported data improvements for reporting against the National Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 (Strategy) and Action Plan. This included the publication of a Data Catalogue, updated Hospitalised Injuries for Road Crashes Dashboard and Data Tables, as well as updates to the National Crash Dashboard.

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Funding Profile from 2020 Budget – National Road Safety Data Hub

\$ millions	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	TOTAL
Appropriation Budget	1.30	1.40	1.39	1.39	5.48
ASL	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	

New Funding in 2024 Budget – National Road Safety Data Hub

\$ millions	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	TOTAL
Appropriation Budget	4.002	4.568	4.121	4.274	2.110	2.135	21.210
ASL	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	

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SUBJECT: Road Safety Grants**Talking Points**Road Safety Funding

- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts currently administers road safety funding across several programs.
- In the May 2023 Budget, the Australian Government established two clear streams of activity using existing funding, designed to target better road safety outcomes – Major road safety infrastructure funding and Non-infrastructure road safety grants funding.

Non-infrastructure road safety grants funding

- The objective of the non-infrastructure grants is to support the delivery of the government's commitments and priorities outlined in the National Road Safety Action Plan 2023-25 (Action Plan), contributing to improving road safety outcomes across Australia.
- **National Road Safety Action Grants Program (NRSAGP)**
 - a \$43.6 million initiative to deliver key non-infrastructure road safety commitments.
 - \$6 million was committed to the Amy Gillett Foundation (AGF) to deliver the Safe Roads for Safe Cycling Program, which aimed to enhance and embed safe cycling practices into the delivery of road and street infrastructure projects across Australia.
 - \$37.6 million is available across five areas of activity:
 - Community Education and Awareness including workplace road safety: 13 projects have been approved for a total of \$4.9 million.
 - Vulnerable Road Users: 10 projects have been approved for a total of \$4.2 million.
 - Technology and Innovation: applications opened on 15 January 2024 and closed on 31 March 2024. 86 were received. Merit assessment of eligible applications is currently underway.
 - Research and Data: applications opened on 15 January 2024 and closed on 31 March 2024. 92 were received. Merit assessment of eligible applications is currently underway.
 - First Nations Road Safety: applications opened on 15 January 2024 and closed on 5 May 2024. The department conducted 3 online information session focusing on eligibility for this grant funding and how to apply. 27 were received. Merit assessment of eligible applications is currently underway.
 - merit assessments are expected to be completed by early June 2024.

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- details of successful projects will be published on GrantConnect and roadsafety.gov.au, once negotiations with the grantees are completed and all the grant agreements within each area of activity are executed.
- **Car Safety Ratings Program**
 - \$16.55 million over 5 years has been committed to improve testing protocols for new light vehicles and provide safety evaluations for used vehicles.
 - Grant Agreements were executed with:
 - Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP) on 9 April, 2024. Funding of \$16.3 million to be provided over five years to deliver the New Car Safety Ratings stream.
 - Monash University (MUARC) on 27 February 2024. Funding of \$250,000 to be provided over five years to deliver the Used Car Safety Ratings stream.

Key IssuesNational Road Safety Action Grants Program

- The department conducts an initial eligibility assessment of each application received. Applications were assessed against:
 - eligibility to apply and eligibility of grant activities;
 - project budget (including eligible expenditure and the minimum requirement of 30% co-contribution by the applicant towards the total project cost); and
 - completion of required attachments.
- Eligible applications were then assessed against assessment criteria and other applications submitted within the same area of activity.
- Funding decisions were made based on merit and value for money.
 - the allocation of any funding available after the assessment of the three remaining areas of activity will be a matter for government.
- The assessment process is completed accordance with the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines.
- Projects commence upon executed of Grant Agreements. All project activity must be completed by 31 January 2026. The program will end on 30 June 2026.
- Unsuccessful applications: the main reasons applicants were unsuccessful were:
 - not meeting the minimum 30% contribution requirement;
 - not sufficiently addressing the aims and outcomes of the relevant stream, particularly when compared to other applications;
 - not providing sufficient project details or supporting evidence;

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- o unsound project methodology; and
- o missing or incomplete documentation.

Financial Information as at 31 March 2024National Road Safety Action Grants Program

Program/Project Start Date:	2022-23					
Program/Project End Date:	2025-26					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	3.0	10.5	15.7	14.4	0.0	43.6
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	3.0	1.5	-	-	-	
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	3.0	3.7	4.27	3.02	-	13.99
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0.0	6.8	11.43	11.38	0.0	29.61

Note: Committed funds relate to funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient.

Car Safety Ratings Program

Program/Project Start Date:	2023-24						
Program/Project End Date:	2027-28						
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	0	3.21	3.27	3.68	3.04	3.35	16.55
Less:							
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0	3.21	3.27	3.68	3.04	3.35	16.55
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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SUBJECT: Infrastructure Sub-programs**Talking Points**Budget Announcements

- The Australian Government has committed \$13 billion of funding over 10 years from 2024-25 to 2033-34 towards sub-programs under the Infrastructure Investment Program, strengthening its commitment to road safety, resilience and connectivity of our road network.
- At Budget, \$1.35 billion in new funding has been secured in 2033-34 for the following programs:
 - \$1 billion in new **Roads to Recovery** funding;
 - \$150 million in new **Black Spot Program** funding; and
 - \$200 million in new **Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program** funding.
- The government also announced that it will extend the **Road Safety Program** and the **Remote Road Upgrade Pilot Program** by one year, until June 2026. This is in response to state and local governments advising that extreme weather, flooding and supply chain issues are impacting on delivery timeframes.
- In 2024-25 the government has committed:
 - \$650 million for the **Roads to Recovery Program**;
 - \$496.8 million for the **Road Safety Program**;
 - \$131.6 million for the **Black Spot Program**;
 - \$200 million for the new **Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program**;
 - \$78.9 million for the **Regional Level Crossing Upgrade Fund**;
 - \$61.2 million for the **Remote Road Upgrade Pilot Program**; and
 - 292.1 million has also been committed to delivery priority local road and community infrastructure projects under the **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program**.
- The government also announced \$100 million over 5 years for the **new Active Transport Fund**. The government will consult with the states and territories on the design of the program with applications expected to be open in mid-2025. More details are provided in **EC24-000789**.

Key IssuesAdditional funding for subprograms (announced in MYEFO 2023-24)

- The government's Independent Strategic Review of the IIP, announced on 1 May 2023, (the Review) found that local government programs are a critical funding mechanism for

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local roads and infrastructure, but they are administratively burdensome and lack sufficient funding or certainty. More details on the Review are provided in **SB24-000090**.

- In response, on Sunday 19 November 2023, the government announced a significant boost for road safety with increases in funding and changes to Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP) sub-programs to reduce the administrative burden on local councils.
- From 1 July 2024:
 - **Roads to Recovery Program** funding will gradually rise to \$1 billion per year from 2027-28.
 - **Black Spot Program** funding will gradually increase to \$150 million per year.
 - the **Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program** and the **Bridges Renewal Program** will merge into a new **Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program**
 - no funding is being cut for these programs.
 - \$89 million in additional funding was provided for the new program, with approximately \$200 million available per year.
- This increase in funding will be phased in over the 10-year pipeline to avoid putting pressure on inflation, supply costs and the construction labour market. The gradual increase will allow councils and state/territory governments to plan ahead to responsibly build capability and resources to deliver on this commitment.
- Consultation has been undertaken with key stakeholders including local government, their peak bodies such as the Australian Local Government Association and road safety experts such as the Australasian College of Road Safety to ensure that each of the programs is set up to distribute funds fairly, reduce administrative burden and allow more money to be spent on local projects in communities where they are needed most.

Background

- The government makes significant investment in targeted local infrastructure projects across Australia, supporting economic growth and regional development, making travel safer, and increasing community and freight access.
- The *National Land Transport Act 2014* provides the mechanism for payment of IIP sub-program funding, supported by the National Partnership Agreement between the government and state/territory governments.
- IIP sub-programs include:
 - Active Transport Fund (ATF);
 - Black Spot Projects (BSP);
 - Bridges Renewal Program (BRP);
 - Heavy Vehicle Rest Area initiative (HVRA);
 - Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP);

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- Regional Level Crossing Upgrade Fund (RLCUF);
 - Remote Roads Upgrade Pilot Program (RRUPP);
 - Roads to Recovery (RTR) Program;
 - Road Safety Program (RSP – **SB23-000957** refers); and
 - Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP).
- In addition, the temporary Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program provides financial assistance directly to local governments for regional infrastructure development and to support local communities.
 - this program is authorised under section 32B of the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, and listed in Schedule 1AB to the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Regulations 1997.

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Program	Black Spot					
Start Date	1996					
End Date	Ongoing					
Financial year	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	2027-28 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	130.0	131.6	140.0	140.0	150.0	691.6
Less:						
Actual Expenditure	62.0	-	-	-	-	62.0
Committed Funds	38.2	3.6	-	-	-	41.8
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	29.8	128.0	140.0	140.0	150.0	587.8
<i>Notes:</i>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2023-24 committed funds figure represents amount committed to approved projects, less actual expenditure. Uncommitted funds balance reflects funds that have not been allocated to approved projects in 2023-24. ● Commitments to approved projects for 2024-25 are expected to be announced prior to the end of the 2023-24 Financial Year. ● Budget adjustments are made across financial years in instances where project proponents cannot complete works (weather/supply chain/workforce issues), works come in under budget, or overspends occur which impact the Budget allocation for a particular state. Funding is not lost, rather rolled over to the subsequent financial year. For example, in the case of an overspend in a given financial year, the Budget would be reduced in the following financial year to account for the overspend. ● Totals are for forward estimates only, excluding 2023-24. 						

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Program	Roads to Recovery					
Start Date	January 2001					
End Date	Ongoing					
Financial year	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	2027-28 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	618.1	650.0	800.0	950.0	1000.0	3400.0
Less:						
Actual Expenditure	292.5	-	-	-	-	-
Total Committed Funds	235.5	-	-	-	-	-
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	90.1	650.0	800.0	950.0	1000.0	3400.0
<p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding recipients have until April 2024 to amend their work schedule to commit the balance of funds that remain uncommitted as at 31 March 2024 in the 23-24 FY for the current funding period ending June 2024. Funds are not able to be committed under a work schedule until after the RTR List and Funding Conditions instruments are made for the next funding period commencing 1 July 2024. Totals are for forward estimates only, i.e. this excludes 2023-24. 						

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Program	Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP)					
Start Date	Expected from 1 July 2024					
End Date	Ongoing					
Financial year	2023-24 \$m*	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	2027-28 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	185.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	205.0	990.0
Less:						
Actual Expenditure	77.9	-	-	-	-	77.9
Total Committed Funds	107.1	200.0	107.5	82.1	-	496.7
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	-	-	92.5	117.9	205.0	415.4
<p>* Budget and expenditure reported for 2023-24 relates to the current Bridges Renewal and Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Programs.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total uncommitted funds are expected to increase as part of establishing grandfathering arrangements for BRP and HVSPP, and while commitments to older and significantly delayed projects are withdrawn. Projects currently funded under the BRP and HVSPP will be paid under those programs to end of financial year 2023-2024. From 2024-25, projects will be managed under SLRIP until they are complete. Applications for new funding under SLRIP will be open from July 2024. SLRIP guidelines are under development, and consultation has been undertaken to ensure the program is delivered and effective. Guidelines will be available from 1 July 2024. Totals are for 2023-24 to 2027-28. 						

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Budget Information – Full program envelope (rounded to 1 decimal place)

Black Spot Program	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	TOTAL [^]
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Opening Appropriation	130.0	130.0	140.0	140.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	155.0	158.9	150.0	1,473.9
Movements/decisions (Budget)		1.6								-1.6		0
Current Appropriation	130.0	131.6	140.0	140.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	155.0	157.3	150.0	1,473.9

* Figures for 2023-24 are actuals, all other figures are estimates/projections.

[^] Totals exclude 2023-24.

Roads to Recovery	2023-24*	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	TOTAL [^]
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Opening Appropriation	618.1	650.0	800.0	950.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	9400.0
Movement/decisions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current Appropriation	618.1	650.0	800.0	950.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	9400.0

* Figures for 2023-24 are actuals, all other figures are estimates/projections.

[^] Totals exclude 2023-24.

Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program	2023-24*	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	TOTAL [^]
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Opening Appropriation (BRP)	95.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opening Appropriation (HVSP)	90.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opening Appropriation (SLRIP)	-	195.0	195.0	191.5	203.3	203.3	203.3	203.3	203.3	246.8	-	1,844.9
Movements/decisions (Budget)	-	5.0	5.0	8.5	1.7	2.7	3.7	4.7	4.7	-35.9	200.0	200.0
Current Appropriation	185.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	205.0	206.0	207.0	208.0	208.0	210.9	200.0	2,044.9

*Funding in 2023-24 will continue to be paid under the original BRP and HVSP, until SLRIP commences from 2024-25.

[^] Totals do not include 2023-24.

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SUBJECT: Infrastructure Investment Program - Budget Overview**Talking Points**

- The Australian Government remains committed to the 10-year over \$120 billion infrastructure investment pipeline.
- The Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP) is largest part of the pipeline. The IIP provides a rolling program of sustainable transport infrastructure investment.
- As part of the 2024-25 Budget the government is providing \$9.5 billion over the forward estimates and \$16.5 billion over 10 years for new and existing projects in the IIP.
- No state or territory is receiving less funding over the forward estimates when compared to 2023-24 MYEFO.

Key Issues

- The Government is working in partnership with states and territories to deliver nationally significant projects under the IIP.
- As at the 2024-25 Budget the IIP totals \$96.5 billion over the 10 years from 2024-25, consisting of \$83.3 billion towards major infrastructure projects and \$13.2 billion for targeted infrastructure projects through programs such as Roads to Recovery, Black Spot and the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program.

New Projects - \$4.6 billion for 69 projects

- \$4.1 billion over seven years from 2024-25 for 65 new priority state and territory infrastructure projects including:
 - \$1.9 billion for projects in Western Sydney, including \$500.0 million for the Mamre Road Stage 3 Upgrade and \$400.0 million for Elizabeth Drive – Priority Sections Upgrade);
 - \$494.9 million for projects in Western Australia, including \$300.0 million for METRONET High-Capacity Signalling Program – Automatic Train Control – Stage 1;
 - \$444.3 million for projects in the Northern Territory, including \$72.0 million for Port Keats Road – Wadeye to Palumpa (Nganmarriyanga);
 - \$158.0 million was allocated from the Major Project Business Case Fund towards 11 rail and road business cases; and
 - \$237.9 million was allocated from the Northern Australia Roads Program (NARP) unallocated provision for five new projects in the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

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- \$540 million over three years from 2027-28 for the Australian Rail Track Corporation to invest in 4 projects on the Interstate rail network, including \$150 million for the Maroona to Portland Line Upgrade.

Existing Projects - \$10.1 billion

- \$10.1 billion over 11 years from 2023-24 has been committed for existing state and territory infrastructure projects (incorporating projects in corridors), including:
 - \$5.0 billion for projects in Victoria, including \$3.3 billion for North East Link;
 - \$2.3 billion for projects in Queensland, including \$1.2 billion for Direct Sunshine Coast Rail Line;
 - \$1.8 billion for projects in Western Australia, including \$1.4 billion for METRONET; and
 - \$578.6 million for projects in New South Wales, including \$112.0 million for the M1 Pacific Motorway Extension to Raymond Terrace.

Other Investments – \$2.3 billion

- \$100 million over 4 years from 2025-26 to establish the Active Transport Fund to construct and upgrade bicycle and walking paths to encourage the use of active transport
- \$1.7 billion in 2033-34 to continue existing road maintenance and road safety programs, including:
 - \$1.0 billion for the Roads to Recovery Program;
 - \$350.0 million for road maintenance funding for the National Land Transport Network;
 - \$200.0 million for the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program; and
 - \$150.0 million for the Black Spot Program.

Other

- The forward estimates at the 2024-25 Budget is \$1.1 billion higher than at the 2023-24 MYEFO.
- The government also reprofiled \$2.1 billion to beyond the forward estimates to better align with construction market conditions and project delivery timeframes.
- The government has also created 6 new corridors, with these corridors grouping both new and existing projects along strategic national freight routes. The total number of corridors as at the 2024-25 Budget is 35, increasing from 32 at 2023-24 MYEFO and taking into account three corridors being merged into the new Tasmanian Roads corridor.

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- \$154.5 million was allocated from the NARP unallocated provision for the Bruce Highway North corridor for future projects that are consistent with NARP guidelines.

Attachments:**A:** IIP Summary Movement: 2023-24 MYEFO to 2024-25 Budget**B:** New projects announced as part of the 2024-25 Budget**C:** Additional funding for cost pressures announced as part of the 2024-25 Budget**D:** New Projects (Funded through the Major Projects Business Case Fund) as part of the 2024-25 Budget**E:** New Projects (Funded through Northern Australia Roads Program Unallocated) as part of the 2024-25 BudgetReleased under the FOI Act 1982 by the Department of Infrastructure,
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Attachment A: 2023-24 MYEFO to 2024-25 Budget / IIP summary by financial year

IIP Summary – Movement: 2023-24 MYEFO to 2024-25 Budget (\$b)

Period	Investment: 2023-24 MYEFO (\$b)
2023-24	13.0
Forward Estimates (2023-24 to 2026-27)	51.3
10 Year Investment (2023-24 to 2032-33)	96.7

Period	Investment: 2024-25 Budget (\$b)	Net change: 2023-24 MYEFO vs 2024-25 Budget (\$b)
2023-24	13.4	0.5
Forward Estimates (2023-24 to 2026-27)	52.4	1.1
10 Year Investment (2023-24 to 2032-33)	96.5	-0.2

IIP by financial years – Summary (2023-24 to 2033-34), with YTD spend

Payments (\$m)	Current Year^ (\$m)	Forecasts^(\$m)					
		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2026-27	2028-29 to 2033- 34	Total 10 year
2023-24 Paid to Date*	2023-24						
6,495.6	11,871.1	13,416.7	13,574.4	13,459.4	11,916.8	44,165.9	96,533.2

2023-24 payments as at 6 May 2024.

^ Forecasts as at 2024-25 Budget.

Figures are for the total IIP, whereas the forecast figures in the budget papers (for example: Table C.A.6 in the 2023-24 MYEFO papers) focus on the payments to the state's component only. The additional component (for the total IIP) relates to payments to non-state entities (predominantly relates to Grants to the ARTC and Research and Evaluation).

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Attachment B: New projects announced as part of the 2024-25 Budget

2024-25 Budget - IIP Major Projects: New Projects

State	Project name	Total Project Cost (\$m)	AGC (\$m)	State (\$m)	Other (\$m)	Funding Split
ACT	Belconnen Transitway - Planning	0.4	0.2	0.2		50:50:0
ACT	Canberra Light Rail - Stage 2B Planning	100.0	50.0	50.0		50:50:0
ACT	Gungahlin District Road Improvements & Molonglo East-West Arterial - Planning	1.4	0.7	0.7		50:50:0
NSW	Appin Road - St Johns Road Intersection Upgrade	45.0	22.5	22.5		50:50:0
NSW	Cambridge Avenue Upgrade - Planning	100.0	50.0	50.0		50:50:0
NSW	Circular Quay Renewal Program	440.0	220.0	220.0		50:50:0
NSW	Coxs River Road Upgrade	232.0	116.0	116.0		50:50:0
NSW	Critical Renewable Energy Zones Road Infrastructure (Port of Newcastle to Renewable Energy Zone)	20.0	10.0	10.0		50:50:0
NSW	Dixons Long Point Crossing - Planning	10.0	10.0	0.0		100:0:0
NSW	Eastern Ring Road and Badgerys Creek Road South - Planning	25.0	12.5	12.5		50:50:0
NSW	Elizabeth Drive - Priority Sections Upgrade	800.0	400.0	400.0		50:50:0
NSW	Garfield Road East Upgrade	440.0	220.0	220.0		50:50:0
NSW	Golden Highway – Over Size and Over Mass Movements	45.0	22.5	22.5		50:50:0
NSW	Golden Highway - Dubbo to Newcastle Improvement Program – Planning	10.0	5.0	5.0		50:50:0
NSW	Hume Highway Corridor Assessment and Strategy - Planning	10.0	5.0	5.0		50:50:0
NSW	Mamre Road Stage 2 Upgrade	1,000.0	500.0	500.0		50:50:0
NSW	Memorial Avenue Upgrade	246.5	123.3	123.3		50:50:0
NSW	Mount Ousley Safety and Reliability (MOSAR) - Planning	10.0	5.0	5.0		50:50:0
NSW	Mulgoa Road Stage 2 Upgrade	230.0	115.0	115.0		50:50:0
NSW	Nelson Bay Road - Williamtown to Bobs Farm	275.0	137.5	137.5		50:50:0
NSW	Richmond Road Upgrade, M7 Motorway to Townson Road	520.0	260.0	260.0		50:50:0
NSW	South West Sydney Roads - Planning	65.0	32.5	32.5		50:50:0
NSW	Spring Farm Parkway Stage 2 - Planning	15.0	7.5	7.5		50:50:0
NSW	Western Sydney Freight Line Stage 1 - Final Business Case	60.0	30.0	30.0		50:50:0
NSW	Western Sydney Rapid Bus Infrastructure Upgrade, Stages 1 and 2	200.0	100.0	100.0		50:50:0
NSW	Western Sydney Roads - Planning	30.0	15.0	15.0		50:50:0
NSW	Zero Emission Buses Tranche 1 Infrastructure - Macquarie Park Depot	230.0	115.0	115.0		50:50:0
NT	Arnhem Highway Duplication - Stuart Highway to Kostka Road	80.0	64.0	16.0		80:20:0
NT	Barkly Highway Upgrades	50.0	40.0	10.0		80:20:0
NT	Berrimah Road Duplication – Stuart Highway to Tiger Brennan Drive	80.0	64.0	16.0		80:20:0
NT	Duplication of Stuart Highway South of Noonamah to Katherine	4.4	3.5	0.9		80:20:0
NT	National Network Highway Flood Resilience Upgrades	30.0	24.0	6.0		80:20:0
NT	Port Keats Road – Wadeye to Palumpa (Nganmarrilyanga)	90.0	72.0	18.0		80:20:0
NT	Remote Community Access Roads Upgrades	50.0	40.0	10.0		80:20:0
NT	Roystonea Avenue Duplication – Terry Drive to Lambrick Avenue	25.0	20.0	5.0		80:20:0
NT	Sandover Highway Upgrade	29.0	23.2	5.8		80:20:0
NT	Stuart Highway – Schwarz Crescent Intersection Upgrade	12.0	9.6	2.4		80:20:0
NT	Stuart Highway Upgrades	50.0	40.0	10.0		80:20:0
NT	Supporting access to Darwin Port (Stuart Highway, Vanderlin Drive and McMillans Road)	2.5	2.0	0.5		80:20:0
NT	Victoria Highway Upgrades	50.0	40.0	10.0		80:20:0
NT	Weddell Freeway	2.5	2.0	0.5		80:20:0
QLD	Bruce Highway - Pine River Bridge Capacity Upgrade - Plan and Preserve	30.0	15.0	15.0		50:50:0
QLD	Warrego Highway - Bremer River Bridge (Westbound) Strengthening	85.0	42.5	42.5		50:50:0
QLD	Warrego Highway - Mt Crosby Road Interchange upgrade	272.0	134.5	137.5		49:51:0
SA	Adelaide and Regional Rail Network Extensions - Planning	10.0	5.0	5.0		50:50:0
SA	Adelaide Metropolitan Bus Fleet Decarbonisation - Planning	5.0	2.5	2.5		50:50:0
SA	Adelaide Metropolitan Rail Fleet Decarbonisation - Planning	2.0	1.0	1.0		50:50:0
SA	Adelaide Northern Growth Areas - Planning	10.0	5.0	5.0		50:50:0
SA	Main South Road Overtaking Lanes	31.8	15.9	15.9		50:50:0
SA	Mount Barker and Verdun Interchange Upgrades	150.0	120.0	30.0		80:20:0
SA	Riverland Network Flood Resilience Upgrades	20.0	10.0	10.0		50:50:0
Tas.	Arthur Highway - Planning	2.0	1.6	0.4		80:20:0
Tas.	Devonport to Cradle Mountain - Planning	3.1	2.5	0.6		80:20:0
Tas.	Hobart Metropolitan Bus Fleet Decarbonisation	17.0	8.5	8.5		50:50:0
Tas.	Huon Highway Upgrades	50.0	40.0	10.0		80:20:0
Tas.	Hobart Public Transport Infrastructure Planning	52.0	38.5	13.5		74:26:0
Tas.	Lyell Highway – Granton to New Norfolk	100.0	80.0	20.0		80:20:0
Vic.	Bridgewater Road and Portland Ring Road, Portland, intersection upgrade	24.0	12.0	12.0		50:50:0
Vic.	Goulburn Valley Highway and Graham Street, Shepparton, intersection improvements	4.5	2.2	2.2		50:50:0
Vic.	Princes Highway East - Bairnsdale-Dargo Creek Road Intersection	6.8	3.4	3.4		50:50:0
WA	Great Northern Highway – Brooking Channel Bridge Replacement	107.1	53.6	53.6		50:50:0
WA	Great Northern Highway – Fitzroy to Gogo (Kimberley Resilience Program)	107.8	53.9	53.9		50:50:0
WA	METRONET: High-Capacity Signalling Program - Automatic Train Control (The "High-Capacity Signalling Project") - Stage 1	600.0	300.0	300.0		50:50:0
WA	Regional Road Safety Program - State Roads	108.0	54.0	54.0		50:50:0
WA	Westport Project Development	67.0	33.5	33.5		50:50:0
Nat.	ARTC re-railing package	111.0	100.0		11.0	90:0:10
Nat.	ARTC culvert upgrades	140.0	140.0		0.0	100:0:0
Nat.	ARTC track rehabilitation and operational upgrades	327.0	150.0		177.0	46:0:54
Nat.	Replacement of sleepers - Maroona to Portland	150.0	150.0		0.0	100:0:0
			4,604.5			

Attachment D: New Projects (Funded through the Major Projects Business Case Fund) as part of the 2024-25 Budget

2024-25 Budget - IIP Major Projects: Major Decisions - New Projects (Funded through the Major Projects Business Case Fund)

State	Project name	Total Project Cost (\$m)	AGC (\$m)	State (\$m)	Funding Split
ACT	Canberra Light Rail - Stage 2B Planning	100.0	50.0	50.0	50:50:0
NSW	Western Sydney Freight Line Stage 1 - Final Business Case	60.0	30.0	30.0	50:50:0
NT	Duplication of Stuart Highway South of Noonamah to Katherine	4.4	3.5	0.9	80:20:0
NT	Supporting access to Darwin Port (Stuart Highway, Vanderlin and McMillans Road)	2.5	2.0	0.5	80:20:0
NT	Weddell Freeway	2.5	2.0	0.5	80:20:0
QLD	Bruce Highway - Pine River Bridge Capacity Upgrade - Plan and Preserve	30.0	15.0	15.0	50:50:0
SA	Adelaide Metropolitan Bus Fleet Decarbonisation - Planning	5.0	2.5	2.5	50:50:0
SA	Adelaide Metropolitan Rail Fleet Decarbonisation - Planning	2.0	1.0	1.0	50:50:0
SA	Riverland Network Flood Resilience Upgrades	20.0	10.0	10.0	50:50:0
Tas.	Hobart Metropolitan Bus Fleet Decarbonisation	17.0	8.5	8.5	50:50:0
WA	Westport Project Development	67.0	33.5	33.5	50:50:0
			158.0		
Total reallocations of the Major Projects Business Case Fund as part of the 2024-25 Budget			158.0		
Remaining balance of the Major Projects Business Case Fund as part as at the 2024-25 Budget			42.0		

Attachment E: New Projects (Funded through Northern Australia Roads Program Unallocated) as part of the 2024-25 Budget

2024-25 Budget - IIP Major Projects: Major Decisions - New Projects (Funded through Northern Australia Roads Program Unallocated)

State	Project name	Total Project Cost (\$m)	AGC (\$m)	State (\$m)	Funding Split
NT	Arnhem Highway Duplication - Stuart Highway to Kostka Road	80.0	64.0	16.0	80:20:0
NT	Barkly Highway Upgrades	50.0	40.0	10.0	80:20:0
NT	Stuart Highway Upgrades	50.0	40.0	10.0	80:20:0
NT	Victoria Highway Upgrades	50.0	40.0	10.0	80:20:0
WA	Great Northern Highway – Fitzroy Crossing to Gogo (Kimberley Resilience Program)	107.8	53.9	53.9	50:50:0
			237.9		
Other reallocations - not new projects or cost pressures					
QLD	Bruce Highway North Corridor Unallocated - Northern Australia Roads Program (Reallocation of NARP Unallocated)		154.5		
WA	Great Northern Highway Upgrade Ord River North Section (Stage 2) (Administrative Reallocation)		0.2		
			154.7		
Total reallocations of Northern Australia Roads Program Unallocated as part of the 2024-25 Budget			392.5		
Remaining balance of Northern Australia Roads Program Unallocated as at the 2024-25 Budget			0.0		

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SUBJECT: Infrastructure Investment Program Delivery**Talking Points**

- As at the 2024-25 Budget, the Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP) comprises \$96.5 billion of the over \$120 billion rolling ten-year infrastructure investment pipeline (2024-25 to 2033-34).
- In 2023-24, project delivery under the IIP has been impacted by broader construction sector challenges as a result of global and domestic factors, including skills shortages, extreme weather events and cost increases from global inflation pressures.
- Current expenditure for the IIP in 2023-24 is \$6.5 billion against the total full-year allocation of \$11.9 billion. Expenditure is expected to increase in the final two months of 2023-24, consistent with historical trends and normal milestone payments.

Key Issues

- The IIP is the largest component of the 2024-25 Budget over \$120 billion 10-year infrastructure investment pipeline.
 - the pipeline also includes:
 - \$14.1 billion for equity and loans, such as for Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport, Intermodal Terminals and Inland Rail
 - \$12.7 billion for other grants, such as Financial Assistance Grants (Local Roads Component) and Local Roads and Community Infrastructure.
- The majority of YTD 2023-24 expenditure relates to Road Investment (\$4.3 billion) and Rail Investment (\$1.4 billion). Other 2023-24 expenditure includes Roads to Recovery (\$292.5 million), Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan (\$260.5 million), the Black Spot Program (\$62.0 million), Bridges Renewal Program (\$53.0 million) and Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (\$41.6 million).
- By state/territory, the highest spend to date is for New South Wales (\$1,783.6 million), followed by Queensland (\$1,397.3 million), Western Australia (\$1,171.0 million) and Victoria (\$981.8 million).
- **Attachment A:** provides a summary of IIP expenditure from 2016-17 to 2022-23, 2023-24 expenditure as at 2024-25 Budget and a breakdown of active major projects as at 2024-25 Budget.

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Attachment A

IIP Expenditure: 2016-17 to 2022-23

FINAL BUDGET OUTCOME (\$m)						
2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
6,190.8	6,138.2	5,750.2	5,027.7	8,828.9	7,695.9	9,457.2

Current IIP Expenditure for 2023-24

	Year to date (\$m)*	Remaining profile (\$m)*	Current profile (\$m)*
New South Wales	1,783.6	1,659.2	3,442.8
Victoria	981.8	1,113.3	2,095.1
Queensland	1,397.3	927.3	2,324.7
Western Australia	1,171.0	877.8	2,048.8
South Australia	544.4	404.2	948.6
Tasmania	352.0	85.1	437.1
Australian Capital Territory	58.1	24.2	82.2
Northern Territory	147.4	165.1	312.5
National and National Unallocated	59.9	119.3	179.2
Total IIP	6,495.6	5,375.5	11,871.1

*Notes: Expenditure is as at 6 May 2024. Current profile as at 2024-25 Budget.

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State Breakdown of Active Major Projects by status

<u>Project Status</u>	<u>NSW</u>	<u>VIC</u>	<u>QLD</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>SA</u>	<u>TAS</u>	<u>ACT</u>	<u>NT</u>	<u>NAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
In Planning	80	34	57	18	12	19	8	5	5	238
Underway/Under Construction	42	56	41	40	24	19	7	7	5	241
TOTAL	122	90	98	58	36	38	15	12	10	479

- **In Planning:** Projects which may or may not be approved for construction that are undertaking a detailed analysis of requirements, such as a detailed business case and/or collecting information from stakeholders.
- **Under Construction / Underway:** Projects which are approved and have physical works underway, or have commenced in the case of projects without construction works (e.g. funding business case development).

Data as at **14 May 2024 (2024-25 Budget)**. Count excludes completed, cancelled and not currently proceeding projects. The above table does not include projects under Corridors, for which there are **35 Corridors, containing 221 active projects (281 projects in total)**, with active project status as follows: **in planning (125), under construction / underway (96)**.

The above counts also include funding lines for the road safety program and road maintenance funding for the National Land Transport Network.

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SUBJECT: QLD Infrastructure Investment (Road and Rail)**BUDGET 2024-25**

- As part of the 2024-25 Budget, the Australian Government is providing \$2.5 billion to Queensland over the next 10 years under the Infrastructure Investment Program for new and existing projects. This includes:
 - \$192 million for new projects
 - \$2.3 billion in additional funding for existing projects
 - project specific information is at **Attachment A**.
- s47B(a) [REDACTED] This includes 98 active projects and 11 corridors.
- QLD will receive more funding over the forward estimates as compared to 2023-24 MYEFO.

Expenditure/Forecast for the Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP)

Period	Investment: 2023-24 MYEFO (\$b)	Period	Investment: 2024-25 Budget (\$b)	Net change: 2023-24 MYEFO vs 2024-25 Budget (\$b)
2023-24	2.4	2023-24	2.3	-0.1
Forward Estimates (2023-24 to 2026-27)	11.3	Forward Estimates (2024-25 to 2027-28)	11.7	0.5

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2022-23 Final Budget Outcome (\$m)		
Budget ^{^*}	Actual	Underspend [#]
2,347.2	2,138.2	209.0

^{^*} Budget is as at 2023-24 Budget[#] Underspend was re-profiled into 2023-24 and beyond as part of the 2023-24 MYEFO update

Payments (\$m)	Current Year [^] (\$m)	Forecasts [^] (\$m)				
		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	
2023-24 Paid to Date [*]	2023-24					^{s47B(a)}
1,397.3	2,324.7	2,417.3	3,166.6	3,331.1	2,818.8	

^{*} Payments and Actuals as at 06 May 2024[^] Current Year and Forecasts as at 2024-25 Budget

IIP: Active Projects (as at 2024-25 Budget)

In Planning <i>Construction projects in planning or development phase</i>	57 projects Key projects in planning in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade
Underway <i>Planning projects that are active</i>	12 projects Key projects underway in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEQ Growth/ Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games 2032 – Business Case Development Cairns Western Arterial Road Duplication
Under Construction <i>Construction projects that are active</i>	29 projects Key projects under construction in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruce Highway - Rockhampton Ring Road

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coomera Connector Stage 1 (Coomera to Nerang)
Completed <i>Construction or planning project that is complete</i>	33 projects Key projects completed include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burke Developmental Road – Stage 1 (Normanton-Dimbulah) Henry Road- Dohles Rocks Road Upgrade, Griffin

* This table excludes projects allocated to Corridors. The above table is for IIP Major Projects only and excludes smaller projects under programs such as Roads to Recovery, Black Spot Projects, Bridges Renewal, Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity and Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program. The above counts include funding lines for the road safety program and road maintenance funding for the National Land Transport Network.

Corridor	Number of associated projects	Total AGC*including unallocated (\$m)
Bruce Highway South	22	5,614.0
Bruce Highway North	17	1,851.9
M1 Pacific Motorway	7	1,676.3
Bruce Highway Central	20	1,568.0
Bruce Highway Safety Package	4	1,353.1
Warrego Highway	4	470.4
Central West	28	453.5
Cunningham Highway	4	170.0
Outback Way	1	146.0
Gore Highway	3	86.2

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Cape York	4	480.5
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A – 2024 Budget outcomes (New projects and Projects with additional funding)

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Attachment A**Budget 2024-25****Queensland**

Queensland will receive \$2,530,016,000 in Australian Government Funding for new projects and in additional funding to existing programs.

The following new projects will receive Australian Government funding:

Project Name	Total Australian Government Funding (\$)
Warrego Highway - Mt Crosby Road Interchange upgrade	134,500,000
Warrego Highway - Bremer River Bridge (Westbound) Strengthening	42,500,000
Bruce Highway - Pine River Bridge Capacity Upgrade - Plan and Preserve	15,000,000
Total	192,000,000

The following projects will receive additional Australian Government funding:

Project Name	Additional Australian Government Funding (\$)
Direct Sunshine Coast Rail Line	1,150,000,000
Coomera Connector Stage 1 (Coomera to Nerang)	431,650,000
Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade	226,700,000
Relocation of Loganlea Station	39,380,000
Bowen Basin Service Link - Walkerston Bypass	32,550,000
Mt Lindesay Highway - Johanna Street to South Street	21,000,000
Yeppoon Road Upgrade	21,000,000
John Peterson Bridge Upgrade, Mundubbera	7,456,000
Glasshouse Mountains Road (Beerburrum and Palmview)	2,000,000
Coomera Station commuter car park, Coomera	1,960,000
Tamborine-Oxenford Road - Howard Creek Upgrade	1,280,000
Beaudesert Beenleigh Road (Beaudesert and Wolffdene)	1,100,000
Peak Downs Highway (Clermont to Nebo) Wuthung Road to Caval Ridge Pavement Widening and Strengthening	9,500,000
Bruce Highway South Corridor	236,060,000
<i>Bruce Highway - Pine River to Caloundra Road Smart Motorways (Stage 2)</i>	
<i>Widen Bruce Highway in Brisbane (Dohles Rocks Road to Anzac Avenue)</i>	
<i>Bruce Highway - Deception Bay Road Interchange Upgrade</i>	
<i>Bruce Highway - Cooroy to Curra - Section D</i>	

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<i>Bruce Highway - Maroochydore Road and Mons Road Interchanges Upgrade</i>	
<i>Bruce Highway - Linkfield Road Overpass</i>	
Cape York Corridor	68,500,000
<i>Peninsula Developmental Road</i>	
Bruce Highway North Corridor	61,680,000
<i>Bruce Highway – Cairns Southern Access – Stage 3 – Edmonton to Gordonvale</i>	
<i>Bruce Highway – Townsville Northern Access Intersections Upgrade</i>	
<i>Bruce Highway – Cairns Southern Access Corridor – Robert Road to Foster Road</i>	
<i>Bruce Highway – Gairloch Floodway – improved flood immunity</i>	
Central West Corridor	14,888,000
<i>Capricorn Highway and Gregory Highway Intersection Upgrade (Emerald)</i>	
<i>Flinders Highway (Julia Creek to Cloncurry) - Scrubby Creek Pavement Strengthening and Widening</i>	
<i>Flinders Highway (Townsville - Charters Towers) Overtaking Lanes - Packages 1 and 2</i>	
Gore Highway Corridor	9,792,000
<i>Toowoomba to Seymour - Gore Highway (Pittsworth to Millmerran) Road Surface Rehabilitation</i>	
<i>Gore Highway (Millmerran - Goondiwindi): Wyaga Creek Flood Improvement</i>	
Cunningham Highway Corridor	1,520,000
<i>Cunningham Highway - Safety Package</i>	
Total	2,338,016,000

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SB24-000083

SUBJECT: WA Infrastructure Investment (Road and Rail)**BUDGET 2024-25**

- As part of the 2024-25 Budget, the Australian Government is providing \$2.3 billion to WA over the next 10 years under the Infrastructure Investment Program for new and existing projects. This includes:
 - \$495 million for new projects; and
 - \$1.8 billion in additional funding for existing projects.
- Project specific information is at **Attachment A**.
- s47B(a) [REDACTED] This includes 58 active projects and 6 corridors.
- WA will receive more funding over the forward estimates as compared to 2023-24 MYEFO.

Expenditure/Forecast for the Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP)

Period	Investment: 2023-24 MYEFO (\$b)	Period	Investment: 2024-25 Budget (\$b)	Net change: 2023-24 MYEFO vs 2024-25 Budget (\$b)
2023-24	2.3	2023-24	2.0	-0.3
Forward Estimates (2023-24 to 2026-27)	6.8	Forward Estimates (2024-25 to 2027-28)	7.0	0.1

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2022-23 Final Budget Outcome (\$m)		
Budget ^{^*}	Actual	Underspend [#]
1,718.9	1,681.1	37.9

^{^*} Budget is as at 2023-24 Budget[#] Underspend was re-profiled into 2023-24 and beyond as part of the 2023-24 MYEFO update

Payments (\$m)	Current Year [^] (\$m)	Forecasts [^] (\$m)				s47B(a)
		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	
2023-24 Paid to Date [*]						
1,171.0	2,048.8	2,924.2	1,966.2	1,407.3	659.7	

^{*} Payments and Actuals as at 06 May 2024[^] Current Year and Forecasts as at 2024-25 Budget

IIP: Active Projects (as at 2024-25 Budget)

In Planning <i>Construction projects in planning or development phase</i>	18 projects Key projects in planning in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fremantle Traffic Bridge (Swan River Crossing) Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure Outback Way Corridor Upgrade (WA) – Great Central Road
Underway <i>Planning projects that are active</i>	7 projects Key projects underway in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orrong Road Upgrade Perth to Bunbury Faster Rail Business Case
Under Construction <i>Construction projects that are active</i>	33 projects Key projects under construction in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bunbury Outer Ring Road (stages 2 and 3) Tanami Road Upgrade WA Agricultural Supply Chain Improvements - Package 1
Completed	13 projects Key projects completed in 2023-24 include:

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Construction or planning project that is complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitchell Freeway Extension - Hester Avenue to Romeo Road EastLink WA (Orange Route)
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- Mitchell Freeway Extension - Hester Avenue to Romeo Road
- EastLink WA (Orange Route)

** This table excludes projects allocated to Corridors. The above table is for IIP Major Projects only and excludes smaller projects under programs such as Roads to Recovery, Black Spot Projects, Bridges Renewal, Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity and Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program. The above counts include funding lines for the road safety program and road maintenance funding for the National Land Transport Network.*

Corridor	Number of associated projects	Total AGC*including unallocated (\$m)
Metronet	11	4,872.4
Tonkin Highway	5	1,344.0
Outback Way	3	524.7
Great Northern Highway	8	357.5
Mitchell Freeway	3	259.5
Great Eastern Highway	2	232.4

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A – 2024 Budget outcomes (New projects and Projects with additional funding)

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Attachment A:**Budget 2024-25****Western Australia**

Western Australia will receive \$2,311,592,000 in Australian Government funding for new projects and in additional funding to existing programs.

The following new projects will receive Australian Government funding:

Project Name	Total Australian Government Funding (\$)
METRONET: High-Capacity Signalling Program - Automatic Train Control (The "High-Capacity Signalling Project") - Stage 1	300,000,000
Regional Road Safety Program - State Roads	54,000,000
Great Northern Highway – Fitzroy Crossing to Gogo (Kimberley Resilience Program)	53,875,000
Great Northern Highway – Brooking Channel Bridge Replacement	53,550,000
Westport Project Development	33,500,000
Total	494,925,000

The following projects will receive additional Australian Government funding:

Project Name	Additional Australian Government Funding (\$)
Bunbury Outer Ring Road (stages 2 and 3)	106,365,000
Fremantle Traffic Bridge (Swan River Crossing)	75,000,000
Albany Ring Road	32,600,000
Bussell Highway Duplication - Stages 1 and 2	32,000,000
Broome - Cape Leveque Road	11,472,000
Albany Highway - Kelmscott to Williams Pavement Rehabilitation and Hotham River Bridge Replacement	8,000,000
Armadale Road Duplication – Anstey Road to Tapper Road	6,800,000
Wanneroo Road and Joondalup Drive Interchange	4,880,000
Toodyay Road Upgrade - Jingaling Brook to Toodyay	2,560,000
Mitchell Freeway Extension - Hester Avenue to Romeo Road	2,500,000
Exmouth Roads Package - Minilya-Exmouth Road Widening	1,760,000
Regional State Road Safety Improvement Program	1,200,000
Wheatbelt Timber Bridge Replacement	800,000
Metronet	1,416,470,000
<i>METRONET: Morley-Ellenbrook Line</i>	
<i>METRONET: Yanchep Rail Extension</i>	

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<i>METRONET: Thornlie-Cockburn Link</i>	
<i>METRONET: Victoria Park-Canning Level Crossing Removal</i>	
<i>METRONET: Midland Station Project</i>	
Mitchell Freeway Corridor	69,000,000
<i>Mitchell Freeway widening (Hodges Drive to Hepburn Ave)</i>	
Great Northern Highway Corridor	25,260,000
<i>Great Northern Highway Upgrade Ord River North Section (Stage 2)</i>	
<i>Great Northern Highway Upgrade – Broome to Kununurra</i>	
<i>Port Hedland Airport Deviation</i>	
<i>Great Northern Highway Upgrade – Ord River North Section, Stage 3</i>	
Tonkin Highway Corridor	20,000,000
<i>Tonkin Highway Gap</i>	
Total	1,816,667,000

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SB24-000084

SUBJECT: NT Infrastructure Investment (Road and Rail)**BUDGET 2024-25**

- As part of the 2024-25 Budget, the Australian Government is providing \$480.2 million to the NT over the next 10 years under the Infrastructure Investment Program for new and existing projects. This includes:
 - \$444.3 million for new projects; and
 - \$35.9 million in additional funding for existing projects.
- Project specific information is at **Attachment A**.
- §47B(a)
 - This includes 12 active projects and 5 corridors.
- Northern Territory's funding over the forward estimates, as compared to 2023-24 MYEFO, has not decreased.

Expenditure/Forecast for the Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP)

Period	Investment: 2023-24 MYEFO (\$b)	Period	Investment: 2024-25 Budget (\$b)	Net change: 2023-24 MYEFO vs 2024-25 Budget (\$b)
2023-24	0.4	2023-24	0.3	-0.1
Forward Estimates (2023-24 to 2026-27)	1.6	Forward Estimates (2024-25 to 2027-28)	1.6	0.0

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2022-23 Final Budget Outcome (\$m)		
Budget ^{^*}	Actual	Underspend [#]
313.1	263.9	49.2

^{^*} Budget is as at 2023-24 Budget[#] Underspend was re-profiled into 2023-24 and beyond as part of the 2023-24 MYEFO update

Payments (\$m)	Current Year [^] (\$m)	Forecasts [^] (\$m)				
		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
2023-24 Paid to Date [*]						^{§47B(a)}
147.4	312.5	317.7	518.2	506.4	243.7	

^{*} Payments and Actuals as at 06 May 2024[^] Current Year and Forecasts as at 2024-25 Budget

IIP: Active Projects (as at 2024-25 Budget)

In Planning <i>Construction projects in planning or development phase</i>	5 projects Key projects in planning in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duplication of Stuart Highway South of Noonamah to Katherine Supporting access to Darwin Port (Stuart Highway, Vanderlin Drive and McMillans Road) Weddell Freeway
Underway <i>Planning projects that are active</i>	3 projects Key projects underway in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alice Springs to Halls Creek Upgrade- Scoping and Investigations Northern Territory Gas Industry Roads Upgrades – Scoping and Investigation Tenant Creek to Townsville (Northern Territory) – Scoping and Investigations
Under Construction	4 projects

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<i>Construction projects that are active</i>	Key projects in construction in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Territory Strategic Roads Package Tiwi Island Roads Upgrades
Completed <i>Construction or planning project that is complete</i>	8 projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key projects completed in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buntine Highway Road Upgrading – Project Development and Delivery Phase Mango Industry Road Upgrades, Litchfield

* This table excludes projects allocated to Corridors. The above table is for IIP Major Projects only and excludes smaller projects under programs such as Roads to Recovery, Black Spot Projects, Bridges Renewal, Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity and Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program. The above counts include funding lines for the road safety program and road maintenance funding for the National Land Transport Network.

Corridor	Number of associated projects	Total AGC*including unallocated (\$m)
Outback Way	4	202.7
Stuart, Victoria and Barkly	15	579.3
Industry Roads	8	518.5
Tanami Road	3	649.9
Regional Roads	9	630.7

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A – 2024 Budget outcomes (New projects, Corridors and Projects with additional funding, administrative decisions)

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Attachment A**Budget 2024-25****NT**

NT will receive \$480,240,000 in Australian Government funding for new projects and in additional funding to existing programs.

The following new projects will receive Australian Government funding:

Project Name	Total Australian Government Funding (\$)
Port Keats Road – Wadeye to Palumpa (Nganmarriyanga)	72,000,000
Berrimah Road Duplication – Stuart Highway to Tiger Brennan Drive	64,000,000
Arnhem Highway Duplication - Stuart Highway to Kostka Road	64,000,000
Stuart Highway Upgrades	40,000,000
Victoria Highway Upgrades	40,000,000
Barkly Highway Upgrades	40,000,000
Remote Community Access Roads Upgrades	40,000,000
National Network Highway Flood Resilience Upgrades	24,000,000
Sandover Highway Upgrade	23,200,000
Roystonea Avenue Duplication – Terry Drive to Lambrick Avenue	20,000,000
Stuart Highway – Schwarz Crescent Intersection Upgrade	9,600,000
Duplication of Stuart Highway South of Noonamah to Katherine	3,500,000
Supporting access to Darwin Port (Stuart Highway, Vanderlin Drive and McMillans Road)	2,000,000
Weddell Freeway	2,000,000
Total	444,300,000

The following projects will receive additional Australian Government funding:

Project Name	Additional Australian Government Funding (\$)
Industry Roads Corridor	27,900,000
<i>Roper Highway Upgrade (Stage 2)</i>	
<i>Carpentaria Highway Upgrade</i>	
Regional Roads	8,040,000
<i>Regional Roads Productivity Package - Arnhem Link Road</i>	
Total	35,940,000

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SB24-000085

SUBJECT: NSW Infrastructure Investment (Road and Rail)**BUDGET 2024-25**

- As part of the 2024-25 Budget, the Australian Government is providing \$3.1 billion to NSW over the next 10 years under the Infrastructure Investment Program for new and existing projects. This includes:
 - \$2.5 billion for new projects; and
 - \$578.6 million in additional funding for existing projects.
- Project specific information is at **Attachment A**.
- §47B(a) This includes 122 active projects and 5 corridors.
- NSW will receive more funding over the forward estimates as compared to 2023-24 MYEFO.

Expenditure/Forecast for the Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP)

Period	Investment: 2023-24 MYEFO (\$b)	Period	Investment: 2024-25 Budget (\$b)	Net change: 2023-24 MYEFO vs 2024-25 Budget (\$b)
2023-24	3.3	2023-24	3.4	0.1
Forward Estimates (2023-24 to 2026-27)	13.0	Forward Estimates (2024-25 to 2027-28)	13.8	0.8

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2022-23 Final Budget Outcome (\$m)		
Budget ^{&}	Actual	Underspend [#]
2,484.9	2,277.4	207.5

& Budget is as at 2023-24 Budget

Underspend was re-profiled into 2023-24 and beyond as part of the 2023-24 MYEFO update

Payments (\$m)	Current Year [^] (\$m)	Forecasts [^] (\$m)				
		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	§47B(a)
2023-24 Paid to Date*	2023-24					
1,783.6	3,442.8	4,157.6	3,784.5	2,959.1	2,900.4	

* Payments and Actuals as at 6 May 2024

[^] Current Year and Forecasts as at 2024-25 Budget

IIP: Active Projects (as at 2024-25 Budget)*

In Planning <i>Construction or planning projects in planning or development phase</i>	80 projects Key projects in planning in 2023-24 include: Picton Bypass - Planning Dunheved Road Upgrade, Penrith
Underway <i>Planning projects that are active</i>	5 projects Key planning projects underway in 2023-24 include: Picton Road Upgrades – Planning Sheahan Bridge Upgrade - Planning
Under Construction <i>Construction projects that are active</i>	37 projects Key projects under construction in 2023-24 include: M12 Motorway Coulsons Creek Road Upgrade Central Coast Road Upgrades

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Completed <i>Construction or planning project that is complete</i>	20 projects Key projects completed in 2023-24 include: Barton Highway Upgrade Package WestConnex
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** This table excludes projects allocated to Corridors. The above table is for IIP Major Projects only and excludes smaller projects under programs such as Roads to Recovery, Black Spot Projects, Bridges Renewal, Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity and Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program. The above counts include funding lines for the road safety program and road maintenance funding for the National Land Transport Network.*

Corridor	Number of associated projects	Total AGC including unallocated (\$m)
Pacific Highway Corridor	4	3,607.2
Princes Highway Corridor (NSW) - South of Nowra to Victorian border, including Milton-Ulladulla Bypass	6	1,396.0
Newell Highway Corridor	9	1,120.1
New England Highway Corridor	10	1,083.5
Golden Highway Corridor	2	27.5

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A – 2024-25 Budget outcomes (New Projects, Corridors and projects with additional funding)

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Attachment A**Budget 2024-25****NSW**

NSW will receive \$3,112,832,000 in Australian Government funding for new projects and additional funding to existing projects.

The following new projects will receive Australian Government funding:

Project Name	Total Australian Government Funding (\$)
Mamre Road Stage 2 Upgrade	500,000,000
Elizabeth Drive - Priority Sections Upgrade	400,000,000
Richmond Road Upgrade, M7 Motorway to Townson Road	260,000,000
Circular Quay Renewal Program	220,000,000
Garfield Road East Upgrade	220,000,000
Nelson Bay Road - Williamtown to Bobs Farm	137,500,000
Memorial Avenue Upgrade	123,250,000
Coxs River Road Upgrade	116,000,000
Mulgoa Road Stage 2 Upgrade	115,000,000
Zero Emission Buses Tranche 1 Infrastructure - Macquarie Park Depot	115,000,000
Western Sydney Rapid Bus Infrastructure Upgrade, Stages 1 and 2	100,000,000
Cambridge Avenue Upgrade - Planning	50,000,000
South West Sydney Roads - Planning	32,500,000
Western Sydney Freight Line Stage 1 - Final Business Case	30,000,000
Appin Road - St Johns Road Intersection Upgrade	22,500,000
Western Sydney Roads - Planning	15,000,000
Eastern Ring Road and Badgerys Creek Road South - Planning	12,500,000
Critical Renewable Energy Zones Road Infrastructure (Port of Newcastle to Renewable Energy Zone)	10,000,000
Dixons Long Point Crossing - Planning	10,000,000
Spring Farm Parkway Stage 2 - Planning	7,500,000
Hume Highway Corridor Assessment and Strategy – Planning	5,000,000
Mount Ousley Safety and Reliability (MOSAR)- Planning	5,000,000
Golden Highway Corridor	27,500,000
<i>Golden Highway - Over Size and Over Mass Movements</i>	
<i>Golden Highway - Dubbo to Newcastle Improvement Program – Planning</i>	
Total	2,534,250,000

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The following projects will receive additional Australian Government funding:

Project Name	Additional Australian Government Funding (\$)
Mount Ousley Interchange	72,000,000
Appin Road	50,000,000
Medlow Bath Upgrade	35,800,000
Newcastle Inner City Bypass, Rankin Park to Jesmond	30,560,000
Barton Highway Upgrade Package	28,600,000
Nowra Bridge	21,500,000
South West Sydney Rail Planning – Business Case (previously called the Sydney Metro - Western Sydney Airport - stage 2 - business case)	20,000,000
King Georges Road Upgrade - Stage 1 and 2A (early works)	15,000,000
Pinch Point Program	10,250,000
Macquarie Park Precinct and Bus Interchange	10,000,000
Far North Collector Road Network, Nowra	2,357,000
Clarence Town Bridge	2,220,000
Princes Highway and Waratah Street Intersection Upgrade	1,975,000
Central Coast Highway Upgrade - Tumby Road Intersection Upgrade	1,200,000
Newell Highway Corridor	114,400,000
<i>Newell Highway Upgrade - Dubbo Bridge</i>	
<i>Newell Highway Upgrade - Parkes Bypass</i>	
Pacific Highway Corridor	112,000,000
<i>M1 Pacific Motorway Extension to Raymond Terrace</i>	
New England Highway Corridor	50,720,000
<i>New England Highway - Goonoo Goonoo Road Duplication</i>	
<i>- Greg Norman Drive to Calala Lane</i>	
<i>Construction Funding - New England Highway - Muswellbrook Bypass</i>	
Total	578,582,000

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SB24-000086

SUBJECT: ACT Infrastructure Investment (Road and Rail)**BUDGET 2024-25**

- As part of the 2024-25 Budget, the Australian Government is providing \$78 million to the ACT over the next 10 years under the Infrastructure Investment Program for new and existing projects. This includes:
 - \$50.9 million for new projects; and
 - \$27.1 million in additional funding for an existing project.
- Project specific information is at **Attachment A**.
- §47B(a) This includes 15 active projects.
- The ACT's funding over the forward estimates, as compared to 2023-24 MYEFO, has not decreased.

Expenditure/Forecast for the Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP)

Period	Investment: 2023-24 MYEFO (\$b)	Period	Investment: 2024-25 Budget (\$b)	Net change: 2023- 24 MYEFO vs 2024-25 Budget (\$b)
2023-24	0.1	2023-24	0.1	0.0
Forward Estimates (2023-24 to 2026-27)	0.6	Forward Estimates (2024-25 to 2027-28)	0.6	0.0

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Budget ^{&}	Actual	Underspend [#]
62.7	54.8	7.8

& Budget is as at 2023-24 Budget

Underspend was re-profiled into 2023-24 and beyond as part of the 2023-24 MYEFO update

Payments (\$m)	Current Year [^] (\$m)	Forecasts [^] (\$m)			
		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
2023-24 Paid to Date*	2023-24				
58.1	82.2	217.4	157.4	146.3	127.3

* Payments and Actuals as at 06 May 2024

[^] Current Year and Forecasts as at 2024-25 Budget

IIP: Active Projects (as at 2024-25 Budget)*

In Planning <i>Construction projects in planning or development phase</i>	8 projects Key projects in planning in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canberra Light Rail - Stage 2A • William Hovell Drive Duplication
Underway <i>Planning projects that are active</i>	1 project Key planning project underway in 2023-24: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parkes Way Upgrade - Planning & Design
Under Construction <i>Construction projects that are active</i>	6 projects Key projects under construction in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molonglo River Bridge • Monaro Highway Upgrade • Gundaroo Drive Duplication
Completed	2 projects

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Construction or planning project that is complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kent Street and Novar Street Intersection Upgrades • Pialligo Avenue Duplication Planning
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* The above table is for IIP Major Projects only and excludes smaller projects under programs such as Road Safety Program, National Network Maintenance, Roads to Recovery, Black Spot Projects, Bridges Renewal, Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity and Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program. The above counts include funding lines for the road safety program and road maintenance funding for the National Land Transport Network.

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A – 2024 Budget outcomes (new projects and projects with additional funding)

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Attachment A**Budget 2024-25****ACT**

The ACT will receive \$78,000,000 in Australian Government funding for new projects and additional funding to an existing project.

The following new projects will receive Australian Government funding:

Project Name	Total Australian Government Funding (\$)
Canberra Light Rail - Stage 2B Planning	50,000,000
Gungahlin District Road Improvements & Molonglo East-West Arterial - Planning	675,000
Belconnen Transitway - Planning	200,000
Total	50,875,000

The following project will receive additional Australian Government funding:

Project Name	Additional Australian Government Funding (\$)
William Hovell Drive Duplication	27,125,000
Total	27,125,000

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SB24-000090

SUBJECT: Infrastructure Investment Program Reform**Talking Points**

- The Australian Government continues to implement reforms to how it invests in infrastructure, and reforms to the Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP) are a significant part of this.
- The reforms will help ensure the IIP is sustainable, aligned with market capacity, and comprised of nationally-significant projects.
- The reforms are informed by:
 - the government's Infrastructure Policy Statement (IPS), which:
 - defines and commits the government to delivering nationally significant infrastructure
 - identifies three strategic themes of Productivity and Resilience, Liveability, and Sustainability, that encapsulate desired benefits from the government's investment, and
 - articulates the government's intention to reshape its funding of road and rail infrastructure in partnership with States and Territories, and the preference for a 50:50 funding split for future investments.
 - the recommendations of the 2023 Strategic Review of the Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP Review), the Review of the National Partnership Agreement on Land Transport Infrastructure Projects (NPA Review), the Infrastructure Australia Review, and the Inland Rail Review.
- The government continues to work closely with states and territories, as partners and co-investors in the IIP, to achieve optimal infrastructure outcomes for all Australians.
 - following the IIP Review, the Minister engaged with her state and territory counterparts on the prioritisation of IIP projects. The government's decisions regarding IIP projects were announced as part of 2023-24 MYEFO.
- The current NPA expires on 30 June 2024. Negotiations are progressing for a new Federation Funding Agreement (FFA) Schedule for Land Transport Infrastructure.
 - the government is working with the states and territories to incorporate reforms to facilitate future investment decisions as part of the new FFA Schedule.
- The government will continue to work in partnership with states and territories to deliver the IIP and ensure it remains affordable and sustainable into the future.
- The recent passage of the *Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Independent Review) Act 2023* will also support the reform of how the government delivers the IIP. Further details of the implementation of the Infrastructure Australia Review, including this Act, can be found in brief **SB24-000095**.

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Key IssuesEqual Funding Split with states and territories (50:50)

- The government is reshaping how it funds projects, returning to a preference of 50:50 funding with the states and territories for future investments.
 - the government may consider funding a greater share of projects in states and territories with less capacity to raise revenue on a case-by-case basis.
- This will mean that:
 - both levels of government will carry an equal share of both the benefits and the risks, ensuring shared accountability
 - the government's infrastructure spend can go further, maximising the benefits of the Australian Government's investment, and
 - both levels of government will have an equal interest in managing cost pressures.
- 50:50 funding splits will be considered and applied to new projects as they are brought forward.

FFA Schedule

- The terms of the new FFA Schedule are being negotiated with states and territories.
- Negotiations are being informed by findings from the NPA Review and IIP Review. The recommendations of the NPA and IIP reviews focus on the need for improved governance, risk and financial management.
- Negotiations are considering opportunities to deliver wider socioeconomic benefits through infrastructure investment, including:
 - First Nations socioeconomic outcomes and heritage protection;
 - Decarbonisation;
 - women's participation in construction;
 - supporting Australian industry;
 - training new skilled workers and apprentices; and
 - greater use of recycled materials and the transition to a more circular economy.
- Following the NPA Review and as part of the negotiation of the FFA Schedule, the current Indigenous Employment and Supplier-Use Infrastructure Framework (the Framework) will be redesigned, in consultation with jurisdictions, the National Indigenous Australians Agency, First Nations stakeholders and other key stakeholders, to strengthen its contribution to Closing the Gap targets.

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Background

- The IIP Review found the national pipeline of land transport infrastructure projects is unaffordable and contributing to unsustainable pressures on construction materials and skilled labour.
- It also identified projects that did not demonstrate merit, lacked strategic rationale and did not meet the government's national investment priorities.

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SB24-000087

SUBJECT: Victoria Infrastructure Investment (Road and Rail)**BUDGET 2024-25**

- As part of the 2024-25 Budget, the Australian Government is providing \$5.06 billion to Victoria over the next 10 years under the Infrastructure Investment Program for new and existing projects. This includes:
 - \$17.61 million for 3 new projects; and
 - \$5.05 billion in additional funding for existing projects, including \$51.3 million allocated to the two corridors.
- Project specific information is at **Attachment A**.
- §47B(a) [REDACTED] This includes 116 active projects and two corridors.
- Victoria will receive more funding over the forward estimates as compared to 2023-24 MYEFO.

Expenditure/Forecast for the Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP)

Period	Investment: 2023-24 MYEFO (\$b)	Period	Investment: 2024-25 Budget (\$b)	Net change: 2023-24 MYEFO vs 2024-25 Budget (\$b)
2023-24	2.4	2023-24	2.1	-0.3
Forward Estimates (2023-24 to 2026- 27)	9.1	Forward Estimates (2024-25 to 2027- 28)	10.8	1.8

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2022-23 Final Budget Outcome (\$m)		
Budget ^{&}	Actual	Underspend [#]
2,137.6	1,733.9	403.6

[&] Budget is as at 2023-24 Budget

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Payments (\$m)	Current Year [^] (\$m)	Forecasts [^] (\$m)				s47B(a)
		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	
2023-24 Paid to Date*						
981.8	2,095.1	1,831.4	2,240.6	3,300.9	3,461.6	

Payments and Actuals as at 6 May 2024

[^] Current Year and Forecasts as at 2024-25 Budget

IIP: Active Projects (as at 2024-25 Budget)

In Planning <i>Construction projects in planning or development phase</i>	34 projects Key projects in planning in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barwon Heads Road Upgrade – Stage 2 - Clyde Road Upgrade
Underway <i>Planning projects that are active</i>	16 projects Key projects underway in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Geelong Rail Line Upgrade
Under Construction <i>Construction projects that are active</i>	40 projects Key projects under construction in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North East Link - South Geelong to Waurin Ponds Duplication
Completed <i>Construction or planning project that is complete</i>	36 projects, since May 2022 Key projects completed in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barwon Heads Road Upgrade

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	- Plymouth Road Improvements
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Corridor	Number of associated projects	Total AGC*including unallocated (\$m)
Princes Highway Corridor	36	\$316.3 million
Western Highway Corridor	7	\$991.8 million

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A – 2024-25 Budget outcomes (New projects, Corridors and projects with additional funding)

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Attachment A:**2024-25 Budget Outcomes****Victoria**

Victoria will receive \$5,064,712,900 in Australian Government funding for new projects and in additional funding to existing programs.

The following new projects will receive Australian Government funding:

Project Name	Total Australian Government Funding (\$)
Bridgewater Road and Portland Ring Road, Portland, intersection upgrade	12,000,000
Princes Highway East - Bairnsdale-Dargo Creek Road Intersection	3,385,000
Goulburn Valley Highway and Graham Street, Shepparton, intersection improvements	2,229,000
Total	17,614,000

The following projects will receive additional Australian Government funding:

Project Name	Additional Australian Government Funding (\$)
North East Link	3,250,000,000
Camerons Lane Interchange	750,000,000
Suburban Roads Upgrades - South Eastern Roads and Northern Roads	437,269,000
Gippsland Rail Line Upgrade	290,148,000
Murray Basin Freight Rail Project (Off-Network)	73,416,000
South Geelong to Waurin Ponds Duplication	34,099,000
Princes Highway East - Complete the Duplication Between Traralgon and Sale	31,096,000
Clyde Road Upgrade	27,700,000
Pakenham Roads Upgrade	24,200,000
Commuter Car Park Upgrades - Northern Lines	19,133,000
Ballarat Intermodal Freight Hub	18,650,000
Shepparton Rail Line Upgrade – Stage 3	11,360,000
Green Triangle - Bridge Upgrades	6,824,000
Business Case for Melbourne Inland Rail Intermodal Terminal	4,250,000
Western Freeway realignment at Pykes Creek (Ballarat bound)	3,750,000
Various Rural Intersection Safety Upgrades	2,743,200
Grubb Road Upgrade, Ocean Grove	2,700,000
Maroondah Highway and Bellara Drive Intersection Upgrade	2,700,000
Ballarat to Ouyen - Birchip-Rainbow Road - Mcloughlans Road Intersection Upgrade	972,000

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Bannockburn Township Entrance Safety Project	900,000
North East Rail Line Supporting Infrastructure	792,000
Geelong-Portarlington Road and Wilsons Road Intersection Upgrade	750,000
Midland Link Highway, Midland Highway to Magills Lane Safety Improvements	640,000
Commuter Car Park Upgrade - Frankston Line - Frankston	604,000
Surf Coast Highway, Reserve Road, Felix Street Intersection Improvements	599,500
Thompson Road, North Geelong	320,000
Glenelg Highway and Eurambeen-Streatham Road Intersection Upgrade	110,000
Princes Highway Corridor	41,938,000
<i>Princes Highway West - Bridge Upgrade Surrey River, Narrawong</i>	
<i>Princes Highway West - Bridge Upgrade Shaw River, Yambuk</i>	
<i>Princes Highway West - Bridge Upgrade Mount Emu Creek, Panmure</i>	
<i>Princes Highway West - Bridge Upgrade Glenelg River, Dartmoor</i>	
<i>Princes Highway West - Bridge Upgrade Moyne River, Rosebrook</i>	
<i>Princes Highway West - Bridge Upgrade Merri River, Dennington</i>	
<i>Princes Highway East - Princes Highway and Bank Street Intersection Upgrade, Traralgon</i>	
<i>Princes Highway East - Bridge Strengthening at Bunyip River, Longwarry</i>	
<i>Princes Highway East - Bridge Strengthening of Thomson Bridge on Myrtlebank-Fulham Road, Sale</i>	
<i>Princes Highway East - Princes Highway and Breed Street Intersection Upgrade, Traralgon</i>	
<i>Princes Highway West - Overtaking Lane at Yambuk (Westbound)</i>	
<i>Princes Highway West - Overtaking Lane at Tyrendarra (Westbound)</i>	
<i>Princes Highway West - Bridge Upgrade Warrnambool-Geelong Rail Line, Allansford</i>	
<i>Princes Highway West - Overtaking Lane West of Terang (Eastbound)</i>	
<i>Princes Highway West - Overtaking Lane East of Terang (Westbound)</i>	
<i>Princes Highway West - Bridge Upgrade Warrnambool-Port Fairy Rail Line, Dennington</i>	
<i>Princes Highway West - Bridge Upgrade Warrnambool-Geelong Rail Line, Weerite</i>	
Western Highway Corridor	9,435,200
<i>Horsham Junction Upgrade</i>	
<i>Stawell to South Australian Border - Nhill-Jeparit Road Intersection Upgrade</i>	
Total	5,047,098,900

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SB24-000088

SUBJECT: South Australia Infrastructure Investment (Road and Rail)**BUDGET 2024-25**

- As part of the 2024-25 Budget, the Australian Government is providing \$293 million to South Australia over the next 10 years under the Infrastructure Investment Program for new and existing projects. This includes:
 - \$159.4 million for 7 new projects, including \$120 million allocated to 1 existing corridor; and
 - \$133.6 million in additional funding for existing projects.
- Project specific information is at **Attachment A**.
- s47B(a)
[REDACTED] This includes 36 active projects and 1 corridor.
- South Australia will receive more funding over the forward estimates as compared to 2023-24 MYEFO.

Expenditure/Forecast for the Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP)

Period	Investment: 2023-24 MYEFO (\$b)	Period	Investment: 2024-25 Budget (\$b)	Net change: 2023- 24 MYEFO vs 2024-25 Budget (\$b)
2023-24	1.0	2023-24	0.9	-0.1
Forward Estimates (2023-24 to 2026-27)	4.6	Forward Estimates (2024-25 to 2027-28)	5.0	0.3

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2022-23 Final Budget Outcome (\$m)		
Budget ^{&}	Actual	Underspend [#]
957.1	806.8	150.4

[&] Budget is as at 2023-24 Budget[#] Underspend was re-profiled into 2023-24 and beyond as part of the 2023-24 MYEFO update

Payments (\$m)	Current Year [^] (\$m)	Forecasts [^] (\$m)				s47B(a)
		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	
2023-24 Paid to Date [*]	2023-24					
544.4	948.6	1,029.3	1,262.8	1,385.0	1,278.9	

^{*} Payments and Actuals as at 06 May 2024[^] Current Year and Forecasts as at 2024-25 Budget

IIP: Active Projects (as at 2024-25 Budget)

In Planning <i>Construction projects in planning or development phase</i>	12 projects Key projects in planning in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North-South Corridor - Torrens to Darlington - Marion Road and Sir Donald Bradman Drive Intersection Upgrade
Underway <i>Planning projects that are active</i>	2 projects Key projects underway in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High Productivity Vehicle Network (SA) – Planning - Level Crossing Removal Program (SA) - Planning
Under Construction <i>Construction projects that are active</i>	22 projects Key projects under construction in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fleurieu Connections

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	- Nationwide Freight Highway Upgrade Program (SA)
Completed <i>Construction or planning project that is complete</i>	21 projects Key projects completed in 2023-24 include: - Gawler Rail Line Electrification - Metro Intersection Upgrade Program - Torrens Road (Ovingham) Level Crossing Upgrade

* This table excludes projects allocated to Corridors. The above table is for IIP Major Projects only and excludes smaller projects under programs such as Roads to Recovery, Black Spot Projects, Bridges Renewal, Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity and Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program.

Corridor	Number of associated projects	Total AGC*including unallocated (\$m)
Princes Highway Corridor	9	\$481.3

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A – 2024 Budget outcomes (new projects and projects with additional funding)

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South Australia

South Australia will receive \$292,994,000 in Australian Government funding for new projects and in additional funding to existing programs.

The following new projects will receive Australian Government funding:

Project Name	Total Australian Government Funding (\$)
Main South Road Overtaking Lanes	15,900,000
Riverland Network Flood Resilience Upgrades	10,000,000
Adelaide and Regional Rail Network Extensions - Planning	5,000,000
Adelaide Northern Growth Areas - Planning	5,000,000
Adelaide Metropolitan Bus Fleet Decarbonisation - Planning	2,500,000
Adelaide Metropolitan Rail Fleet Decarbonisation - Planning	1,000,000
Princes Highway corridor	120,000,000
<i>Mount Barker and Verdun Interchange Upgrades</i>	
Total	159,400,000

The following projects will receive additional Australian Government funding:

Project Name	Additional Australian Government Funding (\$)
South Eastern Freeway Upgrade	100,000,000
Hahndorf Township Improvements and Access Upgrade	18,800,000
Truro Bypass	6,320,000
Sealing Local Road Approaches & Minor Junction Improvements	1,720,000
Road Lighting Improvements	1,680,000
South Road Upgrade (Darlington) Planning	1,378,000
Flinders Link	1,188,000
Oaklands Crossing Grade Separation at the Intersection of Diagonal and Morphett Roads	705,000
Safety Barrier Program	529,000
Metro Intersection Upgrade Program - Grand Junction Road/Hampstead Road Intersection Upgrade	500,000
Long Valley Road Mass Action	480,000
Princes Highway corridor	294,000
<i>Princes Highway Corridor - Shoulder Sealing</i>	
Total	133,594,000

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SUBJECT: TAS Infrastructure Investment (Road and Rail)**BUDGET 2024-25**

- As part of the 2024-25 Budget, the Australian Government is providing \$284.2 million to Tasmania over the next 10 years under the Infrastructure Investment Program for new and existing projects. This includes:
 - \$171.1 million for six new projects; and
 - \$113.1 million in additional funding for 4 existing projects.
- Project specific information is at **Attachment A**.
- s47B(a) [REDACTED] This includes 38 active projects and 5 corridors.
- Tasmania will receive no less funding over the forward estimates as compared to 2023-24 MYEFO.

Expenditure/Forecast for the Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP)

Period	Investment: 2023-24 MYEFO (\$b)	Period	Investment: 2024-25 Budget (\$b)	Net change: 2023-24 MYEFO vs 2024-25 Budget (\$b)
2023-24	0.5	2023-24	0.4	-0.1
Forward Estimates (2023-24 to 2026-27)	1.5	Forward Estimates (2024-25 to 2027-28)	1.5	0.0
s47B(a) [REDACTED]				

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2022-23 Final Budget Outcome (\$m)		
Budget ^{&}	Actual	Underspend [#]
442.6	382.0	60.6

[&] Budget is as at 2023-24 Budget[#] Underspend was re-profiled into 2023-24 and beyond as part of the 2023-24 MYEFO update

Payments (\$m)	Current Year [^] (\$m)	Forecasts [^] (\$m)				
		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
2023-24 Paid to Date*	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	s47B(a)
352.0	437.1	416.6	431.9	373.7	322.3	

^{*} Payments and Actuals as at 6 May 2024[^] Current Year and Forecasts as at 2024-25 Budget

IIP: Active Projects (as at 2024-25 Budget)

In Planning <i>Construction projects in planning or development phase</i>	19 projects Key projects in planning in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Midway Point Causeway (including McGees Bridge) and Sorell Causeway - Tasman Bridge Upgrade
Underway <i>Planning projects that are active</i>	0 projects
Under Construction <i>Construction projects that are active</i>	19 projects Key projects under construction in 2023-24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Bridgewater Bridge - Tasmanian Freight Rail Revitalisation - Tranche 3 – Port of Burnie Shiploader Upgrade

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Completed <i>Construction or planning project that is complete</i>	8 projects Key projects completed in 2023-24 include: - Hobart Airport Interchange - Freight Bridge Upgrades
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* This table excludes projects allocated to Corridors. The above table is for IIP Major Projects only and excludes smaller projects under programs such as Roads to Recovery, Black Spot Projects, Bridges Renewal, Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity and Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program.

Corridor	Number of associated projects	Total AGC*including unallocated (\$m)
Arthur Highway Corridor	1	1.6
Devonport to Cradle Mountain Corridor	1	2.5
Huon Highway Corridor	1	40
Tasmanian Roads Corridor	5	558.6
Midland Highway Corridor	4	152.6

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Tasmania

Tasmania will receive \$284,220,000 in Australian Government funding for new projects and in additional funding to existing programs.

The following new projects will receive Australian Government funding:

Project Name	Total Australian Government Funding (\$)
Lyell Highway – Granton to New Norfolk	80,000,000
Hobart Public Transport Infrastructure Planning	38,500,000
Hobart Metropolitan Bus Fleet Decarbonisation	8,500,000
Huon Highway Corridor	40,000,000
<i>Huon Highway Upgrades</i>	
Devonport to Cradle Mountain Corridor	2,500,000
<i>Devonport to Cradle Mountain - Planning</i>	
Arthur Highway Corridor	1,600,000
<i>Arthur Highway - Planning</i>	
Total	171,100,000

The following projects will receive additional Australian Government funding:

Project Name	Additional Australian Government Funding (\$)
Mornington Roundabout Upgrade (GSF)	50,000,000
Tasmanian Freight Rail Revitalisation - Tranche 3 – Port of Burnie Shiploader Upgrade	18,000,000
Algona Road Grade Separated Interchange and Duplication of the Kingston Bypass	13,120,000
Midland Highway Corridor	32,000,000
<i>Midland Highway - Campbell Town North (Campbell Town to Epping Forest)</i>	
Total	113,120,000

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SUBJECT: Inland Rail**Talking Points***Inland Rail delivery*

- Project delivery is being staged, with a focus on completing the sections between the planned intermodal terminal at Beveridge in Victoria (Vic) and Parkes in New South Wales (NSW), in line with the Australian Government acceptance of the recommendations of the Independent Review of Inland Rail.
- For sections north of Narromine and up to Kagaru in Queensland (QLD), Inland Rail Pty Ltd (IRPL) is undertaking the activities necessary to secure the land required for the Inland Rail corridor and to complete environmental approvals.

Project Progress

- As at 31 March 2024, a total of 272 kms of track, or 17 per cent of total track, had been completed.
- Securing the necessary environmental approvals for the necessary project sections is continuing.

Victoria

- Beveridge to Albury (B2A) Tranche 1 — Construction on the 4 site upgrades are progressing on schedule:
 - the new Beaconsfield Parade Bridge at Glenrowan was officially opened by the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP on 1 March 2024.
 - significant progress has been made on construction works at the Seymour-Avenel Road Bridge and replacement of footbridges, track and platform realignment at Wangaratta station.

New South Wales

- There are two sections that are commissioned for train operations:
 - Parkes to Narromine (P2N) commissioned in September 2020.
 - Narrabri to North Star phase one (N2NSP1) commissioned in October 2023.

Funding

- The government funding commitment to Inland Rail is up to \$14.5 billion in equity and \$290.3 million in grant funding (**Attachment A**).

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- As at 31 March 2024, the government has provided \$4.089 billion to ARTC for Inland Rail, comprising \$3.799 billion in equity and \$289.8 million in grant funding.
- The staged approach to the delivery is being implemented within the existing \$14.5 billion Inland Rail equity funding envelope.

Cost

- The Inland Rail Review confirmed that the project is running significantly behind schedule and is over budget. The ARTC 2022 estimates provided to the review indicated a total project cost in excess of \$31 billion.
- In line with government's acceptance of recommendation 13, of the Independent Review (the Review), the Scope, Cost and Schedule Review of the Inland Rail project is underway.
- The final cost of Inland Rail will not be known until the completion of procurements for all sections of Inland Rail following finalisation of design, planning and environmental approvals.

Key Issues*The Delivery of Inland Rail: An Independent review*

- On 6 April 2023, the government released *The Delivery of Inland Rail: An Independent Review* (the Review) and its response to the 19 recommendations of Dr Kerry Schott AO to improve delivery.
- The government agreed or agreed in principle to all 19 of the Review's recommendations.
- At 31 March 2024, 11 recommendations have been completed, two have been implemented and 6 are in progress.

Project costs

- South of Narromine - Costs for delivery of Beveridge (Vic) to Parkes (NSW) are largely within forecast, however Inland Rail have advised of significant likely cost pressures on B2A Tranche 2 sites due to required changes to reference designs to meet state, local government and community requirements.
 - cost reduction strategies, such as the review of tender submissions and market conditions to investigate value engineering, delivery efficiencies and scope control and/or reduction, are underway.

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- North of Narromine:
 - planning and environmental approvals are required to further refine reference designs, which will give greater certainty to cost and schedule for sections north of Narromine.
 - the independent verification of the Scope, Schedule and Cost of the Inland Rail project will provide an additional level of assurance for government.
 - a process is underway to engage a service provider to independently verify IRPL's schedule and cost estimates for the project to provide more certainty as to cost and timeline for the project.

Project progress

- In Victoria:
 - Beveridge to Albury Tranche 1:
 - Glenrowan — the new Beaconsfield Parade Bridge at Glenrowan was opened on 1 March 2024 with further road and remedial works on track to be completed in June 2024.
 - Seymour — replacement of the Seymour-Avenel Road Bridge commenced in March 2024.
 - Wangaratta — replacement of footbridges, track and platform realignment at Wangaratta station and Green Street bridge replacement commenced in March 2024.
 - Barnawartha — track lowering at Barnawartha on the Murray Valley Highway is complete.
 - Beveridge to Albury Tranche 2: assessment of tenders have been completed and award of the main construction contract is scheduled for mid-2024. IRPL announced the award of an Early Commencement Works contract to John Holland on 11 April 2024. This contract will deliver design and site investigations to IRPL prior to main contract award.
- In NSW:
 - Narrabri to North Star Phase 1 project was opened for train operations in October 2023 and final remediation works are in process of being completed.
 - Illabo to Stockinbingal:
 - evaluation of tenders and final design works are continuing with awarding of the main construction contract anticipated in mid 2024 subject to NSW Government planning approvals.
 - Stockinbingal to Parkes — early construction works commenced in September 2023. works included installation of culverts and construction of a new turnaround at the Daroobalgie Loop, which will allow trains to move from one track to another and pass safely.

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- Albury to Illabo — early works and finalisation of design is well underway.
- In QLD:
 - the revised draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Border to Gowrie section is expected to be released for public exhibition in late 2024.
 - planning and integration of the proposed intermodal terminal at Ebenezer with Inland Rail in collaboration with National Intermodal Corporation is underway.

Environmental impacts and approvals

- The public notification and exhibition of the EIS is a key step in the approval pathway in getting Inland Rail sections ready for future construction.
- As at 31 March 2024, progress includes:
 - In NSW:
 - Albury to Illabo and Illabo and Stockinbingal — Preferred Infrastructure Reports and Response to submissions (PIR RtS) have been submitted to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) for assessment.
 - Narrabri to North Star Phase 2 — IRPL are preparing a PIR and response to submission report.
 - In Queensland (QLD):
 - work to revise draft EIS documentation for the Gowrie to Kagaru projects is being planned by IRPL as the B2G EIS progresses.

Inland Rail governance

- IRPL was established as a subsidiary of ARTC on 1 July 2023, to support the restructure and separation of the day-to-day governance and delivery arrangements of ARTC and the Inland Rail project.
- The transition of Inland Rail delivery from ARTC to IRPL was completed on 1 May 2024.
- IRPL is expected to provide all necessary information, as part of its reporting requirements, to enable Shareholder Departments to meet their assurance obligations under the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act).
- Shareholder departments provide government with visibility of IRPL's project delivery and risk management, and undertake reviews and evaluations of project implementation as necessary
- Updates on the status and funding arrangements for Inland Rail are provided to government at least biannually.

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Sensitivities

- Victoria:
 - Historical Sites — following applications from two community groups, the Heritage Council of Victoria (HC) placed Interim Protection Orders (IPO) on the Euroa Goods Shed and the Benalla Signal Hut. The Executive Director of Heritage Victoria has recommended neither site is listed as being of state historical significance. HC will continue its assessment of the buildings, which may include public hearings. IRPL have advised that if the buildings are not able to be removed, there may be significant impact on cost and schedule at those sites.
- NSW:
 - Illabo to Stockinbingal — Transport for NSW (TfNSW) issued proposed acquisition notices (PANs) to land owners in January 2024, commencing the compulsory acquisition process. Negotiations with landowners continue during this time. Landowners have raised concerns, including length of time of the process, lack of continuity of their contacts and difficulties in obtaining information on progress, with local MP's and the NSW Farmers Federation. IRPL have met with the NSW Farmers Federation to address these concerns.
 - Wagga Wagga — upgrades to infrastructure on the existing rail route through Wagga Wagga are required to support double stacked freight trains. There are still calls for a bypass or the securing of an easement for a bypass route of Wagga Wagga, to address perceived impacts on residents due to potential increased train numbers. In line with the government acceptance of recommendation 12 of the review, IRPL have committed to mitigate impacts as part of the design and approval process, as well as to monitor train movements and forecasts to inform discussions with the state to consider preservation of a future transport corridor.
- Queensland:
 - recent media has questioned the government commitment to construction of Inland Rail in QLD. IRPL has continued to provide information on the progress of agreed activities, including progression of submission of revised EIS documents and land acquisitions.

Risks and mitigations

- IRPL hold responsibility for the identification and management of risk in the delivery of the Inland Rail Project and is expected to escalate risks and issues to shareholders in a timely manner.
- A review of program risks and reporting is currently being undertaken to better reflect the staged approach to the project and the responsibilities outlined in revised governance arrangements.

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- Shareholder departments are committed to ensuring effective oversight of the Inland Rail program under the new governance arrangements.

Benefits realised

- Construction commenced on sections of Inland Rail in December 2018 and has provided direct benefits in the form of local stimulus and jobs to those communities.
- As at 31 March 2024:
 - 5,235 people have worked on the project, including 2,537 local residents, 730 of whom are First Nations People
 - more than \$427 million has been spent with 573 local businesses
 - more than \$4.2 billion in contracts had been awarded to over 2,100 companies across Australia.
- The enhanced service offering of Inland Rail is available between Parkes and Narromine, carrying grain and minerals, with freight efficiencies flowing through supply chains that reach from Sydney in the east and Perth and Adelaide in the west.

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A — Inland Rail Funding

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INLAND RAIL FUNDING

Financial information as at 15 May 2024

Total equity commitment	\$14.5 billion
Total grant commitment	\$290.3 million
Equity subscribed at 15 May 2024	\$3,799.3 million
Grant funding paid at 15 May 2024	\$289.8 million

Equity funding

	Prior years \$m	2023–24 \$m	2024–25 \$m	2025–26 \$m	2026–27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Equity	3,230.5	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	14,526.2

Note: The forward annual equity profile for Inland Rail is not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities. The equity contributions paid to date are disclosed in the Australian Rail Track Corporation's annual report and align to share certificates tabled in Parliament.

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SUBJECT: Australian Rail Track Corporation**Talking Points**Safety

- The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) is committed to carrying out its core business safely, as well as learning from and implementing changes to its operations that are identified through its own internal reviews, as well as safety investigations led by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB).
- The Australian Government notes the conviction recorded against ARTC on 3 April 2024 in relation to the derailment of a passenger train at Wallan (Victoria) on 20 February 2020 that resulted in two fatalities. The government also notes that ARTC has implemented additional controls into its operations to ensure that a safe rail network is provided, with those controls also reviewed by the ATSB.

Network resilience and maintenance

- A reliable and efficient rail network is required to meet growing freight demand, support decarbonisation and build productivity.
- ARTC is working to improve the resilience of the interstate network, particularly in the context of recent flood events, through a network investment strategy.
- The east-west rail corridor was closed from 10 to 30 March 2024 due to flooding caused by a significant rainfall event between Kalgoorlie and Rawlinna.
- The resulting impact on freight movements between Perth and the eastern states highlights the importance of ARTC's continued efforts to improve network resilience.
- In recognition of the priority to invest in improving the condition of the ARTC network and improve the resilience of key freight route vulnerabilities, over \$1 billion is being invested in the network through ARTC's Network Investment Program. This comprises \$540 million of government funding from 2027-28, and over \$500 million in ARTC funding commencing 2024-25.

ARTC Futures Program

- With the establishment of Inland Rail Proprietary Limited, ARTC are taking the opportunity to review their organisational strategy. As part of this program they are reviewing their organisational structure to ensure it aligns with strategic objectives.

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Key Issues*Shareholder oversight of Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC)*

- An updated interim Statement of Expectations was released on 23 June 2023, outlining the government's expectation for ARTC to:
 - provide safe, efficient and effective access to the interstate rail network;
 - operate, manage, maintain and improve the track infrastructure;
 - seek to grow interstate rail and rail's modal share, and foster a commercially viable rail industry; and
 - implement the Inland Rail review recommendations and deliver Inland Rail through ARTC's subsidiary.

ARTC Futures Program

- ARTC are reviewing their organisational strategy to focus on business-as-usual activities that delivers on the Statement of Expectations, following the establishment of the Inland Rail Proprietary Limited.
- As part of this process ARTC is undergoing organisational changes, including a streamlining of their executive team.
- A reduced headcount in their workforce is expected, with a number of staff transitioning to Inland Rail Proprietary Limited. Roles at the executive level are also expected to be impacted.
- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts has been advised that there will be no reduction to staff in frontline roles.
- *Any questions on the ARTC Futures Program and transition arrangements to Inland Rail Proprietary Limited should be referred to ARTC.*

Safety incidents

- In relation to the Wallan derailment, on 3 April 2024 in the Magistrates Court of Victoria, ARTC was convicted of an offence against section 59 of the Rail Safety National Law for a breach of the duty in section 52 to ensure safety. ARTC was fined \$375,000 and ordered to pay the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator's (ONRSR) costs.
 - NSW Trains was also convicted of the same offence and fined \$150,000.
 - ARTC has also continued to work with the ATSB to close outstanding actions from the final Wallan Derailment Report which was released on 9 August 2023.
- On 31 December 2023, a fatal major incident occurred on the ARTC network, when a B-Double truck collided with a Pacific National freight train on the Barrier Highway at Bindarra, near the South Australia and New South Wales border. The two-person crew

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of the freight train were pronounced deceased at the site. The truck driver was not seriously injured and was charged with two counts of causing death by dangerous driving.

- The government is investing in grade separations and upgrading level crossings, including improvements to technology and warning systems, through the \$160 million Regional Level Crossing Upgrade Fund, which provides funding to states and territories to undertake these works.
 - *Any questions on the Regional Level Crossing Program should be referred to the Surface Transport and Emissions Policy Division.*

Network resilience

- ARTC is responsible for building, maintaining and operating the National Rail Network which involves operating and maintaining the Interstate Network and the Hunter Valley Network while:
 - improving Australia's productivity by encouraging modal shift;
 - managing an ageing asset base including through increased investment in resilience of the network; and
 - increased focus on a safety culture and managing the entry of new above rail providers to help move freight and passengers safely, reliably and efficiently.
- ARTC recognises the need to continue delivering a reliable and resilient network and is cognisant of significant issues including ageing assets, continued expected growth in demand of its network, high development costs and increasing impacts of climate change.
- ARTC has developed, in consultation with customers and industry, a 30-year network investment strategy that identifies priorities for upgrade, in order to achieve greater resilience to extreme weather events.
- In 2022–23, network disruption events resulted in 151 days of interruption on the network and more than \$70 million in incident costs to ARTC. 126 of the 151 days of interruption were due to weather related events.
- In December 2023, there were major network disruptions (over 24 hours) on both ARTC's Interstate and Hunter Valley Networks. The most severe were derailments at Murrumbo (NSW) and Bindarra (SA).
- The closure of the east-west corridor between Kalgoorlie and Rawlinna in March 2024 was caused by a significant rain event resulting in water covering the track at several locations.

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- ARTC deployed a significant workforce to the area, including senior engineers, specialist consultants and maintenance crews. However, the timeframe to reopen the line was impacted by the time taken for the significant quantity of water to recede.
- ARTC liaised closely with its customers to keep them updated on progress throughout the closure.
- ARTC is best placed to answer more detail on network disruptions.

Investment in Network Improvements

- As part of the 2024 Budget, the government has committed \$540 million over 3 years, commencing 2027-28, to fund critical network upgrades and resilience projects to address key vulnerabilities and mitigate against network disruption events. This is being complemented by over \$500 million in funding to be provided by ARTC to address network resilience across their network. Australian Government funding covers:
 - \$140 million for culvert upgrades on the East-West Line and between Albury and Sydney;
 - \$100 million for re-rerailing between Tarcoola and Kalgoorlie;
 - \$150 million for track rehabilitation and operational upgrades between Albury and Sydney; and
 - \$150 million for the upgrade of the Maroona to Portland Line in Victoria.
- This investment is in addition to existing government funding to improve the productivity, safety and reliability of the ARTC network. This includes:
 - \$235 million for the (completed) Victorian North East Rail Line upgrade;
 - \$252 million for the (completed) Adelaide – Tarcoola Rail Line Upgrade Acceleration project;
 - \$442 million for the Port Botany Rail Line Duplication and Cabramatta Loop (NB. an additional \$42 million on top of the original \$400 million was allocated in the 2023-24 MYEFO).;
 - \$41.6 million for the Southern Highlands Overtaking Opportunities project;
 - \$44.7 million for Narrabri to Turravan Line Upgrade; and
 - \$270 million for the development and pilot of the Advanced Train Management System.

Interoperability

- As part of the rail interoperability framework, ARTC has been working with state jurisdictions to identify a pathway for an interoperable national digital signalling system.

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- In the interim, ARTC has been continuing to develop an evolved version of the Advanced Train Management System (ATMS) that can enable longer term interoperability. ATMS is a bespoke train control and signalling system involving the use of on-train- processing and advanced digital communications to manage train movements over the network.

Financial performance and dividends

- The financial outcomes for 2022–23 included a decrease in operating profit, with Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment (EBITDAI) down 18.9% from 2021–22.
- While ARTC reported an operating profit in 2022–23, it reported a net loss due to significant impairment expenses related to Inland Rail, resulting in its continued inability to transfer profit into its profit reserve.
 - since 2018–19, ARTC has been reporting net losses due to the significant amount of Inland Rail-related impairment expenditures. This means that, since 2018-19, ARTC has been unable to transfer any profit into profit reserves to enable dividend payments.
- As a result, ARTC's profit reserves are now depleted and ARTC did not make any dividend payments in 2022–23. ARTC's capacity for making dividend payments is reviewed through the annual corporate planning process.

Freight volumes

- In 2022–23:
 - 56.6 billion gross tonne kilometres of general and bulk freight was transported on the Interstate Network. This was approximately 2.4% lower than 2021–22.
 - 132 million tonnes of coal were transported on the Hunter Valley network. This was 14.2% lower than in 2021–22, due to weather-related impacts and lower customer demand.
- 2023-24 data reported over a six-month period (to end December 2023) showed:
 - 28.8 billion gross tonne kilometres of freight (mostly general and bulk) was transported on the Interstate Network.
 - 23.7 billion gross tonne kilometres of freight (mostly coal) was transported on the Hunter Valley network.
 - both the Interstate and Hunter Valley Network actuals were similar to the forecasts.

Background

- Please refer to **SB24-000097** brief on Inland Rail for further information.

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Financial Information as at 15 May 2024

Current ARTC Funding (\$ millions) as at 15 May 2024	Australian Government Committed Grant Funding (\$ millions)	Australian Government Equity Funding (\$ millions)	Expenditure to 15 May 2024 (\$ millions)
Inland Rail (Equity) *		14,526.2	3,799.3
Inland Rail (Grant)	290.3		289.8
Advanced Train Management System (ATMS)	270.0		153.2
Southern Highlands Overtaking Opportunities Project	41.6		26.9
Narrabri to Turrawan Line Upgrade	44.7		42.7
Port Botany Rail Line Duplication and Cabramatta Loop	442.0		395.0

Note: Committed funds relate to funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient.

**The forward annual equity profile for Inland Rail is not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities. The equity contributions paid to date are disclosed in the Australian Rail Track Corporation's annual report and align to share certificates tabled in Parliament.*

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SUBJECT: National Intermodal Corporation—Intermodal Terminals Precincts

Talking Points

- National Intermodal Corporation Limited (National Intermodal) continues their progress in delivering intermodal terminals to realise the benefits of Inland Rail and ensure genuine independent open access terminal precincts, driving efficiency and competition in the freight network.
- The 2024–25 Budget announced that:
 - National Intermodal will invest \$5.0 million to deliver a final business case and progress environmental planning for an open access intermodal terminal facility at Parkes, in regional New South Wales.
- The Australian Government response to the Independent Review of Inland Rail (the Inland Rail Review) supported development of intermodal terminals in Melbourne and Brisbane, and progressing planning work for a terminal at Parkes, NSW to maximise the benefits of the government’s investment in Inland Rail.
- National Intermodal have worked with industry to develop the Moorebank Intermodal Precinct and are progressing works to develop the first stage (Stage 1A) of the Beveridge Interstate Freight Terminal (BIFT) by 2025.

2024–25 Budget Announcements

National Intermodal will invest \$5.0 million to deliver a final business case and progress environmental planning for an open access intermodal terminal facility at Parkes, in regional New South Wales. This follows the earlier feasibility study, completed in early 2024 which was undertaken as part of the government’s response to the Inland Rail Review.

Parkes will be a crucial consolidation and deconsolidation hub in the national rail freight network with the arrival of Inland Rail, where interstate freight operators can transfer freight from smaller eastern seaboard trains into more efficient, long double stacked services to Melbourne, Perth and Darwin.

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Key Issues

Independent Review of Inland Rail – Intermodal References and Work Underway

Rec	Recommendation	What we are doing
8	<p>Two new intermodal terminals should be developed concurrently in Melbourne. Beveridge should be available as soon as practical and the second, Western Interstate Freight Terminal (WIFT) at Truganina, should in due course expand and become the larger operation.</p> <p>Both terminals should be operated by independent operators providing open access to all rail freight operators. Given that National Intermodal Corporation has an option to purchase land at Beveridge and is a Commonwealth-owned GBE that can offer open access and independence from freight operators, preference should be given to it to develop Beveridge on those conditions</p>	<p>Beveridge — In 2023, National Intermodal acquired 1,100 hectares of land at Beveridge in Victoria for BIFT and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Aurizon as a foundation customer for BIFT.</p> <p>27 October 2023 - National Intermodal lodged a Planning Submission with the relevant Victorian and Australian government agencies on for Stage 1A of BIFT. Stage 1A of BIFT intermodal facilities will include rail connections to the precinct, sidings, hardstand and interim terminal facilities.</p> <p>Late 2023 — National Intermodal undertook an Expressions of Interest market engagement process which gauged property development, rail industry and private sector investment interest in the BIFT precinct. Following agreement from Shareholder ministers, short-listed proponents will proceed to Request for Tender Stage (RFT).</p> <p>May 2024 – The Victorian Government, as part of their revised Interstate Freight Terminals Strategy, announced their support for the development of BIFT in the short term, an extension of the Dynon Rail Terminal Lease by 20 years from 2031 to 2051, and for a focus on protecting land at Truganina for the eventual construction of WIFT.</p> <p>Truganina — planning work to progress the (WIFT) at Truganina and the connecting Outer Metropolitan Ring (OMR) Rail South infrastructure is currently underway with the Victorian Government. This work is currently</p>

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Rec	Recommendation	What we are doing
		under review in light of Victoria's May announcement.
9	An intermodal terminal should be developed at Ebenezer so that its completion aligns with that of Inland Rail. The final site, lay-out and commercial model should be settled expeditiously between the Australian and Queensland governments. The terminal should be run independently by a terminal owner/operator with an open access regime. Governments should consider who that terminal operator will be, but I note that such an operator already exists in the form of government-owned National Intermodal Corporation.	<p>The Australian and the Queensland governments have been working together since 2020 on the planning for an intermodal facility in South East Queensland.</p> <p>The Queensland Government provided a draft business case for a Brisbane Intermodal Terminal Precinct to the Australian Government in April 2023. The Inland Rail Review confirms Ebenezer as the preferred locality for the terminal, which is consistent with the conclusions in the draft business case.</p> <p>The business case is being progressed to complete further work, including to incorporate the recommendations of the Inland Rail Review (for example, not double stacking past Ebenezer to Kagaru and revised delivery timeframes).</p> <p>The government has recommitted to completing the Ebenezer business case with National Intermodal leading the work in collaboration with the Queensland Government.</p> <p>National Intermodal has been working with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to confirm land requirements for the terminal which aligns with the low regrets approach for progressing Inland Rail planning north of Parkes.</p>
10	The Australian and NSW governments should investigate opportunities for intermodal	March 2024 - National Intermodal delivered a Feasibility Study (first-pass) on the need for an independently managed open access

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Rec	Recommendation	What we are doing
	facilities at Parkes, possibly to be developed by the National Intermodal Corporation.	intermodal facility at Parkes, in consultation with the Australian and New South Wales governments. May 2024 – Budget announcement to commence final business case. 2025 – anticipated completion of the final business case.

Intermodal Related Funding Commitments

Commitment	Where this Commitment Was Made	Further Information
\$4.2 Billion for the Melbourne Intermodal Terminals including the BIFT and road connections as well as the Western Interstate Freight Terminal at Truganina with the OMR Rail South connection	2022–23 Budget / 2024-25 Budget (addition funding for Camerons Lane)	The \$4.2 billion is comprised of: BIFT: \$1.62 billion total (100% Australian Government equity funded). Camerons Lane Interchange: \$900 million grant funding (funded on 86:14 basis with Victoria). WIFT: \$740 million (equity). OMR Rail South: \$920 million grant funding (funded on 50:50 basis with Victoria).

National Intermodal Financials – Key Figures

Key Figure	Overview
\$570 million	Equity provided for National Intermodal to develop the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal. Funding was provided at 2017–18 Budget and 2018–19 MYEFO.
\$1.62 billion	Equity provided for National Intermodal to deliver the Beveridge Interstate Freight Terminal. Funding provided at 2021–22 MYEFO.
\$740 million	Equity provided for National Intermodal to deliver the Western Interstate Freight Terminal. Funding provided at 2021–22 MYEFO.

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Key Figure	Overview
\$2.93 billion	Total equity available to National Intermodal.
\$3 million	Equity reallocated for National Intermodal to deliver the Parkes Feasibility Study. Funding reallocated at 2023–24 Budget.
\$5 million	Equity reallocated for National Intermodal to deliver the Parkes Final Business Case. Funding reallocated at 2024–25 Budget.
\$922 million	Equity that National Intermodal has drawn down to date as at 31 March 2024.

Moorebank Intermodal Precinct — Key Dates

Date	Overview
1 November 2019	Import Export Terminal opened
6 April 2022	Construction of the Interstate Terminal at Moorebank commenced
4 April 2024	Interstate Terminal commissioned
Mid-2024	Interstate Terminal – commercial operations commence

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SUBJECT: Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport

Talking Points

- As at 31 March 2024, Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport (WSI) is 77.4% complete and on track to commence operations by late 2026.
- The construction of WSI has supported 7,728 direct jobs since 2018. Current workforce statistics include 52 per cent Western Sydney workers, 30% learning workers and 35% diverse workforce (incorporating 2.67% First Nations participation).
- The delivery of WSI is already providing economic benefits for the Western Sydney region, with over \$500 million directly contracted to Western Sydney businesses, inclusive of small and medium enterprises, family and First Nations businesses.
- As part of the 2024-25 Budget the Australian Government provided funding for the fit out and commissioning for international border operations, resourcing for the Australian Federal Police and the WSI detector dog program, as well as equity for WSA to support completion of construction of Stage One of the airport.
- Recently WSA Co Limited (WSA) was made aware of an allegation of misconduct relating to an employee. WSA promptly referred the matter to the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC), which has resulted in charges being laid against an individual.
 - *all related questions to be referred to the relevant authorities.*

Key Issues

- As part of the 2024-25 Budget, the government considered funding and delivery arrangements to ensure that WSI be operationally ready to commence services by late 2026 and provided \$302.6 million over 5 years from 2024-25 (and \$53.5 million per year ongoing) (Budget Paper 2, pages 147), including:
 - \$237.4 million over 4 years from 2024-25 (and \$52.1 million ongoing) for border agencies to progress design, fit out and commissioning of the passenger terminal and shared government facilities, provide Federal policing and detector dogs at the airport;
 - \$13.0 million over 5 years from 2024-25 (and \$1.4 million ongoing) to support regulatory oversight functions and Commonwealth preparatory activities; and
 - equity to WSA to support completion of Stage One of WSI, with financial implications not for publication due to commercial sensitivities.

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- In addition, as part of the 2024-25 Budget, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts returned administered funding that was not committed as part of business case development for government facilities.
- WSA is continuing to develop its commercial activities to become an operational airport, including undertaking negotiations with airlines and market testing of retail and catering opportunities.
- On 11 April 2024, the minister attended a sod turning commencing the construction of the first stage of the Business Precinct. WSA also announced a joint venture partnership with Australian property group, Charter Hall Group to deliver the precinct.
- On 8 June 2023, WSA announced an agreement with Qantas and Jetstar to operate domestic flights from WSI.

Sensitivities

- Airspace design: Information on the release of the preliminary flight paths and the draft Environmental Impact Statement can be found in **SB23-000943** Western Sydney International Airport — Airspace and Environment (refer Outcome 2, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division, Western Sydney Airport Regulatory Policy Branch).
- Bilateral Air Services Agreements: Information can be found in **SB24-00119** Bilateral Air Services Agreements (refer Outcome 2, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division, International Aviation Branch).
- Western Sydney Aerotropolis and Bradfield: Questions on Western Sydney Aerotropolis and Bradfield should be directed to the NSW Government.

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Background*Overall project progress on the five major works packages*

Major Works Package	Status (percentage completion) as at 31 March 2024	Package commenced	Forecast completion
Bulk Earthworks	100%	January 2020	Practical completion December 2022
Terminal and Specialty Systems	65.3%	October 2021	Early 2025
Airside civil and pavements	90.0%	June 2022	Late 2024
Landside civil and buildings works	76.1%	November 2022	Early 2025
Enterprise Technology Contract	53.7%	December 2021	Late 2025

Jobs and employment data

Major Works Packages	Status at 31 March 2024	WSA target
Total workforce ¹	7,728	-
Learning workers	30%	20%
Local workers	52%	30%
Workforce diversity ²	35%	10%
First Nations participation	2.67%	2.4%

¹ This is calculated as total job years for the construction workers and professional services workers (consultants, engineers, administration, etc).

² The workforce diversity percentage includes First Nations peoples, women in non-traditional roles, women in leadership roles, economically and socially disadvantaged groups and people with a disability.

Financial Information (equity) as at 31 December 2023 – delivery of WSI

- The Government has subscribed for \$4.2 billion (GST exclusive) in equity for WSA, in return for 4.2 billion shares (tabling as at December 2023).

As at financial year update:

Project start date:	24 September 2018				
Project end date:	Late 2026				
	2020–21 \$m	2021–22 \$m	2022–23 \$m	2023–24 YTD \$m	2024–25 \$m
Budget Estimates	645.0	640.1	1,181.6	684.0	nfp
Cumulative equity provided	1,744.2	2,384.3	3,565.9	4,249.9	nfp

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**Note: The equity profile included for 2023–24 is for the equity provided in the financial year to 31 December 2023 reflecting the equity provided as per the most recently tabled shares. The full 2023-24 financial year profile and forward estimates beyond those published in the 2022–23 Annual Report to 30 June 2023 are not for publication due to commercial sensitivities.*

- In the 2017–18 Budget, the government committed up to \$5.3 billion in equity to WSA to develop WSI.
 - additional equity for WSA has been committed for the construction of facilities at WSI to support border services and law enforcement operations (2023– 24 Budget), aviation fuel infrastructure and potential costs for the integration of the airport with the Sydney Metro — Western Sydney Airport project (2021–22 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook).
 - the financial implications of these measures are not for publication due to commercial sensitivities.
- The government has subsequently committed \$174.7 million over four years from 2023–24 (and \$59.6 million per year ongoing) to enable border services operations at WSI (2023–24 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook).

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SB24-000101

SUBJECT: High Speed Rail Authority**Talking Points**

- The High Speed Rail Authority (HSRA) commenced operations on 13 June 2023 and is responsible for overseeing and planning and development of the high speed rail network from Melbourne to Brisbane, with an initial focus on the corridor from Sydney to Newcastle.
- The Australian Government has committed \$500 million for corridor acquisition, planning and early works for the high speed rail corridor between Sydney and Newcastle.
- HSRA is focused on the development of the Sydney to Newcastle (S2N) Business Case, which will include station locations, rolling stock and alignment options, demand modelling, funding and financing strategies and stakeholder engagement.
- The Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP announced via media release on 30 January 2024 that \$78.8 million in funding has been allocated to HSRA to deliver the S2N business case which is expected to be provided to government by the end of 2024.
- HSRA has commenced recruitment to enhance its project management capability and also released a series of tenders for work packages that will support HSRA to deliver the business case.
- Some staff are also being seconded to HSRA from Transport for New South Wales to support business case development.

Key Issues

- HSRA will work closely with a diverse range of stakeholders to plan and develop a high speed rail network, with an initial priority on the S2N section. The initial \$500 million government funding commitment will support planning, corridor acquisition and early works for Sydney to Newcastle.
- Following a merit-based and publicly advertised process, Mr Tim Parker commenced as the CEO of HSRA in January 2024 for a 4-year period.
 - Mr Parker has over 30 years of experience in developing, procuring and delivering significant infrastructure projects, including as the Head of Project for Sydney Metro since 2018. Mr Parker also has experience in working on complex infrastructure projects in Hong Kong and the United Kingdom.
 - the HSRA CEO appointment was made by the HSRA Board, following consideration by the government as a significant appointment.

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- HSRA has commenced planning work to begin the detailed business case for the S2N high speed rail corridor to provide government with funding and investment options for the construction and operation of high speed rail from the S2N section.
 - HSRA has progressed the procurement for technical experts to assist in delivery the S2N high speed rail business case, through its release of tenders for 8 work packages.
 - the work packages include project controls (costs, schedule and risk), Rail Operations Planning, First Nations Participation and Engagement, and Commercial, Delivery Strategy and Industry Engagement.
 - these packages are in addition to an earlier procurement for business case management to engage a service provider to support the Project Director to develop and coordinate the various workstreams to allow a comprehensive business case to be produced.
- The government is supporting the development of the S2N business case through providing funding of \$78.8 million to 2025–26.
 - \$70 million has been allocated to HSRA to deliver the S2N business case which is expected to be provided to the government by the end of 2024. This funding has been redirected from the government's initial \$500 million commitment.
 - an additional \$8.8 million has been allocated to HSRA for resourcing to support the development of the business case.
 - HSRA is entering into a service agreement with Transport for New South Wales for the secondment of a small number of staff with expertise to assist in the development of the S2N business case.

Background

CEO Remuneration

- The CEO's remuneration is determined by the HSRA Board, within the arrangements determined by the Remuneration Tribunal. The current reference rate set by the Remuneration Tribunal is \$503,420 annually, with tier two travel.
- On 16 April 2024, at the request of HSRA Board Chair, Ms Jill Rossouw, the Remuneration Tribunal approved a personal loading of \$25,000 per annum for Mr Parker from 14 January 2024. This brings his total remuneration to \$528,420.

Board

- Following a merit-based selection process, the following appointments were made to the HSRA Board on 5 June 2023:
 - Ms Jill Rossouw — Chair
 - Ms Gillian Brown
 - Ms Dyan Perry OBE

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- o Mr Ian Hunt
- o Mr Neil Scales OBE.
- Remuneration arrangements for HSRA directors are independently determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.
- The board chair is remunerated \$127,360 annually, while the board members receive \$63,680 annually, and all receive tier two travel arrangements.

HSRA Commencement

- HSRA commenced operations on 13 June 2023, having been established by the *High Speed Rail Authority Act 2022*.

Financial Information as at 31 March 2024

Program/Project Start Date:	13 June 2023 (commenced operations)					
	2023–24	2024–25	2025–26	2026–27	2027–28	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Baseline funding as at 13 June 2023 ^(a)	9.9	4.1	4.1	-	-	18.1
Business case funding allocated to HSRA ^(b)	22.1	47.9	-	-	-	70.0
HSRA additional funding for resourcing	1.7	3.5	3.6	-	-	8.8
Total funding appropriated to HSRA	33.7	55.5	7.7	-	-	96.8
Unallocated Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP) funding ^(c)	-	-	25	120	200	430.0

(a) The total annual appropriation of \$9.9 million is made up of \$4.4 million in 2022-23 and \$5.4 million in 2023–24.

(b) Funding for the business case has been redirected to HSRA from the government's initial \$500 million investment for high-speed rail into the Infrastructure Investment Program.

(c) Remaining funding is profiled beyond 2026–27.

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SUBJECT: 2032 Games – Brisbane Arena**Talking Points**

- The Australian Government is investing up to **\$2.5 billion** in the Brisbane Arena (the Arena) project, a key venue for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Brisbane 2032 (the Games).
- The Australian and Queensland governments are committed to working closely to progress the project, ensure value for money and understand the importance of community consultation in making decisions.
- Following Queensland's 60-Day Review (the Review), Queensland is proceeding with investigations to locate the Arena at the North Roma Street Parklands; with these investigations to inform the Joint Business Case.

Joint Business Case (JBC)

- The Australian and Queensland governments are developing a JBC for the Arena project to inform the final investment decision.
- The Queensland Government is targeting JBC completion in the second half of this year.

Key Issues*Timeline for Brisbane Arena site selection*

- The Review confirmed findings emerging from the ongoing assurance processes in developing the JBC, which had highlighted major challenges with both cost and schedule for the Roma Street Station site.
 - The Australian Government received a site options analysis report from the Queensland Government on 16 January 2024 that indicated a significant cost increase to the Roma Street Station site option.
 - the Review indicated a revised cost estimate of \$4 billion, and an inability to deliver the Arena in time for the 2032 Games.
- Queensland has accepted the Review's recommendation to investigate an alternative site at the Roma Street Parklands.
 - preliminary work, conducted as part of a rapid 'sprint' assessment on alternative options carried out in parallel to the Review, indicates the Arena could be built within the \$2.5 billion funding envelope and in time for the 2032 Games.
 - further investigations and community consultation specific to that site are to be undertaken over the coming months and will inform the JBC.
- The Brisbane Arena JBC is expected to be completed in the second half of this year.

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Transport impacts

- The JBC will investigate connectivity matters relating to the Roma Street Parklands Site, including pedestrian access and efficiency of road access for back-of-house logistics.
- Other potential transport impacts and options will be also be explored as part of the JBC process.
- All of the connecting main roads (including College Road and Countess Street) are existing and are not envisaged to require major reconstruction.

Ensuring the government's funding share does not exceed 50% following the outcomes of the Review (including in relation to the Gabba)

- The government's funding is subject to a 50/50 funding split across the 2032 Games venue infrastructure program.
- The \$2.7 billion Gabba redevelopment project was to be fully funded by Queensland, representing Queensland's balance to the Australian Government's contribution to the Arena.
- Queensland has chosen to not proceed with the Gabba redevelopment and instead investigate upgrades to the Queensland Sports and Athletics Centre (QSAC) and Suncorp Stadium and replacing the Gabba re-build with a more modest enhancement of the existing facility.
- Although there are some indicative costs for QSAC, Suncorp and the Gabba rebuild in the public domain, these need to be better developed and understood to ensure the 50/50 funding split across the program is maintained.

Infrastructure Australia review of the Arena project

- The review of social infrastructure projects is now part of the remit of Infrastructure Australia (IA).
- The IGA was established before the amendments to IA's legislation, and puts into place rigorous, self-contained arrangements to provide a high level of assurance over the project (similar to what IA would provide).
 - this assurance includes Review under the Queensland Gateway Review process, independent health checks, an IA secondee and an expert commercial advisor supporting the Australian Government.
- With these arrangements already agreed with Queensland, and given their success to date, there is little value in creating further project delays by seeking IA review.

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Background

- The Arena will host aquatic activities (swimming, water polo finals and Paralympic swimming) for the Games, through the installation of a drop-in pool.
 - The Brisbane Aquatic Centre (within the Chandler Sports Precinct) does not have the required spectator capacity or facilities for all aquatic events, only for artistic swimming, diving, water polo (preliminaries) and Paralympic Aquatics.
- After the Games, the Arena will become Brisbane's major central indoor multi-purpose venue.
- Once the JBC is finalised and investment decisions made, the Australian and Queensland governments will develop a Federation Funding Agreement (FFA) Schedule to facilitate the provision of the up to \$2.5 billion for the Arena project.

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SUBJECT: 2032 Games – Minor Venues Program**Talking Points**

- In the 2023-24 Budget, the Australian Government committed to a capped investment up to **\$935.0 million** towards 16 venues within the Minor Venues Program for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Brisbane 2032 (the Games). The Minor Venues Program will deliver key training and venue infrastructure for the Games, and support longer-term sporting needs for South East Queensland.
- The government continues to work collaboratively with the Queensland Government to achieve optimal outcomes and value for money for each of the venues in the Minor Venues Program, and understands the importance of community consultation.
- The venues within the Minor Venues Program were originally selected as part of Queensland Government's bid to host the Games with the view that they may evolve over time as requirements for the Games emerge.

Queensland's 60-day Review (the Review) outcomes – Minor Venues Program

- Minimal changes have been recommended to the Minor Venues Program as a result of the Review outcomes.
- These changes are being worked through under existing project assurance processes and are subject to Australian Government approval once a formal request by Queensland Government is made.
- Twelve of the 16 Minor Venues had commenced project assurance processes prior to the Review and projects set to proceed remain scheduled for completion ahead of the Games.

Key Issues*Outcomes of Queensland's 60-day review (the Review) and independent delivery authority*

- For further information on the Review and independent delivery authority please refer to the Senate Estimates brief 2032 Games – 60-day review, delivery authority and IGA (**SB24-000093**).

Impacts of the Review on the Minor Venues Program

- The government is not aware of any project delays to the Minor Venues Program resulting from the Review outcomes that jeopardise delivery in time for the Games.
- Final budgets and timelines for individual projects are still being resolved as part of project validation work.

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- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts submitted a brief to the Minister of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP on 5 April 2024 to provide an update on the outcomes of the 60-day review in relation to the 2032 Games, including the likely impacts on the Games minor venue infrastructure program.

Venue sensitivities

- A table outlining the status and key points on each of the venues can be found at **Attachment A**.
- The Redland Whitewater Centre project will continue through the Project Validation Report (PVR) process, with the outcomes of this process to inform an investment decision by both governments.
- Despite the Review recommending to not proceed with the Toowoomba Sports Ground project, assurance work will be completed to inform future project decisions, consistent with the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA).
- The cost and schedule for each venue, will be determined through the PVR process which forms the basis for government decision making, and outlined in a Federation Funding Agreement (FFA) Schedule.

Program assurance

- Strong assurance mechanisms are in place for the government's venue infrastructure investment through the IGA, including the use of PVRs as the basis for investment decisions and independent Gateway Review.
 - these mechanisms underscore a commitment to demonstrate value for money and optimise delivery on projects within budget authority.
- The Queensland Government is currently undertaking PVRs for projects over \$10 million, for the venues in the Minor Venues Program that were identified in Queensland's bid document.
- Gateway Reviews will be undertaken for projects over \$100 million, and for higher risk projects.
- The PVRs do not undertake the options analysis in a traditional business case; instead focusing on scope, strategic fit, affordability, and deliverability of each proposed investment.
 - the PVR work also involves consultation with key stakeholders to determine any sensitivities such as impacts on the community and the environment and the long-term viability of venues.

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- the Queensland Government is responsible for the cost and procurement of the PVRs.

Transport

- Information on Queensland land transport infrastructure projects can be found in QLD Infrastructure Investment (Road and Rail) (**SB24-00082**).

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Minor Venues Program Summary**Minor Venue Program Facts**

- AG contribution capped at \$935 million
- 16 venues – 6 new and 10 existing (upgrade) venues
- Project costs to be finalised through the PVR.
- PVR threshold is above \$10 million
- No risk to the 2032 readiness of projects
- Consistent with good project management, the MVP contains program contingency should project costs increase.
- Queensland have not advised of any projects where cost pressures have been created as a result of the Review.

	Venue Name	New or upgrade	Sensitivities	Project status / Progress
1	Brisbane Indoor Sports Centre (formally known as Breakfast Creek)	New	Feasibility of the para-sports centre at the two alternate sites is being considered. Brisbane City Council's involvement as a venue operator to be determined once the location is confirmed.	PVR: completion Q2 2024. Alternative locations being investigated
2	Chandler Indoor Sports Centre and Precinct Works	New	QLD acquiring additional land at Chandler for the Olympic Overlay and transport operations. Aligning procurement timeframes to avoid delays during QLD caretaker and avoiding cost escalations.	PVR: completed Q3 2023. ERC Endorsed
3	Logan Indoor Sports Centre	New	Stakeholder consultations to be undertaken by the Council regarding relocation requirements. EPBC Act referral	DBC: completion Q3 2024.
4	Moreton Bay Indoor Sports Centre	New	PVR addendum to be developed for additional project scope.	PVR: completion Q2 2024
5	Redland Whitewater Centre	New	Local stakeholders concern with the location and cost of the project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400 submissions made to the Review. The new Council is broadly supportive of the project; however, the Mayor promised a review of the venue as part of her campaign.	PVR: completion Q2 2024.
6	Sunshine Coast Indoor Sports Centre	New	Queensland to progress joint announcement and procurement activities for the Kawana Precinct ASAP. FFA schedule yet to be executed.	PVR: completed Q3 2023. ERC Endorsed
7	Anna Meares Velodrome and BMX track	Upgrade	Nil.	PVR: No (below threshold)
8	Barlow Park (Cairns)	Upgrade	On 19 April 2024, the Queensland Sports Minister, Michael Healy, prematurely announced the Barlow Park project cost (\$44m Queensland contribution) and scope. The PVR has not been completed. Stakeholder consultations to be undertaken regarding relocation requirement (Meals on Wheels)	PVR: completion Q2 2024.
9	Brisbane Aquatic Centre	Upgrade	Lack of a legacy outcome	PVR: completed Q3 2023.
10	Brisbane International Shooting Centre	Upgrade	Nil.	PVR: commence in 2025.
11	Queensland Tennis Centre	Upgrade	Lack of a legacy outcome.	PVR: No (below threshold).
12	Sunshine Coast Mountain Bike Centre	Upgrade	Land acquisition dispute sighting procedural fairness of land gazettal. Case is currently awaiting preliminary hearing decision in the Supreme Court.	PVR: completed Q3 2023. ERC Endorsed
13	Sunshine Coast Stadium	Upgrade	Queensland to progress joint announcement and procurement activities for the Kawana Precinct ASAP.	PVR: completed Q3 2023.

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			FFA schedule yet to be executed.	ERC Endorsed
14	Toowoomba Sports Ground	Upgrade	Council disappointed: project is not proceeding. The PVR to be closed out s47C	PVR: completion Q2 2024.
15	Wyaralong Flatwater Centre & Precinct	Upgrade	Wyaralong Dam is currently undergoing options analysis (East v West)	PVR: completion Q3 2024
16	International Broadcast Centre General allowance for minor upgrades to existing competition and training venues	Temporary N/A	Nil. Nil.	PVR: not commenced. PVR: No (below threshold).

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SUBJECT: 2032 Games – 60-day review, delivery authority and IGA**Talking Points***Progress on the 2032 Games*

- Since the **\$3.4 billion** Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) was signed in February 2023, 5 projects (worth around \$500 million in total) are procurement-ready, 7 projects are progressing through project assurance work and a Joint Business Case is underway for the Brisbane Arena (to be completed before the end of this year).
- The IGA funding re-profile in the 2024-25 Budget is to align funding with milestones now that projects are rolling out.

Queensland's 60-day review (the Review) into Games venue infrastructure

- The Review's implications for projects with Australian Government funding are quite minor in the scheme of the overall program.
- We will work in partnership with Queensland to consider and approve any changes Queensland wish to make to the current list of venues co-funded by the government.
- Under the IGA, business cases and Project Validation Reports need to be finalised before final decisions are made.
- The government's 50/50 investment is capped.

Independent 'Games Venue and Legacy Delivery Authority' (the Authority)

- Queensland's obligations to the government under the IGA remain.
- Queensland are best placed to answer questions on their legislation to establish the Authority that will deliver venues and develop a Transport and Mobility Strategy.

Senate Inquiry on Games matters

- The government's response to the Senate Inquiry's reports, will be considered when the final report is available (due 31 October 2024).

Key Issues*Perceived lack of progress on the Games*

- The media and Senate Inquiry have criticised governments for wasting the head start on the Games, including the lack of transport strategy and 'shovels in ground' on venues.
- The 2024-25 Budget included a re-profile for the 2032 Games Program.

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- Some of the progress made is not visible publicly. For example, investigations on the proposed Brisbane Arena site at Roma Street Station revealed major challenges. This resulted in further investigations to explore alternative options that will deliver better value. This work was not public until confirmed by the Review.

Queensland's 60-day review (the Review) into Games venue infrastructure

- On 18 March 2024, the same day as it was released, Queensland announced it would be accepting 27 of the 30 recommendations made by the Review including:
 - moving the Brisbane Arena site from Roma Street Station to the Roma Street Parklands precinct;
 - moving the Breakfast Creek Indoor Sports Precinct to an alternate location at either Boondall or Zillmere;
 - expanding the scope of the Moreton Bay Indoor Sports Centre;
 - proceeding with the Redlands Whitewater Centre, previously the subject of media attention due to public opposition to the project;
 - not proceeding with the Toowoomba Sports Ground project; and
 - not proceeding with the Gabba redevelopment.
- The government is not funding the proposed Gabba, QSAC or Suncorp Stadium upgrades and questions are best directed to the Queensland Government.

'Games Venue and Legacy Delivery Authority' (the Authority) and broader governance

- Legislation to establish the Authority was introduced to the Queensland Parliament on 17 April 2024 (**Attachment A**).
- Queensland obligations under the IGA remain and government funded projects will still require government approval.
- Existing broader governance forums, including the Intergovernmental Leaders Forum (where Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP and Minister for Sports, the Hon Anika Wells MP are represented) will still operate in a different guise.
 - a. they will provide strategic advice to the Authority and receive updates from it.
 - b. more information will be available as the changes are implemented.

Senate Inquiry to date

- Recommendations from the two interim Inquiry reports (released in Sept and Dec 2023) raise concerns about transport links, opposition to the Redlands Whitewater Centre and exploring an independent Olympic Coordination Authority.
- Senators provided a dissenting report in response to the second interim report.

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Bill introduced for Independent Games Delivery Authority

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The Honourable Grace Grace

- Miles Government delivering on promise to establish independent games delivery authority
- The Games Venue and Legacy Delivery Authority will deliver the new and upgraded venues that will be used during the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (the Games) and beyond, and the legacy program
- Authority will be overseen by an Independent Board
- Authority due to be established mid-year including the appointment of an interim CEO, with Board recruitment to then commence

A new bill introduced to State Parliament today will establish an independent statutory body to ensure Queensland is ready to host a successful Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Amendment Bill 2024 will see the formation of the Games Venue and Legacy Delivery Authority to deliver venues that will be used during the Games and by the community for the decades that follow, and a legacy program.

The legislation ensures the Authority's Board will be independent and have the skills and diversity required to ensure the authority performs its functions effectively and efficiently.

Establishing the Authority as a statutory body under legislation will enable it to operate at arms-length from government. It will have control over its own funds, have operational independence, operate within a flexible structure and be subject to public sector accountability regimes.

The Authority will also be immune from government election cycles and be charged to autonomously get on with the job of delivering new and upgraded infrastructure that will be used during the Games and beyond, and Games legacy projects.

Minister for State Development and Infrastructure Grace Grace introduced the Bill to the House, which honours the commitment made by Premier Steven Miles when he took office in December 2023.

An interim CEO is anticipated to be appointed once the Authority is established in mid 2024, with recruitment for the Board commencing shortly afterwards and appointments expected in September. The Board will have up to seven independent directors, including the chair, who will be recommended for appointment by a selection panel comprising chief executives of the Games Delivery Partners. The Board will recruit and appoint a CEO, after consulting with Games Delivery Partners.

As part of its role, the Authority will be legislatively required to develop a Transport and Mobility Strategy within the first 18 months of its establishment, in consultation with Games Delivery Partners.

The Bill will now be referred to a parliamentary committee which will report back next month.

Quotes attributable to Premier Steven Miles:

“Announcing the need to establish a delivery authority for the Games was among my first acts as Premier and I’m extremely pleased to see we are setting the path with the introduction of this Bill.

“As I said at the time, the Games themselves don’t go for long, but the legacy for our communities will last for generations.

“But if we want to make the most of the opportunity, we need to have all the right people at the table taking a collaborative and cooperative approach.

“With an independent Board, recommended by Games Delivery Partners, to oversee the functions of the Authority, I’m highly confident we will have the best people and right model guiding the way.”

Quotes attributable to Minister for State Development and Infrastructure Grace Grace:

“The establishment of the Games Venue and Legacy Delivery Authority builds on the extensive work our government has undertaken since being awarded the Games in 2021.

“We established the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Organising Committee, signed an historic \$7.1 billion investment agreement with the Commonwealth, and launched You for 2032, Australia’s largest ever athlete talent identification program.

“Our Q2032 Procurement Strategy means businesses across Queensland are already getting match fit to win contracts - worth an estimated \$180 billion - from our government, other suppliers, and the world market before, during, and after the Games.

“Elevate 2042, our 20-year legacy strategy, has laid the foundation for the Authority to immediately begin development on its Transport and Mobility Strategy.

“The Authority will follow a similar model to Sydney 2000 and London 2012 and will ensure we build the best value-for-money community sports infrastructure to create lasting benefits at a grassroots level.

“The Games are not just about four weeks of sport. They’re about creating jobs and new industries, creating healthy lifestyles, and capitalising on the uplift in tourism and trade across the state.”

Quotes attributable to the President of the Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee, Andrew Liveris:

“The Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee is supportive of an independent Games Venue and Legacy Delivery Authority to oversee planning and delivery of new and upgraded Olympic and Paralympic Games venues, supporting long-term sporting and community legacies across Brisbane and Queensland.

“Delivering an Olympic and Paralympic Games is complex and requires consistent stakeholder engagement to ensure planning is collaborative and timelines are met.

“The Games will be the biggest event in Queensland’s history, and I have confidence that a Delivery Authority focused on both infrastructure and legacy will lead to positive and long-term social and economic benefits across Brisbane, Queensland, and Australia.”

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SB24-000094

SUBJECT: Independent Review of AIS Infrastructure**Talking Points**

- The Independent Review of the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Infrastructure (the Review) was delivered to the Australian Government on 31 January 2024.
- The Review contained 12 recommendations. The Report is currently being considered by the government and a response will be released in due course.
- On 10 February 2024, it was announced that the AIS should remain at its current location.
- The full Review report (minus commercially sensitive information) was released on 10 May 2024 (Media Release at **Attachment A**).
- In the 2024-25 Budget, the government provided \$249.7 million over 3 years from 2024-25 to revitalise the AIS and implement the key facility related Review recommendations, with implementation subject to completion of a detailed business case (consistent with best practice project governance and assurance).
- The funding will deliver:
 - an accessible multi-story accommodation facility.
 - a Multi-Sports Dome to provide an all-weather, multi-sport indoor training facility with integrated facilities for testing and analysis.
 - a new High-Performance Training and Testing Centre that would particularly support gymnastics, winter sports and newer 'millennial sports'.
- The government also provided \$10 million over two years from 2024-25 for the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to work with the ACT Government to develop a Bruce Precinct Masterplan – ensuring the Bruce site is welcoming and fit for purpose.

Key Issues*Budget*

- The government announced as part of 2024-25 Budget, funding of \$249.7 million (over 3 years from 2024–25) to implement the key facility related recommendations.
- Implementation will be subject to a detailed business case for the AIS site redevelopment. This work will be led by the Department of Health and Aged Care, with the department having a role in the assurance and health check process for the business case.
- The investment in facilities at the AIS will support athlete development and success at international sporting events, including in the lead up to Brisbane 2032, and beyond.

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- The government will also provide \$10 million over two years from 2024-25 for the development of a Bruce Precinct Master Plan, with this work being led by the department.
- The government will work in partnership with the ACT Government on a Bruce Precinct Master plan to ensure an integrated approach in the context of the broader precinct and develop options for the sale of surplus AIS land.
- The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) will develop a detailed business case and AIS Master Plan (that will identify surplus land for divestment) within existing resourcing.

Review Recommendations

- The review made 12 recommendations, including that the AIS remain in Canberra.
- On 10 February 2024, the government announced that the AIS will remain located at its current site in Bruce, ACT (Media Release at **Attachment B**).
- Shifting the AIS to another location in Australia was found to be cost-prohibitive, and greater benefits would be gained from developing and upgrading the AIS facilities in Canberra.

Background*The Review Process*

- Ms Erin Flaherty and Ms Robyn Smith OAM were appointed by the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP to lead the Review.
 - Ms Flaherty has a background in infrastructure, corporate and public sector governance.
 - Ms Smith OAM has a background in Paralympics and sport for people with a disability and sits on the Brisbane Organising Committee for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- The appointments commenced on 4 October 2023 and ended 31 January 2024, including a short extension at the Reviewers' request.
- Ms Smith and Ms Flaherty were closely supported by a small secretariat team within the department.
- The Review and its Terms of Reference were announced in a Media Release (**Attachment C**) on Monday 16 October 2023 by the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government and the Minister for Sport.

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- The Reviewers met with 55 organisations or individuals representing current and past high-performance athletes, peak sporting bodies and key officials from central government agencies. 26 online submissions were received through the consultation portal.
 - In the 2023-24 Budget, \$1.004m was allocated to facilitate the Review.

The AIS structure

- The AIS is the high-performance arm of the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) which sits under the Department of Health and Aged Care. The ASC Board and CEO report to the Minister for Sport.

Attachments:**A:** 10 May 2024 AIS Media Release**B:** AIS Review Location Announcement**C:** Original AIS Review Media Release and Terms of Reference

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In the lead up to the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Albanese Government is ensuring the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in Canberra remains the destination for Australia's elite athletes to train, develop and ultimately succeed.

In the 2024-25 Budget, the Albanese Government will invest \$2 million in the AIS's facilities in Bruce, ensuring they are modern a fit-for-purpose for Australia's elite and aspiring athletes.

We will deliver:

- An accessible multi-story accommodation facility.
- A multi sports dome to provide an all-weather, multi-sport indoor training facility with integrated facilities for testing a analysis.
- A new High-Performance Training and Testing Centre.

In addition, there will be a further \$10 million for the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to work with the ACT Government to develop a Bruce Precinct Masterplan – ensuring the Bruce site is welcoming and fit-for-purpose for visitors, athletes and their families alike.

Funding will be provisioned in the Budget while a detailed business plan for the AIS site redevelopment is finalised.

These commitments reflect the recommendations made in the recent independent review into AIS Infrastructure and help ensure our high-performance athletes have access to world-class facilities that best support Australia's sporting success.

'A Fit for Purpose Australian Institute of Sport: An independent review' can now be found here. The Government's full response to the review will be released shortly.

The ACT was ignored by the previous government, and the condition of the AIS is just one demonstration of that.

For over a decade the Liberals and Nationals did nothing to invest in the future of Australia's elite athletes, and did nothing to support infrastructure for those living and working in the ACT.

We are getting on with delivering a better future for all Australians. One made in Australia that builds opportunity and thriving communities.

Quotes attributable to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese:

“We want to give our athletes the best chance of bringing home gold at Brisbane and every competition before and after those games.

“The upcoming Budget will ensure the Australian Institute of Sport remains in the Capital, where it belongs, and ensure it once again becomes the world-leading high-performance centre it was designed to be.

“What is crystal clear is that under my Government – Canberra will always get the support, investment and respect that Australia’s national capital deserves.”

Quotes attributable to Minister for Finance, Katy Gallagher:

“For more than 40 years, the Australian Institute of Sport has been a much-loved venue for athletes, for Canberra locals and for visitors to the ACT.

“It’s played host to school excursions, sporting matches and concerts, but we know in recent years it’s fallen into disrepair due to inaction from the Liberals and Nationals.

“The Albanese Government is investing almost \$250 million into the AIS so it can once again become the vibrant community hub that Canberrans know and love.”

Quotes attributable to Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Catherine King:

“The Australian Institute of Sport should be a place where elite athletes want to be to help achieve their full potential.

“We are investing in the Institute so it can be that place.”

Quotes attributable to Minister for Sport, Anika Wells:

“For 2032 Games success, the need for sport investment is now as we know it takes up to eight years to prepare an athlete for the highest level of competition.

“When it was first built, the AIS was so successful in preparing our medal winning athletes that it was replicated by sporting nations around the world and became the benchmark for achieving athletic success.

“Today, our government is investing in the AIS so we reach those benchmarks again as we commit to delivering world standard training facilities ahead of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.”

Quotes attributable to ACT Acting Chief Minister, Yvette Berry:

“This is a great day for Canberra. The commitment to the AI in Canberra will not only create local jobs, but it also appropriately recognises the city’s role as the nation’s capital.

“It places the Institute and its facilities at the heart of a modern sports, health and education precinct in Bruce for decades to come.

“We welcome the Albanese’s Government plan to restore this national asset and to work together to plan for the precinct’s future.

“I also acknowledge the advocacy of the many local sportin groups and Canberrans who have continued to passionately advocate for the AIS’s place in Canberras future and who have helped to achieve this outcome.”



The Hon Catherine King MP

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Supporting Aussie athletes through a fit-for-purpose AIS

An independent review into the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Infrastructure has delivered its report to the Australian Government.

The review has found that the AIS should remain located at its current site in Bruce in Canberra, and the Government has accepted this recommendation.

Announced in October 2023, the review was led by Ms Erin Flaherty and Ms Robyn Smith OAM.

The review considered the optimal location for the AIS, the level of investment required, including appropriate accommodation facilities for athletes and staff, and international best practice.

There was broad-based support from stakeholders that the AIS campus at Bruce had unique attributes as a high-performance facility.

The Government will consider the remaining recommendations, including those for the revitalisation of the Bruce campus, as part of its 2024-25 Budget deliberations. The Government intends to release the findings of the review once it has fully considered the report's findings.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King:

"I thank the reviewers for their report, which undertook the important work of examining the facilities the AIS needs to achieve its purpose.

"This is critical to ensuring the AIS delivers on its responsibilities to make sure it can support high-performance athletes with a national approach that drives international competitiveness and success at major sporting events, including the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Sport Anika Wells:

"Keeping the AIS in Canberra will help guide effective investment in sporting facilities to ensure the AIS continues to best support high-performance athletes on the road to Brisbane 2032.

"It is clear that any relocation would compromise athlete preparations for the Brisbane 2032 Olympics and Paralympics, so I am pleased to offer certainty for the Australian sporting community as our Aussie athletes prepare to compete at our home Games."

Quotes attributable to Senator for the ACT Katy Gallagher:

"I'm pleased that this independent review has recommended that the Australian Institute of Sport should stay in Canberra and that the Government has accepted this recommendation.

"Canberra has been the home of the AIS for more than 40 years, but like many of our national institutions, it was neglected by the former Liberal/National Government.

"The Albanese Government cares about our city, and will continue to do what's right for Canberrans, including sorting out the future of the AIS."

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A fit for purpose Australian Institute of Sport

A fit for purpose Australian Institute of Sport

The Albanese Government has announced an independent review into the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Infrastructure to help guide investment in sporting facilities to ensure the AIS continues to best support high-performance athletes.

The review will be led by Ms Erin Flaherty and Ms Robyn Smith OAM.

The review will look at what facilities the AIS needs to achieve its purpose and deliver on its responsibilities to make sure it can support high performance athletes with a national approach that drives international competitiveness and success at major sporting events.

Those events include the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

It will consider the optimal location for the AIS, the level of investment required, including appropriate accommodation facilities for athletes and staff, and international best practice.

Readiness for athlete use with sufficient lead time for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, including infrastructure sector workforce readiness and availability, will also be assessed.

The Albanese Government has been considering the best approach for support of high-performance sport as part of the green and gold runway through to Brisbane 2032 and the AIS is a critical feature of support for our outstanding athletes.

The independent reviewers will be supported by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, with further support from the Department of Health and Aged Care.

The review will provide a report to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government and Minister for Aged Care and Sport in late 2023, with options for consideration by government.

The Government intends to release the findings of the review once it has an opportunity to consider them.

The review's terms of reference are set out below.

Quotes attributable to Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Minister Catherine King MP:

"The independent review of the AIS Infrastructure will give the Government a clear-eyed view on priority investment in the AIS in the lead-up to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and beyond.

"This is part of a national approach that supports international competitiveness and achieving success at upcoming major sporting events, including the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

"Due to the fiscal situation we've found ourselves in after a decade of neglect and mismanagement from the former Government, we will carefully and responsibly consider all of the report's recommendations and advice."

Quotes attributable to Federal Sport Minister Anika Wells MP:

"I welcome this Independent Review of AIS Infrastructure.

The Review and its outcomes will support and enhance Australian sport by providing advice on strategic investment in high performance facilities that align with Australia's High Performance 2032+ Sport Strategy."

About the Reviewers:

Erin Flaherty is Chair of the National Intermodal Corporation and sits on the Board of Venues NSW. She has been involved in the development of the NSW Stadia Strategy and has over 30 years' experience in the private and Government sectors, especially in major infrastructure projects.

Robyn Smith OAM is the CEO of Sport Inclusion Australia, on the board of the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Organising Committee and an International Paralympic Committee Governing Board Member at large. She is an advocate for the positive impacts of sport, especially for people who are underrepresented because of disability.

Terms of Reference

Preamble:

The Independent Review of the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) infrastructure will inform how best to invest in sports facilities to ensure the AIS remains fit-for-purpose in supporting high performance athletes. This is in the context of a national approach, that supports international competitiveness and achieving success at upcoming major sporting events, including in the lead up to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and beyond. The Review and its outcomes will support and enhance Australian sport by providing advice on strategic investment in high performance facilities that align with Australia's *High Performance 2032+ Sport Strategy*.

The Review:

1. The Independent Review will examine the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), including its optimal location in the context of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the proposed revitalisation of the existing AIS campus, with reference but not limited to:
 - a) what facilities are required for the AIS to achieve its purpose and to deliver on its responsibilities;
 - b) business cases previously commissioned by ASC to date, in relation to the AIS facilities;
 - c) targeted consultation with key stakeholders including state and territory governments, national sporting organisations, the Australian Olympic Committee, Paralympics Australia, current and prospective athletes, sporting peak bodies and industry;
 - d) the AIS facilities required by Australian athletes for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and major events in Australia, including from the following perspectives;
 - i. for each major facility, the level of investment required (short and long-term, capital and operating costs), and commercial and financial options to achieve a sustainable funding model, including opportunities for cost recovery and co-investment;
 - ii. enhancing facilities available to high performance sport, with consideration of developments overseas in support of events such as the Paris and Los Angeles Olympic and Paralympic Games;
 - iii. appropriate facilities for accommodation for athletes and staff;
 - iv. readiness for athlete use with sufficient lead up time for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (including infrastructure sector workforce readiness and availability); and

v. international best practice in comparable countries (e.g., Japan, Canada, the United Kingdom, relevant European models, and New Zealand) and possible financing and funding mechanisms for AIS facilities, including investments by members of the National Institute Network.

e) the objectives and functions as established in the *Australian Sports Commission Act 1989*, and other relevant sport strategies

2. The Review will be conducted by Independent Reviewers with relevant skills and experience and will be supported logistically by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, with support from the Office for Sport.

3. The Review will provide a report to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government and Minister for Aged Care and Sport in the last quarter of 2023. It should provide distinct and prioritised options for consideration by government.

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SUBJECT: IA Review Implementation**Talking Points**

- The implementation of the Australian Government response to the Independent Review of Infrastructure Australia (IA) is being progressed through:
 - amendments to the *Infrastructure Australia Act 2008* (IA Act) made by the *Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Independent Review) Act 2023* (IA Amendment Act), effective from 14 December 2023; and
 - a new Statement of Expectations (SoE) to be issued imminently by the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP.
- New governance arrangements have commenced from 15 April 2024 with Ms Gabrielle Trainor AO as interim Chief Commissioner and Ms Clare Gardiner-Barnes as an interim Commissioner appointed that replaces the IA Board.
- The most significant elements of the government's response to the recommendations of the Independent Review have been implemented through the IA Amendment Act, which:
 - defines IA's mandate, as being the government's independent adviser on nationally significant infrastructure investment planning and project prioritisation;
 - refines the functions and products IA delivers to better support government investment objectives; and
 - provides a new governance structure comprising three Commissioners.

Key Issues*Commissioner appointments*

- Under the revised governance arrangements, IA will have a Chief Commissioner and two other Commissioners.
- On 15 April 2024, the minister appointed two of the previous IA Board members, Ms Gabrielle Trainor AO and Ms Clare Gardiner-Barnes, as interim Commissioners for 3 months. This commenced the new governance arrangements while recruitment for 3 substantive Commissioners is undertaken through a publicly advertised and merit-based process.
 - these interim appointments were announced by the Minister on 26 April 2024.
- Remuneration of Commissioners is determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.

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Implementation of other recommendations from the Independent Review

- *Statement of Expectations* – will provide further clarity around the government’s priorities for IA in implementing the new legislation and the government response to the independent review of IA, and the expected relationship between IA and the Advisory Council.
- *Advisory Council* - The government, in its response to the Independent Review, agreed to establish an Advisory Council to assist the Commissioners which will include up to 3 senior Australian Public Service officials and 4 experts from the infrastructure and related sectors.
- *Annual Statements* - each financial year IA will prepare annual statements to inform the government budget process on infrastructure investment, and report on the performance outcomes being achieved from the investment program and existing project initiatives.
 - the first Annual Budget Statement 2024 was tabled on 26 April 2024.
- *Infrastructure Priority List (IPL)* - A more targeted and focussed IPL is being prepared by IA to better align with the government’s policy objectives, and within IA’s remit of transport, water, energy and communications and social infrastructure.
 - a more targeted IPL means any projects submitted for assessment will need to be linked to the government’s policy objectives. Project proponents will also need to be from Australian, state or territory governments.

Background

Independent Review of Infrastructure Australia

- On 22 July 2022, the government announced an independent review of IA. The review, conducted by Ms Nicole Lockwood and Mr Mike Mrdak AO, examined IA's role as an independent advisor to the Government on nationally significant infrastructure priorities, and IA’s capacity to deliver on this role.
- The total cost of the review of \$48,382 was absorbed by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (Committee Question Number 85 (SQ23-003646) from the 2023-24 Budget Estimates refers).
- On 8 December 2022, the minister released the government’s response to the Independent Review of IA.
- The government supported all of the recommendations of the Independent Review’s Report, either in full (7), in part (4) or in principle (5), including:
 - giving IA a clearer purpose with a legislated mandate;

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- replacing IA's 12-member board with 3 commissioners supported by an Advisory Council that will include up to three senior Australian Public Service officials;
- refining IA's products, including a more targeted and focussed Infrastructure Priority List (IPL), aligned to the government's policy objectives, and within IA's remit of transport, water, energy, communications and social infrastructure; and
- facilitating greater collaboration with state and territory infrastructure bodies.

Implementation of the Government response to the Independent Review

- To implement the legislative elements of the government's response to the Independent Review of IA, the government introduced the Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Independent Review) Bill 2023 (the Bill) into Parliament on 22 March 2023.
 - the Bill passed both Houses on 6 December 2023 and received Royal Assent on 14 December 2023.
 - new governance provisions of the IA Amendment Act were deferred to commence on proclamation or six months following Royal Assent, and commenced on 15 April 2024.
- A summary of the status of the government's response to the Review's recommendations is at **Attachment A**.

Financial Information

- The annual appropriation for IA in 2024-25 is \$13.3 million. There is no change to IA funding as a result of the Review.

Attachments

A – Implementation Status of Australian Government response to the Independent Review of Infrastructure Australia

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Attachment A

Implementation Status of the Australian Government response to the Independent Review of Infrastructure Australia

Of the 16 Review Recommendations, the Government supported in full 7, in part 4 and in principle 5.

The actions are mostly being progressed through the legislative amendments to the *Infrastructure Australia Act 2008* and a new Statement of expectations to IA, with 11 actions complete and 5 in progress.

	Government Response	Status
Rec 1 – IA mandate	Support in principle	Complete
Rec 2 – Charter of Infrastructure Investment Objectives	Support in principle	Complete
Rec 3 – Product suite to be refined	Support in full	In progress
Rec 4 – New annual statements to the budget process and report on performance outcomes	Support in part	Complete
Rec 5 – Publicly respond to IA’s advice, findings and recommendations within six months	Support in principle	In progress
Rec 6 – Remit expanded to include social infrastructure	Support in part	Complete
Rec 7 – Develop a national planning and assessment framework	Support in full	Complete
Rec 8 – Role in the project assessment for Commonwealth investments	Support in full	Complete
Rec 9 – Role in the post-completion stage	Support in full	In progress
Rec 10 – Form an I-bodies council	Support in principle	In progress
Rec 11 – Definition of ‘national significance’	Support in principle	Complete
Rec 12 – Inquiry powers for IA	Support in part	Complete
Rec 13 – Governance model	Support in full	Complete
Rec 14 – Cities and Suburbs Unit	Support in full	Complete
Rec 15 – Delineate the roles and responsibilities of IA and other Commonwealth infrastructure bodies.	Support in full	In progress
Rec 16 – IA reporting agency	Support in part	Complete

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SUBJECT: State of Aviation Sector**Talking Points***Continued airline recovery*

- Australian aviation activity has recovered strongly, and is close to returning to pre-COVID-19 levels.
- The most recent data from the Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics (BITRE) released March 2024 highlights that in January 2024, international scheduled passenger traffic was 3.803 million.
 - this represents nearly 92% of pre COVID-19 passenger traffic in January 2020 (4.154 million).
- Data from BITRE highlights that in January 2024, domestic commercial aviation passenger traffic (including charter operations) was 5.16 million.
 - this represents around 96% of pre-COVID passenger traffic in January 2020 (5.35 million).
- BITRE's data highlights that for the year ending January 2024, total passengers carried on Australian domestic aviation was 61.67 million.
 - this represents just over 96% of pre-COVID-19 passenger traffic from the year ending January 2020 (64.17 million).

Passengers by route

- In the year ending January 2024 the busiest routes were between Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, accounting for more than a quarter of domestic passenger travel.
 - Melbourne to Sydney: 8.27 million passengers
 - Brisbane to Sydney: 4.57 million passengers
 - Brisbane to Melbourne: 3.58 million passengers.

Airport recovery

- Australia's two largest airports, Sydney and Melbourne, processed a combined 4.09 million passengers in January 2024, around 9% less than January 2020 (4.47 million passengers).
- Domestic passenger movements through regional airports* was below pre-COVID-19 levels. There were 1.96 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports in January 2024, around 4 per cent less than January 2020 (2.04 million).

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Fare movements

- BITRE also publishes monthly airfare price indexes across three domestic airfare types: best discount, restricted economy and business. Fares are in real terms, with prices adjusted by the consumer price index (CPI).
- These indexes show that some domestic airfares in real terms are lower than the same time a year ago, whilst others are higher. In March 2024, compared to a year ago (March 2023), the fare change in real terms is:
 - best discount: an increase of 6.8%;
 - restricted economy: an increase of 5.8%; and
 - business: a decrease of 11.1%.
- The Australian Government has directed the ACCC to monitor prices, costs and profits in the domestic air passenger sector. The direction issued by the Treasurer, the Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP, was registered on 6 November 2023 and applies until 31 December 2026.
- The Treasury regulates competition and consumer issues. Questions about competition and consumer policy should be directed to the Treasury.

**Regional airports are defined as all airports in Australia other than the principal airports of State and Territory capitals.*

Key Issues*Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) general competition reporting*

- All businesses operating in Australia, including airlines, are subject to the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Act), which is administered by the ACCC. Questions about competition and consumer policy should be directed to the Treasury portfolio.
- The expansion of Rex and the entry of Bonza, which commenced operations on 31 January 2023, has created an opportunity for increased competition in the industry. However, both airlines would need to grow significantly to meaningfully compete with Qantas Group and Virgin Australia.
- Rex currently holds 5.3% of the domestic market. Bonza currently holds 1.7% of the domestic market. The Qantas group holds 61.8% of the domestic market and Virgin holds 31.2% (figures are from December 2023).
- On 13 February 2024, the ACCC released its first domestic airline monitoring report developed under the direction issued by the Treasurer, the Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP, on 6 November 2023. See **Attachment A** for a summary of the report.

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- The ACCC continues to monitor prices, costs, profits and quality of domestic aeronautical, car parking and landside access services at Australia's major airports (Sydney – Kingsford Smith, Melbourne – Tullamarine, Brisbane, and Perth).

Treasury Competition Taskforce

- On 23 August 2023, the Treasurer, the Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP, announced that the Government would be undertaking a review of competition policy settings to help build a more dynamic and productive economy, which will consider the aviation industry.
- The Competition Taskforce is working with the Aviation White Paper team in the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts on competition reforms needed to build a more robust and resilient domestic airline industry.

Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics (BITRE) reporting – delays and cancellations

- BITRE continues to publish regular statistics on aviation activity, including on domestic air fares and domestic on time performance (OTP).
- BITRE's most recent OTP data for Australia's domestic airlines, released March 2024 highlights that in February 2024, an average OTP across all airlines of 73.0 per cent for arrivals.
 - this is worse than the average OTP of 75.3% for arrivals in February 2020.
 - this is well below the long-term average performance of 81.1%.
- BITRE's data highlights that in February 2024, an average OTP across all airlines of 74.5% for departures.
 - this is worse than the average OTP of 77.9% for departures in February 2020.
 - this is well below the long-term average performance of 82.1%.
- BITRE's data highlights that in February 2024, an average cancellation rate across all airlines of 4.0%.
 - this is worse than the average cancellation rate of 3.0% in February 2020.
 - this is well above the long-term average of 2.2%.
- See **Attachment B** for full OTP statistics.
- The government's Aviation White Paper, expected to be released in mid-2024 will include consideration of how consumer interests can be better protected.
- On 27 February 2024, Senators the Hon Bridget McKenzie and Dean Smith introduced in the Senate the Airline Passenger Protections (Pay on Delay) Bill 2024 (the Bill). A second

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reading debate occurred on 20 March 2024. The Bill is yet to be voted on. A summary from the Bill's Explanatory Memorandum and its media release is at **Attachment C**.

Background

- The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has noted that global demand for air travel was strong in 2023. IATA is predicting that globally, passenger levels are projected to recover fully to 2019 levels by the end of 2024.
- IATA predicts that the Asia Pacific region will be the last to recover to pre-pandemic passenger levels. However, it is also predicting that over the longer term, the Asia Pacific will see the most rapid growth in passenger traffic among all regions.

Attachments

A: Summary of ACCC's February 2024 Airline Monitoring Report.

B: On-time performance and cancellation statistics.

C: Summary of Airline Passenger Protections (Pay on Delay) Bill 2024 and media releases.

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ATTACHMENT A

Key Summary: ACCC's 'Domestic airline competition in Australia - February 2024' report

On 13 February 2024, the ACCC released its first domestic airline monitoring report drafted under the direction from the Treasurer, the Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP. Key points included:

- The domestic airline industry appears to be stabilising following volatilities associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The post-pandemic industry is characterised by more leisure and less corporate travel, more choice of airlines and routes, and less reliable services. Passenger numbers have averaged 90 to 95 per cent of pre-pandemic levels.
 - The ACCC has judged the post-pandemic recovery period for the domestic airline industry to be over. Its assessment is based on various industry measures (airfares, seat capacity, passenger volumes, route network sizes) stabilising over the last six to nine months. The international air travel market continued to recover in the latter half of 2023, with seat capacity anticipated to increase into 2024.
- Domestic airfares were generally lower in 2023, following highs in late 2022. In December 2023, average revenue per passenger was 13.4 per cent lower (in real terms, adjusted for inflation) compared to December 2022, and 1.4 per cent lower compared to December 2019 (pre-pandemic). The ACCC attributed price decreases to cheaper jet fuel, additional seat capacity and easing post pandemic pent-up demand.
 - Average revenue per passenger reflects movements in airfares across all types of domestic tickets and fare classes. In real terms average revenue per passenger is lower compared to the same time a year ago, and four years ago (pre-pandemic).
 - The impact of high inflation in recent years means that consumers may not appreciate the real decrease in airfares. Customers may still be paying significantly more for airfares in nominal terms than they did prior to the pandemic.
- Service reliability is a concern, with cancellation rates and delays across the domestic airline industry exceeding long-term averages. Major domestic routes have experienced poor on-time performance (OTP) outcomes. The ACCC noted various factors have contributed to poor OTP outcomes including: aviation workforce shortages, supply chain disruptions and air traffic controller shortages.
 - The ACCC noted that factors contributing to poor OTP outcomes and within airlines' control included: efforts to manage systemic issues associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, pilot shortages, pilot training bottlenecks and some supply chain disruptions. Adverse weather can significantly impact OTP such as in December 2023, when Tropical Cyclone Jasper crossed into Far North Queensland.
- Despite new competition offered by Bonza, and the expansion of Rex, the domestic airline market remains concentrated. At December 2023, Qantas Group (which includes Jetstar) carried 61.8 per cent of passengers, Virgin Australia carried 31.2 per cent, Rex

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carried 5.3 per cent and Bonza carried 1.7 per cent. The market shares for Virgin Australia and Rex remained relatively stable over the six months to December 2023.

- Bonza has improved regional connectivity and increased consumer choice by introducing 35 routes (33 of these connecting regional locations, and 24 where it is the sole operator).
- The domestic airline industry is structurally different compared to pre-COVID. Virgin ceased operations of its low-cost carrier, Tigerair, and aims to target 'value conscious' customers. In 2021, Rex has acquired several jet aircraft allowing it to offer services between larger cities. In 2023, low cost carrier Bonza began operations.

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ATTACHMENT B

On time performance (OTP) and cancellation statistics

Table 1: Domestic Airline on-Time Performance for February 2024

Airline	Arrivals on Time (per cent) (January result)	Departures on time (per cent) (January result)	Cancellations (per cent) (January result)
QANTAS GROUP	72.7 (76.6)	74.2 (77.8)	5.8 (2.5)
• Qantas	69.9 (76.3)	71.7 (77.0)	4.3 (2.3)
• Qantaslink	74.5 (76.8)	75.8 (78.4)	6.8 (2.6)
JETSTAR	76.1 (71.5)	74.3 (69.0)	2.6 (2.4)
VIRGIN AUSTRALIA	71.5 (67.9)	73.9 (69.4)	2.8 (5.3)
• Virgin – domestic	71.5 (67.5)	74.1 (69.2)	2.8 (5.4)
• Virgin – regional	69.2 (82.0)	65.6 (76.1)	3.8 (2.5)
REX AIRLINES	72.1 (77.3)	76.3 (80.9)	2.1 (0.6)
BONZA	81.7 (78.4)	81.7 (78.0)	2.5 (3.3)
ALL AIRLINES	73.0 (73.4)	74.5 (74.2)	4.0 (3.1)

Source: BITRE monthly OTP statistics.

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Background - Airline Passenger Protections (Pay on Delay) Bill 2024 and media releases

Sponsors	Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie, Senator Dean Smith	
Progress/Status	27 February 2024	Introduced and second reading moved.
	20 March 2024	Second reading debate – <i>no vote on Bill occurred.</i>
	20 March 2024	Considered by Senate Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills – <i>noted provisions may raise scrutiny concerns.</i>

Key features - Summary taken from Bill's Explanatory Memorandum

- The purpose of this Bill is to require the Minister for Transport to make rules to prescribe certain obligations to passengers for airline carriers operating in Australian airspace. The obligations would be designed to protect passengers who experience a delay, cancellation or denial of boarding.
 - The Bill requires the Minister to make rules (the carriers' obligations rules) within 12 months of the commencement of the Act, but only after consultation with aviation industry stakeholders, consumer advocates and other relevant agencies.
 - Subclause 4(3) sets out the obligations that the Minister is required, but not limited, to make provision for in the carriers' obligations rules to ensure passengers are protected in certain circumstances.
- The Bill also requires the Minister to establish an airline code of conduct that provides for the protection of passengers and third parties from improper conduct by carriers.
 - Subclauses 5(1) and (2) set out the basic requirements and purpose of the aviation industry code of conduct. Subclause 5(4) would require the code of conduct to, at a minimum, make provision for the recourse or intervention available to passengers for improper conduct by carriers and requires a consistent definition of a ticket a carriage to be developed to apply to all tickets of carriage issued by carriers.
- In the international sector, airlines operating in Australia are already subject to similar requirements in other jurisdictions, such as the European Union, United Kingdom and Canada. The new rules would ensure foreign carriers operating in Australia are subject to the same consumer obligations as domestic carriers.

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Joint media release – 20 March 2024 – Senators McKenzie and Smith

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MEDIA RELEASE

- 29.8% of flights cancelled or delayed in January (1,419 flights cancelled and 11,812 flights delayed)
- More than 1,400 flights were cancelled in January leaving tens of thousands of Australians scrambling to fix their travel plans.
- The Virgin group reported 633 cancellations and Qantas group (including Jetstar) reported 672 cancellations.

PAY ON DELAY BILL DEBATE IN SENATE TODAY

The Coalition today began debate on the Airline Passenger Protection (Pay on Delay) Bill to protect travelling Australians – who deserve an aviation industry where planes take off and land on time, and their bags arrive with them.

The Bill, debated for the first time today, is critical to ensure passengers are treated fairly and reasonably by the airline industry when disruptions occur.

The Pay on Delay Bill, a Private Senator's Bill introduced by Senators Bridget McKenzie and Dean Smith, builds on the Coalition's push for greater transparency in the domestic aviation market, and requires the Minister for Transport to establish an airline Code of Conduct within 12 months – bringing Australia into line with best practice in the European Union, the United Kingdom and Canada.

The ACCC's latest airline report showed service reliability remains below long-term industry averages, with the rate of flight cancellations and delays much higher than they should be.

Nearly thirty per cent of flights were either cancelled or delayed across the January holiday period, confirming there has been no improvement in the on-time performance over the past 12 months, according to data released by the Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics.

One airline delivered eye-watering cancellations on the Brisbane-Melbourne-Sydney triangle, with 13.6 per cent of Melbourne-Sydney flights, 10 per cent of Brisbane-Melbourne flights and 9 per cent of Sydney-Brisbane flights cancelled in January.

Shadow Minister for Transport, Senator Bridget McKenzie, said this first debate is imperative to hold Labor to account on its failures to provide Australians with the safe, reliable, and affordable airline industry they deserve.

"While ticket prices have risen and flight cancellations and delays head in the wrong direction, the Albanese Government has run a protection racket for an airline who dominates the industry, and stifled competition

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and cheaper airfares by blocking Qatar Airways request for additional flights last year,” Senator McKenzie said.

“This is not good enough.

“A recommendation of last year’s Aviation Senate Inquiry was to review airline consumer protections, and this Bill will ensure passengers are being treated fairly by the airline industry in the future.

“If the Minister won’t act in the face of the egregious behaviour from Australian airlines on the behalf of travelling Australians, the Coalition will.”

Shadow Assistant Minister for Competition, Senator Dean Smith, said the fact that it has been left to the Coalition to introduce this Bill was the latest example of how the Albanese Labor Government is failing Australian airline consumers.

“The Bill introduced by Senator McKenzie and I puts air travellers – not airlines or other industry operators – first,” Senator Smith said.

“The latest ACCC reports makes it very clear why this needs to happen, with an uncompetitive and unreliable sector riddled with delays, cancellations, lost luggage, and prices that are still too high.

“While we continue to fight for improved competition in the aviation sector, the Coalition is offering Australian air passengers the consumer protections they’re entitled to – because Labor obviously will not.”

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Joint media release – 27 February 2024 – Senators McKenzie and Smith

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MEDIA RELEASE**PROTECTING AIRLINE PASSENGERS – BECAUSE LABOR WON'T**

Australians deserve an aviation industry where planes take off and land on time, their bags arrive with them, and they are not left shouldering the costs associated with these service failures.

That is why Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, Senator Bridget McKenzie, and Shadow Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury, Senator Dean Smith, have today tabled in the Senate the *Airline Passenger Protections (Pay on Delay)* Bill.

This Private Senator's Bill requires the Minister for Transport to establish an airline Code of Conduct within 12 months, bringing Australia into line with best practice in the European Union, the United Kingdom and Canada.

The *Pay on Delay Bill* also builds on the Coalition's push for greater transparency in the domestic aviation market, after it compelled Labor to reinstate ACCC monitoring last year following months of its characteristic inertia.

Coalition Competition Spokesperson, Liberal Senator Dean Smith, said consumer protections were especially needed while a lack of competition dogged the aviation industry.

"With nearly 95% of the market share, Qantas and Virgin have a tighter grip on Australian aviation than Coles and Woolworths have on our supermarkets," Senator Smith said.

"For too long, this lack of competition has favoured airlines over customers and this Bill begins the process of correcting that imbalance – and giving consumers some confidence when they travel."

"Once again, the Coalition has been forced to act in this space because Labor has not."

Shadow Minister for Transport, Senator Bridget McKenzie, said the Bill was wholly necessary given the Albanese Government had failed to ensure travelling Australians were not taken advantage of by our airlines.

"A recommendation of last year's Aviation Senate Inquiry was to review airline consumer protections, and this Bill will ensure passengers are being treated fairly by the airline industry in the future," Senator McKenzie said.

"If the Minister won't act in the face of the egregious behaviour from Australian airlines on the behalf of travelling Australians, the Coalition will."

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SUBJECT: Aviation and Net Zero**Talking Points**

- Aviation generates approximately 2.5% of the world's carbon emissions and around 7% of Australia's domestic transport emissions
- Aviation is a 'hard to electrify' sector. Its share of domestic emissions is likely to increase proportionately as passenger demand increases.
- The Australian Government has legislated its greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets, setting a target of 43% below 2005 levels by 2030, and net zero by 2050.
- The government's Safeguard Mechanism requires Australia's largest greenhouse gas emitters, including Qantas and Virgin Australia, to reduce domestic emissions by 4.9% annually to 2030.
- Qantas's baseline is 5,285,611 million tonnes CO₂-equivalent (mt CO₂-e) and its emissions in the 2022-2023 reporting year were 4,385,686 mt CO₂-e. Questions around how Qantas intends to reduce its emissions should be directed to Qantas.
- Virgin's baseline is 2,397,885 mt CO₂-e and its emissions in the 2022-2023 reporting year were 2,032,585 mt CO₂-e. Questions around how Virgin intends to reduce its emissions should be directed to Virgin.

Jet Zero Council

- The Government has established the Australian Jet Zero Council to work with industry to encourage emissions reduction and expand sustainable practices.
- The Australian Jet Zero Council has met 3 times (15 August 2023, 12 December 2023, and 30 April 2024). Members have committed to, and are progressing, a workplan which includes a focus on the contribution that sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) can make to decarbonising aviation.
 - the workplan is published on the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Art's website.

Government measures to support decarbonisation of the aviation sector

- As part of the \$1.7 billion Future Made in Australia Innovation Fund, the government is fast-tracking support from farm and feedstock to bowser, for a low carbon liquid fuel industry. The initial focus is on sustainable aviation fuel and renewable diesel to support emissions reduction in the aviation, heavy vehicle, rail and maritime sectors.
- In the 2024-25 Budget, the government announced:

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- \$18.5 million over 4 years from 2024-25 to develop a certification scheme for low carbon liquid fuels, including Sustainable Aviation Fuels, in the transport sector by expanding the Guarantee of Origin scheme.
- \$1.5 million over two years from 2024-25 to undertake a regulatory impact analysis of the costs and benefits of introducing mandates or other demand-side measures for low carbon liquid fuels.
- \$0.9 million to undertake targeted consultation to identify options for production incentives to support the establishment of a *Made in Australia* low carbon liquid fuel industry.
- The government is also funding the \$30 million SAF Funding Initiative, which closed to applications in November 2023, and is administered by the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA). Further questions should be directed to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water.
- The government will deliver the Aviation White Paper, which will include consideration on how to maximise the sector's contribution to achieving net zero carbon emissions, including through SAF and emerging technologies.
- The Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap and Action Plan will examine ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050 in the transport and transport infrastructure sectors.

Key Issues

- As part of the 2024-25 Budget, the government has announced a new Future Made in Australia Act to anchor a coordinated package of reforms and initiatives which will support the growth of new clean industries that will benefit communities and workers. The Future Made in Australia legislative package will boost investment, create jobs, capitalise on our comparative advantages and build sovereign capability in areas of national interest.
 - low carbon liquid fuels (LCLFs) have been identified as a priority sector as part of a Future Made in Australia due to potential advantages in Australian domestic LCLF production, LCLF's role in supporting the transition to net zero, opportunity for the industry to build workforce capability – including in Australia's regions, contribution to improving Australia's national security and resilience, and identified private sector interest in investing in LCLF production in Australia.
- The government is expanding the Guarantee of Origin scheme to incorporate low carbon liquid fuels and will enable an Australian low carbon liquid fuel (LCLF) market by creating a certification system for LCLF. This certification scheme for LCLF will allow LCLF producers to demonstrate the emissions benefits of the fuels they produce, helping to create demand for these fuels.

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- The government will undertake further consultation before making a decision on a potential mandate or other demand-side measures. The government will further consider the introduction of a low carbon liquid fuel mandate through delivery of a Consultation Regulatory Impact Analysis.
 - the regulatory impact analysis will ensure the government is fully informed on the impacts of introducing a mandate or other demand-side measures for low carbon liquid fuels.
 - this includes better understanding any adverse consequences for consumers, industry, anti-competitive distortions, and impacts on existing emissions reduction frameworks, including the Safeguard Mechanism.
 - as a first step, the government will seek views on demand measures that should be considered in the regulatory impact analysis through a Low Carbon Liquid Fuels consultation paper, which will be released shortly in the context of consultation on the Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap.
 - outcomes from this process will then feed into a detailed Regulatory Impact Analysis on potential low carbon liquid fuel demand side measures, beginning later in 2024.
- Launched in August 2023, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation's (CSIRO) SAF Roadmap identified there is a significant opportunity for an Australian SAF industry, including new regional jobs.
- CSIRO's SAF Roadmap estimates that there is enough feedstock to support production of almost 5 billion litres of SAF in Australia, representing 60% of local jet fuel demand, in 2025 and up to 14 billion litres, or 90% of demand, by 2050.
- Modelling from ARENA's Bioenergy Roadmap estimates bioenergy could potentially support 10,700-28,100 additional jobs by 2030, and 13,400-35,300 additional jobs by 2050 (depending on the level of industry and government intervention). Modelling for an ambitious scenario indicated that at least one in four additional jobs are expected to be in regional areas.

Background*SAF and decarbonisation*

- In the absence of other mature and deployable technologies, SAF will play a critical role in assisting aviation to decarbonise in the short to medium term. It is expected that SAF will provide the biggest contribution to the aviation sector's emissions reductions by 2050.
- Some proposed initiatives to reduce the aviation sector's emissions could increase operating costs. SAF, for example, is around two to four times more expensive than conventional jet fuel.

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- the price for SAF would ordinarily be expected to decrease as production increases and economies of scale are beginning to be achieved. However, pricing will also depend on the growth of demand for SAF.

Electric aircraft

- Skytrans and Stralis, and Rex and Dovetail, have entered respective strategic partnerships and have commenced prototype development of converting turbined-powered aircraft to electric. Testing is expected to commence in early 2024.
- Rex has formed a strategic partnership with Dovetail Electric Aviation to convert turbine-powered aircraft to electric, zero emission propulsion

Industry commitments

- In recognition of its environmental impacts, much of the aviation sector has committed to net zero by 2050. Member states of the International Civil Aviation Organization, industry members of the International Air Transport Association, and major Australian airlines Qantas, Jetstar, and Virgin Australia (Virgin) have committed to cut their carbon emissions.
- Qantas Group (includes Jetstar) and Virgin have committed to net zero by 2050.
- Qantas Group has also committed to a target of reducing net emissions by 25 per cent by 2030 (from 2019 levels), and to a target of 10 per cent sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) in fuel mixes by 2030.
- Qantas Group and Virgin are renewing their fleets, which can reduce in-flight emissions by up to 25 per cent.
- Qantas Group has established a A\$400 million Climate Fund to invest in sustainability projects and technologies. This includes its US\$200 million partnership with Airbus to accelerate establishment of a SAF industry in Australia.

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SUBJECT: Regional Aviation Security**Talking Points**

- The Department of Home Affairs (Home Affairs) regulates aviation transport security, including setting the requirements for airport security screening equipment and processes. The first priority is, and always will be, to keep Australians safe and secure.
- It is a long-standing policy of successive governments that industry is responsible for meeting security screening costs.
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, substantial Australian Government support was provided to assist the aviation industry while air travel was heavily impacted by border closures, including assistance to offset the costs of security screening.
- The \$94.5 million Regional Airports Screening Infrastructure (RASI) program was established in 2020 as a time-limited program to:
 - assist eligible airports with the costs of the minimum necessary capital works to accommodate enhanced security screening requirements; and
 - provide a contribution towards initial operational costs.
- The program has been extended by two years to 30 June 2025 to allow the completion of capital expenditure for security screening upgrades and operational support at a few remaining airports. Operational support funding for all other airports concluded November 2023.
- The full residual allocation of RASI funding has been retained in the Program.
- The Independent Review of Australia's aviation and maritime security regulatory settings is the responsibility of the Home Affairs portfolio. Questions regarding the Independent Review should be referred to Home Affairs.

Sensitivities

- While regional airports receive the RASI funding, costs supported by grant funding cannot be passed on to airlines and, by extension, passengers.
- Eligible regional airports are located across Australia. On advice from Home Affairs, the list of RASI airports is not published due to security sensitivities.
- With RASI operational support having concluded, airports (except for those remaining airports under the extension) will need to resume normal commercial charging arrangements.

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Key Issues*Security screening requirements*

- Airports conduct security screening in accordance with the Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005, with the requirement for an airport to screen passengers based on a range of factors including the seating capacity of aircraft servicing the airport, passenger volumes, and the presence of international services.
- The management of security costs are commercial decisions for airports and airlines, however, security screening costs are generally incurred by airports and typically charged to airlines on a per passenger basis as part of a cost recovery model. These costs are then factored into ticket prices. While costs appear to vary across airports, per passenger screening costs are generally higher at smaller regional airports, where costs are not able to be spread across a large passenger base. Whyalla City Council, for example, wrote to advise once RASI operational funding lapsed, estimated screening charges at Whyalla Airport would be between \$35-\$40 per departing passenger.
- Regional Express (Rex) suspended services between Adelaide and Whyalla from 1 July 2023 citing security screening cost increases. Following Rex's announcement, Qantas added additional weekly flights from 1 July 2023.
- Home Affairs regulates aviation transport security, including setting the requirements for airport security screening equipment and processes. Questions about the airport security screening framework are best addressed directly to Home Affairs.

RASI Program

- RASI is in place until 30 June 2025 and forms part of the \$715 million Australian Airline Financial Relief Package (AAFRP) announced in March 2020.

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Financial Information as at 31 March 2024

Program/Project Start Date:	22 July 2020					
Program/Project End Date:	30 June 2025					
	2023- 24 \$m	2024- 25 \$m	2025- 26 \$m	2026- 27 \$m	2027- 28 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	10.8	8.8				19.6
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	8.2					8.2
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	2.6	8.8				11.4
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	-	-				0.0

Note: Committed funds relate to funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient.
Note: All figures are GST exclusive.

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SUBJECT: Regional Aviation Programs**Talking Points**

- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts funds a range of programs to specifically support regional aviation, in recognition of aviation's importance to regional and remote communities.
- The Aviation White Paper will examine the government's policy and economic reforms necessary to promote efficiency, safety, sustainability and competitiveness of the aviation sector out to 2050, including regional aviation.
- The **Remote Airstrip Upgrade (RAU)** Program supports safety and accessibility upgrades at remote and very remote aerodromes through funding essential works such as the resurfacing of runways or the installation of fencing to prevent animal access.
 - the 2024-25 Budget included \$50 million in grant funding to extend the RAU for 3 years from 2024-25.
 - on 9 May 2024, Senator the Hon Anthony Chisholm, Assistant Minister for Regional Development, announced 21 projects would receive \$13.4 million in funding under Round 10.
- The **Regional Airports Program (RAP)** supports safety and accessibility upgrades at regional airports and aerodromes funding essential works such as the resurfacing of runways to ensure air operators can land safely.
 - the 2024-25 Budget included \$40 million in grant funding to extend the RAP for 3 years from 2024-25.
- The **Remote Air Services Subsidy (RASS) Scheme** is an ongoing program that subsidises weekly air transport services for the carriage of passengers and goods for up to 274 remote communities across Australia, including many First Nations communities. RASS has a program budget of \$16.9 million in 2024-25.
- The **Airservices Australia Enroute Charges Payment Scheme** is an ongoing program that allows air operators servicing remote locations to claim a reimbursement for a proportion of enroute navigation charges levied by Airservices Australia. The Scheme has an annual appropriation of \$2 million.
- The ongoing **Remote Aerodrome Inspection (RAI)** Program funds technical and safety inspections for a range of aerodromes in remote Indigenous communities.
- The 2024-25 Budget provided \$0.5 million indexed annually to fund the program.

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Key Issues

- The 2024-25 Budget included \$92 million in funding for regional and remote aviation programs.

BackgroundAustralian Government's role in regional aviation

- Outside the 21 Federally leased airports, the management of regional and remote airports rests with their mostly local government or private operators.
- However, government delivery of programs across health, education and support for First Nations Australians in regional and remote areas often relies on air services, giving the government an interest in serviceable aerodromes and ensuring minimum connectivity where air services are not commercially viable.
- Regional and remote aviation infrastructure is often co-funded between the 3 tiers of government reflecting mutual strategic interest. Some jurisdictions provide support for intra-state routes through regulation or incentives. Within this context, the government funds a range of targeted regional aviation programs.
- See SB24-000110, *Regional Aviation Security* for information on regional security costs.

RAP Round 3 outcomes and process

- Round 3 of the RAP was open for applications from 22 March to 17 May 2022.
- On 20 January 2023, the Hon Catherine King, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, announced 44 airports would share \$27.9 million in funding.
- As at 31 March 2024, all except one contract has been executed and 7 projects had been completed.

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Financial Information

Regional Aviation Access Program (comprising the RAU, RASS and RAI[^])

Program/Project Start Date:	RASS commenced in 1982; RAU commenced in 2011; RAI commenced in 1992-1993					
Program/Project End Date:	Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program end date 30 June 2026 The RASS Scheme and RAI Program are ongoing.					
	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	2027-28 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget * (ex GST) as at 14 May 2024	34.8	26.4	39.9	41.3	16.7	159.1
RAU	17.7	9.0	24.0	25.0	0.0	75.7
RASS	17.1	16.9	15.5	15.8	16.2	81.5
RAI		0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.0
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	13.8					13.8
RAU	3.3					3.3
RASS	10.5					10.5
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	14.0	5.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	19.7
RAU	8.8	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.5
RASS	5.2	2.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	8.2
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance) as at 14 May 2024 *	6.9	20.8	39.8	41.3	16.7	125.5
RAU	5.6	6.3	24.0	25.0	0.0	60.9
RASS	1.3	14.0	15.3	15.8	16.2	62.6
RAI		0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.0

- Note: Committed funds relate to funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient. *Figures may not add due to rounding.
- The RAI is funded by Departmental funds until 2024-25 when it will move to Administered funding.
- RASS services are ongoing and RASS contracts are re-tendered every 2-3 years. This is shown above as uncommitted funding but new RASS contracts are expected to take up the allocation under the program.

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Regional Airports Program

Program/Project Start Date:	2019-20					
Program/Project End Date:	30 June 2025					
	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	2027-28 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget (ex GST) at 14 May 2024	35.0	23.3	15.0	20.0	0.0	93.3
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	10.9					10.9
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024 *	22.9	14.8	-	-	-	37.7
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance) at 14 May 2024	1.2	8.5	15.0	20.0	-	44.6

Notes:

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Airservices Australia Enroute Charges Payment Scheme

Program/Project End Date:	Funding for the program is ongoing					
	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	2027-28 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	10.0
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD At 31 March 2024	0.2					0.2
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	8.5

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SUBJECT: Sydney Airport Demand Management**Talking Points**

- On 21 February 2024, the Australian Government announced a package of reforms to the Sydney Airport Demand Management framework.
- The reforms will update the demand management framework to:
 - better align with modern international standards and increase competition;
 - increase transparency;
 - introduce a recovery period to reduce delays due to major disruptions, and
 - modernise the compliance regime.
- The announcement follows targeted consultation the government undertook last year regarding potential changes to the framework.
- The government is not making any changes to the existing curfew arrangements.
- The government will be consulting with key community and industry organisations on the best way to implement these reforms in coming months, ahead of bringing forward legislation to Parliament.
- The Compliance Committee for Sydney Airport is being re-established.

Key Issues*Recovery period*

- The recovery period will reduce delays when there is severe weather or other major disruptions outside the control of airlines or the airport.
- The recovery period will temporarily allow up to 85 movements per hour for a maximum of two hours on the same day of the disruption.
- There will be no increase in the overall number of flights for that day – only flights that are already scheduled to happen that day will be able to take off or land.
- The recovery period will not extend into curfew hours, and there will be mandatory publication of information on when and why it is used.

Peak period reduction

- The government will shorten the 'peak period' from 6-11am/3-8pm to 7-11am/5-8pm to make unused Permanent Regional Service Series (PRSS) slots available for allocation to other services, including international.

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Protections for NSW regional services

- The government is continuing to provide strong protections for regional NSW services.
- Regional NSW services will be able to apply to use any slot during the new peak period hours.
- Non-PRSS slots being used by regional NSW services will not gain PRSS protection. This will ensure enough slots remain available for domestic and international flights in the future if they are no longer used by regional NSW services.
- In addition, when allocating slots to airlines the Slot Manager will be required to consider giving priority to regional NSW flights asking for peak period slots.
- Details about slots used for regional NSW services will be published as part of regular public reporting on how slots are used by airlines.

Strengthening compliance and governance

- The compliance framework will be updated to include penalties that address anti-competitive behaviours and a reformed Compliance Committee will be established to effectively inform compliance action.
- Independent audits of slot usage will be undertaken, with results published, to better detect and crack down on anti-competitive behaviour.
- A competitive process for selecting the Slot Manager will be undertaken with enhanced governance arrangements to ensure that potential conflicts of interest are appropriately managed.

Increase competition and alignment with the World Airport Slot Guidelines

- The definition of a 'new entrant' will increase from less than 5 slots on a certain day to less than 7 slots (including any slots they are requesting, if issued). This change will mean that more airlines could be considered 'new entrants' with advantaged access to available slots.
- In addition, changes to historic slots and slots for new entrants will be allocated from the same pool (with an aim of the first 50% of available slots going to new entrants where possible). This means that airlines wanting to change their existing slots will be competing on a more level playing field with other airlines wanting those slots.

Current Compliance Committee

- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts is seeking to re-establish the Compliance Committee provided for under Section 66 of the *Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997* (the Act).

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- This will ensure the requirements of the Act are being met until the proposed legislative reforms can be enacted.
- Committee members are being considered.
- In future, the composition and structure of the Compliance Committee will change in light of proposed legislative amendments.

Independent Slot Audit

- Independent audits of slot usage will be undertaken, with results published, to better detect and crack down on anti-competitive behaviour.
- The department will engage a consultant in May 2024 to conduct an audit of domestic slot usage for Northern Winter 2022, Northern Summer 2023 and Northern Winter 2023.
- The final report is expected to be finalised in Q3 2024.

Background

- In the 2024-25 Budget, \$7.7 million over 4 years and \$1.5 million per year ongoing was allocated to implement reforms to the Sydney Demand Management Compliance Framework, as part of the Aviation White Paper.
- Sydney Airport, Australia's busiest airport, operates under a regulatory framework introduced more than two decades ago. The framework includes mechanisms that:
 - protect the community from noise impacts;
 - facilitate the efficient operation of the airport; and
 - maintain access for regional NSW services.
- The department commissioned an independent review (the Harris Review) in response to the 2019 Productivity Commission (PC) inquiry into the Economic Regulation of Airports and the sunseting schedule for the Sydney Airport demand management legislative instruments.
- The department engaged with stakeholders through more than twenty technical working group meetings to refine the recommendations of the Harris Review, and evaluate the impacts of the potential options.

Other reforms announced under Sydney Airport Demand Management Framework package

Increasing transparency of slot usage

- The Slot Manager will be required to regularly publish information about how slots are issued, how the airlines use them (including cancellations and delays), and airlines that have lost slots due to slot misuse. This will improve transparency around slots and help make sure that consumers have better information about airline performance.

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Efficiency reforms

- Retiming slots: The reforms will permit the Slot Manager to move slots, where possible and with the agreement of impacted airlines, to prevent unused slots that cannot be allocated to a flight (due to the slot being in a regulated hour that already contains 80 scheduled movements).
- Size of aircraft test: The Slot Manager will be given more flexibility to apply the size of aircraft test to focus on whether an operator has met the circumstances where the size of the aircraft was the reason why that slot was allocated to that airline instead of to another airline. This will ensure compliance with slot use conditions as well as allow airlines to swap out an aircraft last minute for operational reasons.
- Ministerial responsibility for slot management scheme: The government intends to change the Act to allow the Minister for Transport to develop and implement the slot management scheme, providing greater flexibility for implementing the reforms and keeping the scheme up to date.

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SUBJECT: Aviation White Paper**Talking Points**

- The Aviation White Paper will set out the Australian Government's policies to promote the efficiency, safety, sustainability, productivity and competitiveness of the aviation sector out to 2050.
- In the 2024-25 Budget the following initiatives have been announced, which will form part of the Aviation White Paper:
 - \$50 million over 3 years to extend the Remote Airstrip Upgrade (RAU) Program;
 - \$40 million over 3 years to extend the Regional Airports Program (RAP);
 - \$3.6 million new funding and \$8.4 million reprofiled funding to extend and expand the ADS-B rebate program.
 - \$7.7 million over 4 years and \$1.5 million per year ongoing to implement reforms to the Sydney Demand Management Compliance Framework.
- In addition, the Budget includes funding for measures to support a domestic Low Carbon Liquid Fuel production capacity as a priority Future Made in Australia sector, with Sustainable Aviation Fuel production being a key focus.
- The Aviation White Paper is expected to be released in mid-2024.
- On 7 September 2023, the Government released the Aviation Green Paper and invited submissions through the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.
 - submissions opened with its release and closed on 30 November 2023 and helped to inform the development of the Aviation White Paper.
 - through the Aviation Green Paper, the government sought views on issues affecting the aviation sector and feedback on a range of policy options.
 - the department received over 2,000 submissions on the issues raised and policy option included in the Aviation Green Paper, from more than 200 organisations and over 1,800 members of the public.
 - the department also undertook 6 face to face and 16 virtual consultation sessions, including a disability access roundtable co-hosted by Minister Catherine King, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, and Minister Amanda Rishworth, Minister for Social Services, on 10 November 2023.
 - the department held bilateral meetings with state and territory governments in October and November 2023.
 - the department also engaged a First Nations advisor to lead engagement with First Nations people on the Green Paper.

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Key Issues

*[If raised] – Will the the Aviation White Paper improve **competition and consumer protection**?*

- Competition and consumer issues have been a focus of consultation and we expect the White Paper to address these issues.
- The period since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic has seen a significant increase in consumer complaints about airlines. In many cases, airlines' handling of flight cancellations, delays, refunds and flight credits has been unsatisfactory.
- The Australian domestic aviation market is largely serviced by the two major airline groups, with the Qantas Group and Virgin Australia carrying 93% of domestic passengers between them.
- Flight delays and cancellations have been consistently above long-term averages. Over the 12 months to December 2023, 28.3% of flights were delayed arriving, compared to the long-term average of 18.9%. 3.7% of flights were cancelled, compared to the long-term average of 2.2%.
- The Competition Taskforce in Treasury has also considered aviation competition issues, and provided advice to government as part of the White Paper process. The Competition Taskforce's advice informed Cabinet deliberations and has not been made public.

*[If raised] – What support is being provided for **regional aviation** through the Aviation White Paper?*

- The 2024-25 Budget included an additional **\$50 million over 3 years to extend the Remote Airstrip Upgrade (RAU) Program** and an additional **\$40 million over 3 years to extend the Regional Airports Program (RAP)** .
- The **RAU Program** supports safety and accessibility upgrades at remote and very remote aerodromes through funding essential works such as the resurfacing of runways or the installation of fencing to prevent animal access. It is administered by the Business Grants Hub.
 - round 11 of the RAU Program is expected to be open for applications during the 2024-25 financial year.
- The **RAP** supports safety and accessibility upgrades at regional airports and aerodromes funding essential works such as the resurfacing of runways to ensure air operators can land safely. It is administered by the Business Grants Hub.
 - round 4 of the RAP is expected to be open for applications during the 2024-25 financial year.
- Refer **SB24-000132** – Regional Aviation Programs for additional information.

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*[If raised] – Will the Aviation White Paper deliver **Sydney Airport slot reform**?*

- On 21 February 2024, the government announced a package of reforms to the Sydney Airport Demand Management framework.
- The announcement follows targeted consultation the government undertook last year regarding potential changes to the framework.
- The government is **not** making any changes to the existing curfew arrangements.
- The government will consult with key community and industry organisations on the best way to implement these reforms in coming months, ahead of bringing forward legislation to Parliament by the end of the year.
- Through the 2024-25 Budget process, the department received \$7.7 million over 4 years and \$1.5 million per year ongoing to implement the reforms to the current compliance framework.
- Refer SB24-000131 – Sydney Airport Demand Management for additional information.

*[If raised] – Will the Aviation White Paper support achieving **net zero** by 2050?*

- The government will deliver a package of measures to accelerate development of a low carbon liquid fuel (LCLF) industry in Australia, with a key focus on sustainable aviation fuel. This will support the government's future made in Australia ambitions, and the transition to the net zero economy.
- The measures announced in the 2024-25 Budget are:
 - \$18.5 million over 4 years from 2024-25 to develop a certification scheme for low carbon liquid fuels, including Sustainable Aviation Fuels, in the transport sector by expanding the Guarantee of Origin scheme;
 - \$1.5 million over 2 years from 2024-25 to undertake a regulatory impact analysis of the costs and benefits of introducing mandates or other demand-side measures for low carbon liquid fuels;
 - investing \$1.7 billion over the next decade in the Future Made in Australia Innovation Fund, to support the Australian Renewable Energy Agency to commercialise net zero innovations including low-carbon liquid fuels;
 - the government is also undertaking targeted consultation to identify options for production incentives to support the establishment of a made in Australia low carbon liquid fuel industry.
- The government has implemented new reforms to the Safeguard Mechanism requiring annual emissions reductions for Australia's largest emitters, including Qantas and Virgin Australia.

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- The policy settings are also being considered by the Jet Zero Council, which brings together representatives from across Australia's aviation industry with government to collaborate on the most effective ways to reduce emissions.
- The Council is considering the role of sustainable aviation fuels, emerging technologies and operational efficiencies on the path to net zero.
- The government is also developing a Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap. The Roadmap will form the government's sectoral emissions reduction plan for transport, including aviation.
- Refer **SB24-000133** – Aviation and Net Zero for additional information.

*[If raised] – Will the Aviation White Paper ensure a more transparent and open **bilateral framework**?*

- The policy of successive governments has been to negotiate bilateral agreements that provide 'capacity ahead of demand' and seek benefits in the national interest.
- Australia has air services agreements with more than 100 countries facilitating international travel to and from Australia.
- The department will undertake bilateral negotiations with other key international priority markets over the next year. These markets are determined after consultation with airlines, airports, tourism bodies, and government agencies.

*[If asked] – Will the Aviation White Paper address **noise management around Brisbane Airport**?*

- Government policy does not support movement caps or a curfew at Brisbane Airport.
- The Noise Action Plan is Airservices' plan to reduce the impact of aircraft noise on the greater Brisbane community.
- The Noise Action Plan for Brisbane has identified a number of feasible measures to reduce the impact of aircraft noise on communities. The Brisbane Airport Community Airspace Advisory Board (AAB) will be critical in consulting on and informing implementation of the Noise Action Plan for Brisbane.

Background

- On 30 March 2022, the minister announced a Labor Government election commitment to deliver an Aviation White Paper.
- In the 2022-23 Budget, the government committed \$7 million over the next two years to deliver the Aviation White Paper.

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- On 7 February 2023, the minister announced the release of the Terms of Reference for the White Paper. Over 190 submissions were received in response to the Terms of Reference.
- On 7 September 2023, the minister announced the release of the Aviation Green Paper.
- The Scenario Analysis of the Future of Australian Aviation report undertaken for the department by L.E.K. Consulting to inform development of the Aviation Green Paper was also publicly released on 7 September 2023.

Financial Information as at 31 March 2024

Program/Project Start Date:	2022					
Program/Project End Date:	Mid-2024					
	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	2.6	3.2	0	0	0	5.7
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	2.4	2.4				
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0	0.8	0	0		0.8
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0.2	0.04	0	0	0	0.2

Note: Committed funds relate to funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient.

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SB24-000135

SUBJECT: Bonza Insolvency**Talking Points**

- Bonza Aviation entered voluntary administration on 30 April 2024, and appointed Hall Chadwick as the administrator. It is now the responsibility of the administrator to determine the future of Bonza.
- The Australian Government is not considering providing financial support to Bonza or the administrator.
- Bonza has 323 employees. On 2 May 2024, the administrator stood down 302 of Bonza's employees. Employees are currently stood down up to and including 29 May 2024.
 - questions about support to Bonza employees, and employee entitlements, should be directed to the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR).
- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts has been meeting the administrator to understand the situation facing Bonza and its staff, customers and suppliers. The department is not a party to the administration process.
- Since Bonza flights were cancelled on 30 April 2024, the government has worked with Qantas, Virgin Australia and Jetstar to help stranded Bonza passengers return home.
 - the department operated a temporary hotline from 30 April to 3 May 2024, to advise Bonza passengers on options to make alternate travel arrangements. The hotline received over 3,000 calls across four days.
 - As at 23 May 2024, Qantas, Virgin Australia and Jetstar had flown over 23,000 Bonza ticket holders at no charge.
 - the government has not paid the airlines for these flights, and will not provide any reimbursement.

Key IssuesBonza Aviation voluntary administration

- On Monday 29 April 2024, just before midnight, the lessor of 4 aircraft to Bonza, AIP Capital, issued notices to Bonza terminating the leases for the aircraft.
 - the notices required Bonza to immediately cease operating the aircraft and keep the aircraft grounded and safely secured.
 - Bonza complied with the notices, and cancelled all flights on Tuesday 30 April 2024
- Bonza's board met on the morning of Tuesday 30 April and decided to put the company into voluntary administration.

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- The administrator has since extended the cancellation of all Bonza flights up to and including 29 May 2024.
- The government was not informed by Bonza in advance about the events of 29 or 30 April.

Assistance for Bonza passengers

- On the morning of Tuesday 30 April 2024, Minister of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP contacted Qantas and Virgin Australia, and asked the airlines to consider flying home stranded Bonza passengers, without charge. The airlines agreed.
 - Qantas, Virgin Australia and Jetstar issued public statements that they would seek to accommodate Bonza ticket holders, where possible, to fly to their home airport.
 - as at 23 May 2024 the airlines had rebooked over 23,000 Bonza passengers
 - Qantas had re-booked over 3,200 Bonza passengers
 - Virgin Australia had re-booked over 2,000 Bonza passengers
 - Jetstar had re-booked over 18,000 Bonza passengers.
- At midday on Tuesday 30 April, the department established a hotline for Bonza passengers to seek advice, including on options to make alternate travel arrangements.
 - the hotline operated for 4 days, until Friday 3 May, and received over 3,000 calls from Bonza customers.
 - after Friday 3 May, callers to the hotline heard a recorded message, directing them to Qantas, Virgin Australia and Jetstar booking hotlines.

Australian Government engagement with the administrator

- The department has held a series of meetings with the administrator of Bonza, Hall Chadwick, to understand the situation facing Bonza and its staff, customers and suppliers, and the impacts on the broader aviation sector.
- The minister has not met with the administrator.
- DEWR is engaging with the administration process in relation to employee entitlements and as a potential creditor under the Fair Entitlements Guarantee. Questions about employee entitlements should be directed to DEWR.

Bonza employees

- Bonza has 323 employees, with the majority based in Queensland.
- On Tuesday 2 May, the administrator stood down 302 of Bonza's employees, with 21 employees kept on to assist the administrator.

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SB24-000111

SUBJECT: Melbourne Airport Third Runway**Talking Points**

- The Minister of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP is considering the Melbourne Airport Third Runway (M3R), draft Major Development Plan (dMDP). The impact the proposal would have on communities surrounding the airport is one of the key issues the minister is considering.
- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts anticipates the minister will take her decision in the first half of 2024.
- The department's assessment covers the requirements outlined in the following sections of the *Airports Act 1996* (the Act):
 - s.91 Contents of major development plan; and
 - s.94 Approval of major development plan by minister.

Key Issues*Public exhibition process*

- The preliminary dMDP (which is still available to view at Melbourne Airport's Virtual Visitor Centre) was placed on public exhibition between 1 February 2022 and 16 May 2022:
 - more than 2,000 public submissions were received and have been provided to the department and the minister.
 - many of the public submissions are about aircraft noise (more than 1,300) and/or health impacts (more than 600).
 - Melbourne Airport has prepared a 'supplementary report' which summarises how Melbourne Airport has considered the views raised during public exhibition in finalising the dMDP.
 - the supplementary report was submitted to the minister along with the dMDP on 10 February 2023.
 - if the dMDP is approved, Melbourne Airport has committed to publishing a de-identified version of the supplementary report.

Noise impacts

- The Act contains requirements for major development plans to include information relating to aircraft noise:
 - s.91(1)(e) 'if the development could affect noise exposure levels at the airport – the likely impact the development would have on those levels.'
 - s. 91(1)(f) 'the airport-lessee company's plans...for managing aircraft noise intrusion in areas forecast to be subject to exposure above the significant ANEF levels.'

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- The preliminary dMDP contains two chapters dedicated to aircraft noise, C3: Aircraft Noise Modelling Methodology and C4: Aircraft Noise and Vibration.
- The preliminary dMDP outlines that once M3R becomes operational, aircraft noise exposure would increase to the north and south of the airport.
- Based on 2046 forecasts:
 - s47C
 - [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
 - ANEC is a cumulative noise measure which illustrates aircraft noise exposure based on various operational scenarios. ANECs are inputs into Australia Noise Exposure Forecasts (ANEFs), which are the statutory noise models that need to be endorsed for technical accuracy by Airservices Australia through the Master Plan process under the *Airports Act 1996*.
 - ANEF is a land use planning tool that helps guide local government on acceptable land uses for developments within the contours.

Health impacts

- Brimbank City Council (Brimbank) has commissioned a health study conducted with reference to the Environmental Noise Guidelines of the World Health Organisation (WHO) for the European Region (2018), which do not apply in Australia.
 - Brimbank is leading a community campaign for an 'independent' health study before M3R is approved; and
 - there is no requirement under the Act for major airport developments to be subject to separate health studies or assessments.
- Questions regarding the assessment of noise and health as part of consideration of the impacts of the proposal on the environment under the EPBC Act should be referred to the Department of Energy, Climate Change, the Environment and Water.
- The preliminary dMDP contains a dedicated chapter on health impacts (D3) and outlines the following health risks assessed as having a medium level impact:
 - communication interference at community facilities from aircraft noise;
 - annoyance from aircraft noise; and
 - sleep disturbance from aircraft noise.
- A range of social and economic impacts (including health) are considered against ss.91(1)(ga)(iii) of the Act, 'the likely effect of the proposed developments... on the local and regional economy and community...'

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SB24-000112

SUBJECT: Brisbane Airport, including Noise Issues**Talking Points***Maximising the use of Simultaneous Opposite Direction Parallel Runway Operations (SODPROPS) at Brisbane Airport*

- The Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP is considering issuing a directive to Airservices Australia (Airservices) requiring Airservices to take specific action to enable the greater use of Simultaneous Opposite Direction Parallel Runway Operations (SODPROPS) at Brisbane Airport.
 - SODPROPS is a runway operating mode that allows for aircraft to take off and land simultaneously from the same runway ends. At Brisbane Airport, SODPROPS allows aircraft to land and take off at the same time over the Moreton Bay area.
- It will not be possible to operate SODPROPS 24 hours, 7 days per week, and it cannot be used as the only operating mode at Brisbane Airport. This is because SODPROPS can only be used safely when:
 - traffic levels are low, with no more than 20 expected arrivals per hour;
 - runway surfaces are dry;
 - tailwind is 5 knots or less; and
 - visibility and minimum cloud cover height allow for it.

Curfew and movement cap at Brisbane Airport

- Australian Government policy does not support movement caps or a curfew at Brisbane Airport, and as such, these issues are excluded from the AAB's Terms of Reference.
- The Noise Action Plan for Brisbane has identified a number of feasible measures to reduce the impact of aircraft noise on communities. The AAB will be critical in consulting on and informing implementation of the Noise Action Plan for Brisbane.

Key Issues*Brisbane Airport Community Airspace Advisory Board (AAB)*

- AAB has met 5 times since its establishment on 9 March 2023, most recently on 6 March 2024. At the 6 March meeting, the following matters were discussed:
 - a SODPROPS operating plan to support the implementation of recommendation 2.1 of the Noise Action Plan.
 - the upcoming maintenance works on the legacy runway scheduled to occur at Brisbane Airport, and the community messaging relating to these works.

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- writing to the minister to request that noise-based levies be discussed with airport-lessee companies.
 - The AAB also met on 18 May, 19 July, 18 September and 22 November 2023.
 - Minutes of AAB meetings are published on the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts' Secretariat website following meetings.
 - The next AAB meeting is expected to occur in July 2024 (date to be confirmed). The AAB meets quarterly.
 - The AAB delivered on the Government's commitment to establish a new, permanent, independent community group to help better manage consultation on aircraft noise impacts around Brisbane Airport.
 - The Terms of Reference set out the purpose of the AAB. The AAB provides an opportunity to share information and advice to and from the community on:
 - the management of airspace and flight paths at Brisbane Airport against the Noise Action Plan, which is initially represented by the Final Report on the Post Implementation Review (PIR) of Brisbane airspace changes;
 - the implementation of the recommendations identified in the PIR; and
 - potential and possible noise abatement procedures and airspace improvement measures, with the exclusion of curfews, movement caps or other operating restrictions.

Noise Action Plan for Brisbane

- The Noise Action Plan is Airservices' plan to reduce the impact of aircraft noise on the greater Brisbane community. The Noise Action Plan was formed from the final recommendations of Airservices Australia's Post Implementation Review into changes to Brisbane airspace for Brisbane Airport's New Parallel Runway.
- The Noise Action Plan includes 4 work packages to improve Brisbane airspace arrangements and better manage aircraft noise outcomes:
 - Package One: Strong, transparent and representative governance
 - Package Two: Maximise flights over water
 - Package Three: Reduce the frequency and concentration of flights over communities
 - Package Four: Wider airspace review
- Trax International has been appointed to deliver Packages Three and Four, and has started work on designs that respond to options within these packages.
- The Noise Action Plan is a living document that is maintained by Airservices.

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- With a significant number of recommendations set out in the Noise Action Plan, Airservices is undertaking community consultation and engagement on potential airspace changes in phases.
 - Airservices undertook 3 engagement phases in 2023.
 - Questions on the Noise Action Plan for Brisbane should be directed to Airservices.

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20 December 2023

The Hon Catherine King MP
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House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

Brisbane Airport Community Airspace Advisory Board (AAB) – Community Representative views on SODPROPS

Thank you for your letter of 27 October 2023 in response to matters raised by AAB community members that are outside the AAB Terms of Reference. I have noted your advice, and will work to ensure the AAB remains within its Terms of Reference.

Your letter also sought advice from the AAB as to whether Simultaneous Opposite Direction Parallel Runway Operations (SODPROPS) should be designated as the preferred operating mode at Brisbane Airport, when safety, traffic levels and weather constraints allow, and whether Airservices Australia (Airservices) should take action to this effect.

The matter was discussed at the AAB meeting of 22 November 2023. AAB community members referred to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared for the New Parallel Runway (NPR) at Brisbane Airport, which noted the benefit of SODPROPS and accordingly expected SODPROPS would be implemented as a priority. AAB community members recognise that designating SODPROPS as the preferred operating mode will not remove all aircraft overflight of Brisbane communities due to operational limitations, and it is therefore important that the ongoing work under the Noise Action Plan for Brisbane continues. There was a strong view from community members in favour of SODPROPS as the preferred operating mode at Brisbane Airport.

AAB community members emphasised the importance of minimising the impact of SODPROPS on communities not previously affected and agreed that Airservices should continue to work through the Noise Action Plan for Brisbane to maximise the height at which aircraft travelling on SODPROPS flight paths turn back over the coastline where this is necessary.

At the same time, the community is keen to see more detailed information on the expected impacts and benefits that SODPROPS would have on the community, its likely practical operation times and reporting on the actual operation times.

In this regard, I understand Airservices is currently progressing consideration of a number of options through the Noise Action Plan for Brisbane that could enable greater use of SODPROPS when traffic levels, safety and weather allow, as well as options to increase aircraft height when departing over water before turning back over land.

I trust this advice is of assistance and thank you for your consultation with the AAB on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Ron Brent

Chair

Brisbane Airport Community Airspace Advisory Board

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- On 31 January 2024 a decision was made by a delegate from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to revoke the exceptional circumstances dispensation provided to allow additional freight flights at Sydney Airport.
- The department has been monitoring the freight market each evening and been in regular contact with the freight operators since that time.
- Freight operators have been complying with the regulations, and no non-allowed freight flights have operated during the curfew period.
- Feedback from freight operators has been mixed. Some concerns have been raised about the reduction in overnight air freight capacity, particularly on the Western Australian market. Other operators have reported spare capacity into and out of Sydney Airport.
- Curfew freight flights are now operating with the same capacity as they were pre COVID-19.

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Date	Action
March 2020	A delegate of the department provided dispensations to allow the operators of overnight freight flights to operate 6 additional flights into/out of Sydney Airport per week during the curfew period of 11pm to 6am.
28 June 2023	A delegate of the department provided dispensations to allow the operators of overnight freight flights to operate 6 additional flights into/out of Sydney Airport per week during the curfew period of 11pm to 6am.
20 October 2023	SACF members, the department, Sydney Airport and representatives of Qantas Freight, Team Global Express (formerly Toll) and ASL Airlines met to discuss aircraft noise relating to overnight freight flights at Sydney Airport.
2 November 2023	The department advised SACF that it was considering whether the freight dispensations should be revoked and sought submissions from impacted stakeholders.
21 December 2023	Freight operators who would potentially be impacted by the possible revocation of the dispensations were asked to provide second and final submissions.
22 December 2023	Mr Kevin Hill filed an application in the Federal Court challenging the validity of the dispensations.
31 January 2024	The exceptional circumstances dispensation was revoked by a delegate of the department.
10 April 2024	Application in the Federal Court challenging the validity of the dispensations were dismissed at a case management hearing, with an order for costs to be agreed between parties.
14 May 2024	The Federal Court ordered that parties are to pay their own costs in relation to the matter.

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Key Issues

- The overnight freight market moves Australia Post and courier deliveries across Australia overnight, including urgent high-value deliveries such as medical supplies, blood, radioactive isotopes and organ transplants.
- Most freight operators have noted reductions to their freight uplift capacity and the need to adjust their operations since the revocation of the dispensation on 31 January 2024. Some operators are considering bringing additional BAe-146 aircraft online to provide greater redundancy which may lead to increased costs that may need to be passed onto consumers.
- Australia Post Group has indicated it has experienced negative impacts to its mail and express post deliveries to Western Australia, with some overnight freight not being uplifted on time.

Background

- Section 13 of the *Sydney Airport Curfew Act 1995* (Act) prescribes only two aircraft types that can operate solely for the purpose of carrying freight during the curfew period, being the DC9 aircraft that are no longer operating freight flights and the BAe-146 (up to a maximum of 74 movements per week), with an average age of over 30 years and some reliability issues.
- In March 2020, a delegate of the department provided dispensations to allow the operators of overnight freight flights to operate 6 additional flights into/out of Sydney Airport per week during the curfew period of 11pm to 6am.
- On 28 June 2023, a delegate of the department provided dispensations to allow the operators of overnight freight flights to operate 6 additional flights into/out of Sydney Airport per week during the curfew period of 11pm to 6am.
- The dispensations also allowed the operators of curfew freight flights to use larger Boeing 737 and Airbus 321 aircraft, rather than the smaller BAe-146, as specified in the Act.
- The dispensations granted by the department in March 2020 continued in the post-COVID-19 period due to Virgin Australia's withdrawal from the airfreight market, the overnight freight task having increased following a significant shift to on-line shopping, and emerging concerns about the reliability of the prescribed aircraft type (BAe-146).
- On 2 November 2023, the department advised the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) that it was considering whether the freight dispensations should be revoked and sought submissions from impacted stakeholders.

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- On 21 December 2023, freight operators who would potentially be impacted by the possible revocation of the dispensations were asked to provide second and final submissions.
 - On 31 January 2024 the exceptional circumstances dispensation was revoked.

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SUBJECT: Sydney Airport - East-West Runway Closure**Talking Points**

- The East-West Runway (Runway 07/25) at Sydney Airport is open.
- On 12 March 2024, Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL) informed the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts of its intention to undertake a trial closure of Runway 07/25 from 31 March 2024 to 26 October 2024.
- SACL advised this was to measure airport efficiency, the number of cancellations and delays over this period without the use of Runway 07/25.
- On 21 March 2024, the department wrote to SACL advising it did not support the proposed trial closure of the Runway 07/25 due to:
 - the lack of notice that had been provided before the closure of the runway;
 - the impact the closure would have on noise sharing obligations as this would make several Long-Term Operating Plan modes unavailable to Air Traffic Controllers;
 - the impact of increased aircraft noise concentration on some Sydney suburbs; and
 - potential safety concerns should Runway 07/25 not be available during high wind events.
- In forming these views, the department consulted closely with Airservices Australia and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).
- On 26 March 2024, SACL wrote to the department informing that the proposed trial would not go ahead at this time. SACL also stated its ambition to work with the Australian Government to improve efficiency and reliability of the airport.
- Runway 07/25 was closed recently to safely allow construction works in the vicinity over two 5-week periods between November 2023 and February 2024.

Key Issues

- Runway usage and the effects on the change of flight paths during the curfew period is particularly sensitive to the communities surrounding Sydney Airport.
- The Sydney Airport Long-Term Operating Plan (LTOP) was introduced in 1997 to manage aircraft noise associated with Sydney Airport. The Plan is designed to ensure that aircraft movements are maximised over water and non-residential land. Where overflight of residential areas cannot be avoided the Plan aims to safely share the noise between communities.

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- The successful implementation of LTOP relies on the availability of the 3 runways at Sydney Airport as this provides Air Traffic Control the opportunity to access all operational modes.
- In an email of 12 March 2024, SACL advised the department of its intention to conduct a trial closure of Runway 07/25 for the period 31 March to 26 October 2024 to test its assumption relating to observations from the previous period of closure, which were considered to be improvements in efficiency and passenger outcomes without significantly negatively impacting the local community.
- SACL proposed to use the trial to measure:
 - airport efficiency;
 - the number of cancellations and delays;
 - the number of flights on all flight paths;
 - the number of noise events over 70 decibels at each of Airservices' Noise Monitoring Terminals;
 - any emissions benefits; and
 - the community's response.
- In its letter of 21 March 2024, the department advised SACL that it did not support the closure of Runway 07/25. Details of the department's concerns are provided in background below.
- In its letter of 26 March 2024, SACL informed the department that the proposed closure of Runway 07/25 would not go ahead.
- SACL also conveyed the ambition to work with government to improve the efficiency and reliability of the airport for the benefit of passengers.

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SUBJECT: Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)**Talking Points**

- The Australian Government is undertaking the \$130.5 million PFAS Airports Investigation Program (the Program) at up to 37 civilian airports where the government historically provided firefighting services using PFAS-containing foams.
- The Program aims to identify the nature and extent of PFAS contamination through independently audited whole-of-site testing, and develop robust management plans.
- Participation is voluntary, with investigations being undertaken in tranches to manage market capacity constraints.
 - Tranche 1 of the investigations program (Adelaide, Bankstown, Brisbane, Canberra, Hobart, Launceston, Melbourne and Parafield) commenced in early 2022.
 - On 8 March 2024, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts engaged contaminated land specialists for Tranche 2 of the Program for an additional seven airports (Archerfield, Camden, Gold Coast, Jandakot, Moorabbin, Mount Isa and Townsville).
 - five airports (Alice Springs, Darwin, Essendon Fields, Perth and Sydney) have declined to participate in the Program at this time.
 - the department will commence planning activities for future tranches in mid-2024.
- The Program is expected to be completed by 30 June 2027.

PFAS discovery at Jandakot Airport (if raised)

- The department is aware of the PFAS discovery at Jandakot Airport and understands the community's concerns.
- Jandakot Airport's participation in Tranche 2 of the Program is a critical step in determining the nature and extent of contamination, and will inform appropriate management actions.
- The department's Airport Environment Officer (AEO) is on the ground to ensure reasonable steps are being taken from a regulatory perspective, and the department is working closely with the airport and the Western Australian Government to ensure appropriate health advice is provided to the community.

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International Agency for Research's (IARC's) evaluation of PFAS as carcinogenic (if raised)

- The department is aware that the IARC has evaluated the carcinogenicity of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) as **carcinogenic to humans** and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) as **possibly carcinogenic to humans**.
- Questions on this matter should be referred to the Department of Health and Aged Care (DHAC), as the portfolio responsible for national health advice.

STAN PFAS documentary (Revealed: How to poison a planet)

- The department is aware of the recently released STAN documentary and understands the community's concerns around PFAS.
- The department is undertaking an investigation program at civilian airports where the government historically provided firefighting services using PFAS-containing foams.
- The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) is the lead agency in developing national environmental management guidance and an approach to managing chemical import, use and disposal standards for chemicals like PFAS.
- Development of health-based guidance is led DHAC.

Key Issues*PFAS Discoveries*

Jandakot (WA):

- In November 2022, Jandakot Airport advised nearby landowners about PFAS contamination impacting their land and drinking water
 - the airport has undertaken subsequent testing and is providing interim support to impacted residents, including the provision of bottled and bulk water, to break the exposure pathway
 - the AEO for Jandakot Airport is ensuring regulatory compliance.
- Program investigations are anticipated to take around two years, and should be completed by mid-2026. Interim support will continue throughout the investigation.

Avalon (Vic):

- The Department of Defence (Defence), as the site owner, and Airservices Australia (Airservices) are managing the response to the November 2022 discovery of PFAS in drinking water at Avalon Airport.
 - Avalon Airport is not covered by the *Airports Act 1996*; therefore, the department does not have a role in regulating its environmental management.

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Other PFAS investigation and remediation activities at civilian airports

- The Program is separate to both Airservices' *National PFAS Management Program* and Defence's *PFAS Investigation and Management Program*.
 - Airservices provided firefighting services using PFAS-containing foams at 22 airports, and is undertaking, or has undertaken, investigations at its leased sites at 21 of those airports. The investigation at the remaining site, Townsville, is being led by Defence.
 - Defence commenced its program in 2015, and is undertaking investigations at the two joint-user airports within the Program's scope (Townsville and Darwin).
- The department's investigations will consider all previous investigations to avoid duplication.

Whole of government context

- The department works collaboratively with other Australian Government agencies – including DCCEEW, Defence, Airservices, and DHAC – to ensure consistency, avoid duplication.
- The Australian Government is also working closely with relevant state and territory governments to implement nationally consistent responses to PFAS contamination.

Litigation

- The department is not aware of any current class actions or litigation against the government in relation to PFAS matters at leased federal airports.
- Three airports (Brisbane, Launceston and Perth) have initiated legal action against Airservices (which, as a corporate government entity, has a separate legal personality from the government and can act in its own right when exercising certain legal right).
- Recent class action settlements (including Haswell and Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council) are a matter for Defence.

Environmental Regulation

- At leased federal airports covered by the *Airports Act 1966* (the Act), Airport Lessee Companies (ALCs) are responsible for managing the environment, with regulatory oversight provided by a network of AEOs.
- AEOs are authorised to take regulatory action if someone causes, and does not adequately respond to, pollution at an airport.
- Airports which are not covered by the Act are regulated by the relevant state or territory environment protection authority, or managed by Defence.

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International Agency for Cancer Research (IARC) evaluation

- DHAC is aware IARC has evaluated the carcinogenicity of PFOA and PFOS, and will consider the findings in detail when the study is published (release date unknown).
- In administering the Program and regulating leased federal airports, the department continues to work with airports and other stakeholders to ensure communities are provided with appropriate PFAS health advice and guidance.

STAN PFAS documentary - Revealed: How to Poison a Planet

- The STAN documentary titled Revealed: How to Poison a Planet aired 28 April 2024 featuring American actor Mark Ruffalo and Australian journalist Carrie Fellner.
- The documentary highlighted the potential impacts of PFAS contamination on the Wreck Bay community in Jervis Bay. The documentary links these impacts to Defence's historical use of PFAS-containing firefighting foam used at Jervis Bay Range Facility.
- The documentary did not include any specific reference to PFAS use or management at civilian airports.
- To date the department has not received any correspondence referencing the STAN documentary.

Background

PFAS are a group of over 4,700 man-made chemicals that have been used globally since the 1950s in household and industrial products that resist heat, stains, grease and water. PFAS contamination is of concern as it is highly persistent, can move long distances in the environment via surface or ground-water, and bio-accumulates in animals and humans. While PFAS has been shown to be toxic to some animals, there is currently limited evidence that PFAS exposure causes adverse human health effects.

From the late 1970s until 2010, PFAS was commonly used in firefighting foams in Australia at both civilian airports and Defence sites, due to its effectiveness in suppressing fuel fires.

Historically, civil aviation firefighting services were provided by various Australian Government agencies, including Airservices following its establishment in 1995. Airservices currently provides aviation rescue firefighting services at 27 airports and has used PFAS containing foams at up to 22 of these airports.

Airservices transitioned to a PFAS-free foam in 2010 on all sites, with the exception of joint-user airports (Townsville and Darwin).

Two of the most common PFAS compounds found in legacy firefighting foams are PFOS and PFOA. From 2004, Defence commenced phasing out its use of PFOS and PFOA-containing

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firefighting foams and switched to 'Ansulite', which only contains trace elements of PFOS/PFOA and is only used in emergency situations or in controlled environments to test equipment.

Financial Information as at 31 March 2024

Table 1 - Total PFAS Program Funding (Departmental and Administered)

Program/Project Start Date:	2021-2022 (1 July 2021)					
Program/Project End Date:	2026-2027 (30 June 2027)					
	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	9.3	39.6	30.1	29.7	18.6	130.5
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	7.6	5.6				
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0.0	7.9	16.6	10.7	8.1	43.3
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	26.1	13.5	19.0	10.5	70.8

Note:

- All figures are GST exclusive.
- Committed funds relate to funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient.
- Actual Expenditure YTD includes \$1.4m of mandatory corporate contributions deducted from departmental appropriation (e.g. WoG savings) across 2022-23 and 2023-24.
- Total Uncommitted Funds includes:
 - \$1.8m underspend in departmental funding for 2022-23 and a projected \$1.1m underspend for 2023-24, which are primarily attributable to delayed expenditure in contracted services as a result of delays to completion of the Pilot Program and the start of Tranche 1 projects.
 - \$68.4m administered funding not yet committed to a known activity or agreed under contract (all years). This figure will progressively reduce upon completion of planned procurement activities in 2023-24.
- A reprofiling exercise will be undertaken at end 2023-24 to align expenditure in the forward years with contracted commitments.

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Table 2 - Changes in Program Appropriation

	2021- 22	2022- 23	2023- 24	2024- 25	2025- 26	2026- 27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Opening Appropriation	26.0	70.6	33.9	-	-	-	130.5
Movements/decisions	-22.8	-48.5	-7.1	30.1	29.7	18.6	0
Movements/decisions	-	-12.8	12.8	-	-	-	0
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Current Appropriation	3.2	9.3	39.6	30.1	29.7	18.6	130.5

Note:

- All figures are GST exclusive.
- The opening appropriation (through the 2021/22 Budget) committed \$130.5 million over three financial years (to 30 June 2024).
- Through the 2022/23 Budget, the Program was extended and funding reprofiled over a further three financial years (to 30 June 2027)
- A further Movement of Funds was approved as part of the 2023/24 MYEFO process, which re-allocated underspent administered funding from 2022/23 to 2023/24.
- A further reprofiling exercise will be undertaken at end 2023-24 to align expenditure in the forward years with contracted commitments.

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SUBJECT: Aviation Agencies: Funding and Current Issues**Talking Points**

- It is important that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), Airservices Australia (Airservices), and the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB), provide high quality services to support a safe aviation industry.
- The 2023-24 Budget allocated additional funding to supplement CASA and the ATSB resourcing in 2023-24.
- The 2024-25 Budget allocated:
 - \$3.9 million in additional funding in 2024-25 to support ongoing safety investigative services provided by ATSB; and
 - \$1.3 million for the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to work on sustainable funding arrangements for the ATSB, CASA and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA).
- The Australian Transport Safety and Investigation Bodies Financial Sustainability Review (the Skerritt Review) into the operations and funding for CASA, ATSB and AMSA reported to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP at the end of February 2024.

Key Issues*The Australian Transport Safety and Investigation Bodies Funding and Operational Review (Skerritt Review)*

- The Skerritt Review was undertaken by Professor John Skerritt who drew on activity-based costings developed by an external consultant, and undertook extensive stakeholder consultation across the aviation, maritime and rail sectors.
- Professor Skerritt reported his findings and recommendations at the end of February 2024.
- The department is undertaking analysis of the recommendations from the Skerritt Review and will brief the Minister in due course.

OneSKY

- The OneSKY/Civil Military Air Traffic Management System (CMATS) Program is an Airservices and Defence partnership to replace Australia's ageing and separate civil and military air traffic management systems with a new single national system.
- The Defence component was listed as a Project of Concern (POC) by the Minister for Defence Industry on 27 October 2022. Governance and reporting measures have been strengthened to enable identification and treatment of emerging risks and issues.

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- Four POC Summits have been held, to pave a way forward for the Program. The latest was held in early December 2023, co-convened by the Minister for Defence Industry, the Hon Pat Conroy MP, and the Minister King.
- The next POC Summit is scheduled for Mid-2024.

Background*CASA and ATSB funding*

- The department continues to work closely with agencies on the sustainability of their funding arrangements.
 - CASA receives funding from three major sources: a fuel excise on aviation fuel consumed by all domestic aircraft; an annual Australian Government appropriation; and regulatory services fees and levies.
 - ATSB receives an annual appropriation from government and also receives some funding from the Queensland government for rail functions in Queensland that are not on the Defined Interstate Rail Network.

Airservices funding

- In December 2022, the government provided an equity investment of \$495 million to support its operational viability and recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Airservices is generally funded through revenue from industry from various charges for the provision of its air traffic and aviation rescue and firefighting services (ARFFS). These charges are regulated by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC).
- The ACCC is currently considering a proposal from Airservices to increase charges for enroute navigation, terminal navigation, and ARFFS.
- Airservices has not increased its prices since a small (0.4 per cent) increase in 2015, and subsequently decreased them by two per cent in 2019.

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Financial Information as at 15 May 2024

Government funding to CASA (excluding GST)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Baseline Government Appropriation	40.5	41.4	41.9	42.7	43.1
Additional (Budget 2020-21)	32.3	-	-	-	-
Additional (Budget 2022-23)	-	-	-	-	-
Additional (Budget 2023-24)	34.8	-	-	-	-
Additional (Budget 2024-25)		0.1	0.1	0.1	-
Total Government Funding*	107.6	41.5	42.0	42.8	43.1

*Does not include special appropriations (Fuel and RPAS levees)

Government funding to ATSB (excluding GST)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Baseline Government Appropriation	20.7	22.2	22.5	22.9	23.2
Additional (Budget 2023-24)	4.6	-	-	-	-
Additional (Budget 2024-25)	-	3.9	-	-	-
Total Government Funding	25.3	26.1	22.5	22.9	23.2

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SUBJECT: Emerging Aviation Technologies Policy**Talking Points**

- Emerging aviation technologies such as drones and Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) are a rapidly growing industry, and we are working with government and industry to ensure they safely integrate with traditional aircraft.
- The Aviation Green Paper, released on 7 September 2023, considers the growth and potential impact of emerging aviation technologies on Australia's aviation future. It sought feedback on a range of important questions including:
 - how to foster private investment and jobs in emerging aviation technologies;
 - how to ensure fair and equitable access as competition for airspace increases; and
 - how to address negative impacts of drones and AAM while realising their benefits.
- The Aviation White Paper is scheduled to be released in mid-2024, and is expected to set out policy positions on related matters.
- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts is also developing a whole-of-government AAM strategy for stakeholder consultation in the second half of 2024.
- The department has amalgamated its stakeholder engagement groups into a new Emerging Aviation Technologies Policy Fora. This approach will focus government and industry stakeholders on working through relevant policy issues to inform the development of emerging aviation technologies policy in Australia.
- The Australian Government is continuing the Emerging Aviation Technology Partnerships Program, with successful Round Two applicants to be announced in the coming weeks.

Key Issues*Emerging Aviation Technology Partnerships (EATP) Program*

- The government is providing \$30.5 million across two grant funding rounds to support industry drive the uptake of emerging aviation technologies in Australia, including expanding employment in the sector and improving supply chains, market efficiency, and connections with regional, remote and Indigenous communities.
- On 7 November 2022, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP announced \$18.1 million in funding for 12 successful Round One projects.
- Round Two closed for applications on 27 July 2023 with 123 applications received seeking over \$140 million in total. Some Round One projects have been rescoped, leaving \$13.5 million available for Round Two.

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- The outcome of the Round Two process is expected to be announced this financial year.

Drone noise

- Remotely piloted aircraft are subject to a risk-based noise regulation framework under *the Air Navigation (Aircraft Noise) Regulations 2018* which requires commercial drone operators to obtain a noise approval from the department under certain conditions.
- In 2023, the department issued 134 approvals via a guided self-assessment and six approvals via a full assessment.
- So far in the first quarter of 2024, the department has issued 22 approvals via a guided self-assessment and two approvals via a full assessment.

Drone rules and drone detection

- The department is working on a national approach to non-safety drone rules across the government, state and territory agencies. As part of this Drone Rule Digitisation project, the department released a prototype drone rule map on 29 February 2024 to help improve rule awareness and compliance around parks and corrections facilities.
- The initial map features rules for 7,610 parks and corrections facilities managed by 15 different responsible authorities. Accompanying open data will enable integration into existing drone software systems. This digital approach provides a foundation for national review and enforcement cooperation on such drone laws to support effectiveness and consistency. The project has been included in the government's Data and Digital Government Strategy Implementation Plan.
- The government is exploring options to facilitate drone detection capabilities to protect assets (including critical infrastructure), activities and events (in air and on land).
- Ongoing consultation across government and industry has highlighted areas of focus for drone detection including identifying systems governance arrangements, potential legislative options and data sharing requirements.

Advanced Air Mobility (AAM)

- AAM is a collection of new aircraft types that utilise batteries, hydrogen or hybrid fuels, and involve greater levels of flight automation. They can include vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) aircraft or conventional take-off and landing aircraft (CTOL) aircraft.
- AAM is still developing and is currently in the certification phase, with industry expecting first eVTOL operations around 2027. Small two-seat electric fixed wing aircraft are already flying in Australia, which is the starting point for the gradual transition to bigger and longer-range electric/hydrogen aircraft over the coming years.

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- Given Australia's dispersed low population density spread across vast distances, AAM promises a more financially viable means of connecting "thin" regional markets by air that is not currently possible with existing aircraft and legacy airport infrastructure.
- AAM also provides the opportunity for Australia to develop new industrial capability in advanced manufacturing, automation, renewables and digital technology that will diversify our economy and situate strategically important industrial capability in Australia. Many AAM technology building blocks are included in the government's *List of Critical Technologies in the National Interest*.
- Many countries around the world are investing heavily in AAM, given the multi-faceted benefits to emissions reduction, transport and strategic industrial capability.
- The department is developing an AAM Strategy which will lay out a strategic policy vision for the development of AAM in Australia, and plans to engage with all levels of government to progress this work. The department has also established an AAM Consultative Committee with 19 industry organisations, CASA and Airservices, to engage with industry and inform development of the AAM Strategy.

Financial Information as at 15 May 2024

- \$35.7m in funding has been announced to progress 3 new technology initiatives.
- These are: the Emerging Aviation Technology Partnerships Program (\$32.6m); the Drones Rules Management System (\$1.6m) and the National Drones Detection Network (\$1.5m).
- The \$35.7 million is comprised of \$32.6 million in administered funds, \$0.4 in capital funds and \$2.7 million in departmental funding.
- The "Emerging Aviation Technologies Programs" administered item in the 2023-24 Portfolio Budget Statement, covers all three initiatives and the funding profile is outlined in table below:

Program/Project Start Date:	July 2021					
Program/Project End Date:	June 2026					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	11.0	8.6	8.4	3.1	0	31.1
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 15 May 2024	11.0	5.0	0	0	0	16.0
Total Committed Funds at 15 May 2024	11.0	6.3	0	0	0	17.3

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Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	2.3	8.4	3.1	0	13.8
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SUBJECT: Western Sydney International Airport - Airspace & Environment**Talking Points**

- The draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the preliminary flight paths for Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport was released for public exhibition on 24 October 2023 and closed on 31 January 2024.
- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts has undertaken extensive consultation with the community since the initial release of the preliminary flight paths on the Aircraft Overflight Noise Tool in June 2023. Further engagement was carried out during the draft EIS public exhibition period.
- The department received 8,477 submissions at the close of the public exhibition period.
- All submissions are being considered, categorised and will be responded to via a public submissions report that will accompany the final EIS at the end of 2024.
- Submissions are also being published on the Online Community Portal (www.wsiflightpaths.gov.au). The first batch was published in April 2024 and remaining submissions will be published in June 2024 following removal of personal information.
- Development of WSI's flight paths remain on track for the airport's scheduled opening by late 2026.

Noise Insulation and Property Acquisition (NIPA) policy

- The draft EIS includes the draft Noise Insulation and Property Acquisition policy. Community and landowner feedback are being used to finalise the NIPA. The final policy will be settled and published as part of the final EIS.

Biodiversity Offset Delivery Program

- The department has recently approached the NSW credit market to secure its remaining offset obligations for the Airport.
- The department's investment in conserving and improving biodiversity values at Defence Establishment Orchard Hills will help to protect one of the last remaining large Cumberland Plains Woodlands areas in Western Sydney.
- Questions in relation to specific activities at Defence Establishment Orchard Hills should be addressed to the Department of Defence.

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The Western Sydney Airport Plan sets out 4 phases for the design of WSI's airspace and flight paths:

- Planning – development of high-level airspace concepts
- Preliminary design and environmental assessment – development of a mature airspace design that has been assessed in accordance with advice from the Environment Minister
- Detailed design – validation and refinement of the detailed design
- Implementation – approval of the final airspace design by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) prior to the commencement of airport operations by late 2026.

The project is currently in the preliminary design and environment assessment phase which will conclude with the publication of the final EIS in late 2024. An aviation Expert Steering Group (ESG) oversees the airspace and flight path design for WSI, in accordance with the Airport Plan conditions.

The ESG is chaired by the department and includes representatives from Airservices, CASA, WSA Co, Defence, Sydney Airport Corporation, and WSA Chair, Ms Lee de Winton.

On 27 June 2023, the Aircraft Overflight Noise Tool was released via the Online Community Portal (www.wsiflightpaths.gov.au). Approximately 326,000 unique users have visited the noise tool.

Two letterbox drops have been completed. One occurred in July and August 2023 to 922,345 addresses across 12 Local Government Areas (LGA) in greater Western Sydney to notify of the release of preliminary flight paths. The second, led by Airservices Australia, occurred in late November and early December to 1.5 million addresses across 26 LGAs.

Since the release of the draft EIS, the department held 25 engagement events, including 13 drop-in information sessions, 11 stalls and one online webinar. Airservices Australia has supplemented the engagement through eight additional events.

WSI flight path environmental assessment procurement

The department has engaged WSP Australia (WSP) to progress the environmental assessment process for WSI's preliminary flight paths, including a comprehensive stakeholder consultation and communication package. The department has also engaged To70 to deliver a flight path online interactive noise tool which allows users to see flight paths and projected noise impacts relative to an address entered into the tool.

As at 31 March 2024, \$14.3 million (GST Exc) in funding is committed under the package to:

- WSP to deliver the Environment Assessment Documentation; Stakeholder Consultation and Communications Package; and a Noise Amelioration Scoping Study; and

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- To70 to develop a flight path online interactive noise tool.

Biodiversity Offset Delivery Program (BODP)

The department is required to mitigate the environmental impacts associated with the construction of WSI, by investing in environmental 'offsets' for the threatened and endangered ecosystems and species found on the WSI site. The method for achieving these offsets is outlined in the Biodiversity Offset Delivery Plan (Plan) approved on 24 August 2018 by the former Australian Government Department of the Environment and Energy.

To date, the department has spent \$156 million on a range of initiatives set out in the Plan, including:

- providing \$70 million to the Department of Defence to restore and conserve land at Defence Establishment Orchard Hills site for a period of 20 years;
- purchasing biodiversity credits through the NSW Biodiversity Offset Scheme and NSW BioBanking Scheme (\$74 million); and
- contributing funds to a native seed production program and propagation trials based on seeds collected from the Airport site (\$11.5 million).

Funds to deliver the BODP are sourced from the Western Sydney Airport – Preparatory Activities program appropriated in 2017-18, which also includes funding for airspace design, noise insulation and property acquisition, and an Aboriginal keeping place. Existing committed funds and remaining appropriation for the Preparatory Activities program are set out in the table below.

Western Sydney Airport – Preparatory Activities

Program/Project Start Date:	2017					
Program/Project End Date:	December 2027					
	Pre 2023-24 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	122.7 ¹	22.6	22.0	92.3	3.7	263.3
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	122.7	4.5				
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0	12.4	8.5	5.1	3.0	29.0
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	5.7	13.5	87.2	0.7	107.1

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GST Exclusive amount

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SUBJECT: Bilateral Air Services Agreements**Talking Points**

- Australia has Air Services Agreements (ASAs) with more than 100 countries facilitating international travel to and from Australia.
- These are treaty level agreements between countries that are legally binding and enforceable.
- These agreements specify the number and type of services and traffic rights that airlines of both countries are allowed to operate.
- Australia has one of the most open international aviation markets in the world, with open access capacity with seven of our biggest international arrival markets covered (New Zealand, China, the USA, the UK, Japan, India and Singapore).
- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts develops an international air services forward negotiating program, in consultation with Australian Government agency and industry stakeholders.
- The department is updating the program for the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP's consideration and will continue to seek bilateral negotiations with key international markets.
- The government's Aviation Green Paper proposes to continue the current 'capacity ahead of demand' approach and negotiate 'open skies' style agreements where it is in the national interest and can be bilaterally agreed.

Key Issues*Qatar*

- Under current arrangements, airlines from Qatar are entitled to operate:
 - up to 28 services a week to Australia's 4 major airports of Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Perth (with no more than 7 services a week to each airport);
 - unlimited services to Australia's secondary airports;
 - seven additional services a week to a major airport, via or through a secondary airport; and
 - unlimited dedicated freight services to any points in Australia.
- Qatar Airways is operating 42 services a week to Australia under these arrangements.

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Türkiye

- Australia and Türkiye aviation agencies agreed to an update of our bilateral air services arrangements in December 2023.
- The updated arrangements reflect Australia and Türkiye's strong cultural, historical and people-to-people links, and aviation's important role in supporting these connections.
- The new arrangements phase in an increase in passenger capacity from 7 to 35 services each week to Sydney, Western Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth for airlines of both countries, over 2 years, with an immediate increase of 14 services.
- The arrangements provide for the first time, fifth freedom traffic rights at intermediate points and 21 dedicated cargo services each week for airlines of both countries.
- Subsequently services between Australia and Türkiye have commenced for the first time, with Turkish Airlines commencing services to Melbourne in March 2024.

Viet Nam

- Australia and Viet Nam aviation agencies agreed to an update of our bilateral air services arrangements in December 2023.
- The updated arrangements provide for an increase in passenger capacity from 42 to 84 services each week to Sydney, Western Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth for both countries, phased in over 2 years, with an immediate increase of 14 services a week.
- An increase in dedicated cargo services from 7 to 28 services each week and open traffic rights for airlines of both countries, also phased in over the next 2 years, with an immediate increase of 7 services a week, has also been agreed.
- It was also agreed aviation officials would meet again in early 2026, or at such time as the additional capacity is required, to consider the possibility of an 'open skies' arrangement, having regard to the take up by designated airlines of increased capacity made available under the new arrangements.

Sri Lanka

- Australia and Sri Lanka civil aviation officials agreed to updated bilateral air services arrangements in February 2024.
- The updated arrangements phase in an increase to passenger capacity from 14 to 42 services each week to Sydney, Western Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth for both countries, over 2 years, with an immediate increase of 14 services per week.
- Government agency and industry stakeholders were advised of these outcomes by email on 15 February 2024 and the Register of Available Capacity for Australia international airlines was updated on the department's website on 16 February 2024.

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- Western Sydney International Airport (WSIA) has been included in these agreements to enable airlines the opportunity to operate international services to this airport once it commences operations in 2026.
 - Open access arrangements, in place with New Zealand, Singapore, China, the UK, US, India and Japan will also be available for international airlines seeking to operate services to WSIA upon its opening.

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SB24-000129

SUBJECT: Road User Charging Reform**Talking Points**

- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts has been progressing Heavy Vehicle Road Reform which seeks a better way of setting and collecting road user charges from heavy vehicles.
- This work is overseen by Infrastructure and Transport ministers, and involves working with state, territory and local governments, as well as industry and community stakeholders, to link the needs of heavy vehicle road users with the level of service they receive, the charges they pay and the investment of those charges back into road services important to these users.
- Through the National Heavy Vehicle Charging Pilot (the pilot), the department is testing different ways of charging heavy vehicles for road use than the current system based on fuel consumption and registration fees. Phase 3 of the Pilot commenced in March 2023 and will run through to June 2024.

If asked What is the Australian Government doing about a road user charge for electric vehicles and in response to the Vanderstock High Court decision?

- In December 2023, the Australian Government, state and territory treasurers committed to work together on long term options for zero emission vehicles user charging in light of the Vanderstock decision.
 - the department continues to support Treasury in this work.
- The department, together with Department of the Treasury and state/territory counterparts, is part of a working group which promotes information sharing and national coordination on road user charging policy.

Key Issues*Vanderstock*

- At the 1 December 2023 Council on Federal Financial Relations (CFFR) meeting, Treasurers discussed the implications of the Vanderstock High Court decision and agreed to:
 - work together on long term options for zero emission vehicles user charging; and
 - establish a working group to develop options on sources of state revenue, to provide security and certainty in relation to revenue arrangements.
 - questions regarding CFFR are a matter for the Treasury.

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Declining fuel excise

- On 24 August, Treasury published its sixth Intergenerational Report (IGR) which projects the outlook of the economy and the Australian budget to 2062-63.
- Modelling undertaken for the 2023 Intergenerational Report, shows that fuel excise collections are projected to decline as a share of GDP as the uptake of EVs increases under a range of plausible scenarios.
 - questions regarding excise revenue and modelling are a matter for the Treasury.

Background

- In July 2021, the Victorian Government implemented a road user charge for light ZLEVs. The constitutional validity of that charge was tested in a High Court case (Vanderstock v Victoria).
- The case involved two individuals (Chris Vanderstock and Kathleen Davies) challenging the Victorian road user charge imposed on electric cars on the basis that it was effectively an excise on electric vehicles and only the Commonwealth can impose "duties of customs and of excise". The Commonwealth sided with the plaintiffs; all states sided with Victoria.
 - On 18 October 2023, the High Court's judgment in the Vanderstock case ruled the Victorian charge unconstitutional.

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SUBJECT: Heavy Vehicle National Law Reforms**Talking Points**

- The Australian Government is committed to supporting the heavy vehicle industry.
- The government is working with all levels of government, the National Transport Commission (NTC) and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) to implement productivity and safety reforms to the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL).
- At the 5 August 2022 Infrastructure and Transport Ministers' Meeting (ITMM), Australian, state and territory Infrastructure and Transport ministers agreed to progress a package of legislative and non-legislative reforms to the HVNL.
- Work on the HVNL reforms is overseen by a Steering Committee comprising some of Australia's senior transport officials.
- In December 2023, ITMM agreed to extend the timeline for the legislative reforms by 7 months. This will allow adequate time for consultation, complex legislative drafting, and for key issues to be worked through.
- The deadline for the legislative package to be presented to ministers has been revised accordingly from May 2024 to December 2024. The legislative reforms will be informed by the NTC's public consultation in October-November 2023.

Key Issues

- The HVNL Implementation Steering Committee is chaired by Mr Jim Betts, Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, and oversees progress on the HVNL reform package. There are 25 legislative reforms and 21 non-legislative actions in the package ITMM agreed to progress.
- The Steering Committee engages with heavy vehicle industry through a range of mechanisms, including meetings with industry bodies. Two such industry meetings have occurred on 23 August and 27 November 2023. Industry can also contribute to the development of the new legislation through the NTC-led Reform Advisory Committee.
- The NTC leads on the legislative reforms. In June 2023, ITMM endorsed a first Decision Regulatory Impact Statement outlining primary law amendments. The NTC is developing a second Decision Regulatory Impact Statement for ministers focusing on changes to the HVNL regulations, informed by responses to the consultation in October-November 2023.

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- While significant drafting work and consultation has been completed, a complex legislative task remains. On 6 December 2023, ITMM agreed to extend the deadline for the NTC to submit the legislative package to ITMM by 7 months. The deadline was accordingly moved from May 2024 to December 2024. At the time, this change was supported by industry representatives, who were engaged on the proposed extension ahead of ITMM's decision.
- The non-legislative HVNL reforms are progressed by leads across participating governments, Austroads and the NHVR, and operate on a separate timeline to the legislative reforms. Good progress is underway across the non-legislative program, with three reforms formally closed and another four approaching completion.

Background

- On 6 November 2023, the Australian Trucking Association (ATA) wrote to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP, suggesting the HVNL legislative reform timeline should be extended, if it would help ensure that the original intent of the HVNL reforms is delivered, particularly those relating to fatigue management.
- In November and December 2023, NatRoad CEO Warren Clark made some public comments criticising the slow progress on HVNL reform, and calling for the program to be accelerated.

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SUBJECT: Disability Transport Standards**Talking Points**

- The Australian Government recognises the importance of safe, accessible public transport to allow all Australians to participate in the community.
- The Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 (Transport Standards) provide requirements for public transport operators and providers to make their services accessible and remove discrimination against people with disability.
- On 20 March 2024, the government announced a package of reforms to the Transport Standards. The reforms will address shortcomings in the Transport Standards identified by people with disability and the public transport industry.
- The reforms will improve accessibility across the whole public transport journey, including the training of public transport staff to better meet the needs of people with disability, and make it easier to find and understand information to plan a journey.
- The Transport Standards will now be updated to reflect the new requirements where a legislative change has been chosen. There will also be changes to the guidance material that support the Transport Standards. Information will be available to users and operators and providers of public transport in the lead up to the updated Transport Standards coming into effect and release of new guidance.
- Through the reform process, the government also agreed to convene working groups for 5 reform areas. These reform areas require further consultation to determine the scale and scope of the problem and to identify an appropriate solution. These working groups will consist of people with disability, public transport operators and providers, state and territory governments and other subject matter experts.
- A separate statutory review of the Transport Standards commenced in late 2022. The review is assessing whether the Transport Standards are working effectively and if further reforms are required. The review report and government response will be published in due course.

If asked about the current levels of non-compliance with the Transport Standards

- The government is working with state and territory governments and the public transport industry to understand and address barriers to meeting compliance requirements.

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Key Issues

- Previous reviews of the Transport Standards found they would benefit from improvements to meet the needs of people with disability, and to help operators and providers to fulfil their obligations.
 - the implementation of the reform package will work towards ensuring the Transport Standards remain effective and meet the needs of Australian society.
- The Transport Standards commenced in 2002 and required most public transport networks and associated infrastructure (apart from trains and trams) to fully comply with the current standards by 31 December 2022.
 - the 2017 review found the requirements are unlikely to be achieved within the prescribed timeframes. Upgrades and improvements are not happening at the same rate across transport modes, or across regional and remote public transport services.
 - the discussion paper for the 2022 statutory review of the Transport Standards sought updated compliance information from operators and providers. Very few operators and providers provided responses that addressed compliance.
 - through the reform process, the government has agreed to convene a working group to develop a reporting framework that will provide clear and consistent guidance to operators and providers to support compliance reporting.
- Complaints of disability discrimination may be lodged with the Australian Human Rights Commission who has the power to investigate and attempt to conciliate complaints.

Background

- Media coverage over the past two years has highlighted particular concerns about accessibility barriers and discriminatory practices specific to aviation.
- The Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability (Disability Royal Commission) final report was released on 29 September 2023. The report includes a short discussion on the Transport Standards and aviation accessibility, but no recommendations were made regarding these matters.
 - the Chair of the Disability Royal Commission wrote to Australian airline and airport chiefs in February 2023 about improving their treatment of travellers with disabilities.

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SUBJECT: National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy**Talking Points**

- The Review of the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy (the Strategy) was led by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts in the second half of 2023.
- The Review report includes recommendations to ensure the Strategy remains fit for purpose and supports Australia's freight and supply chains for the next 5 years.
- Infrastructure and Transport ministers noted the Review report and recommendations out of session. The Review Report is expected to be published shortly.
- Work is underway to refresh the Strategy and develop a new 5-year National Action plan.
- It is anticipated the refreshed Strategy and new National Action Plan will be provided to Ministers later this year.

Key Issues

- To support the Review, the department collaborated and consulted with a range of stakeholders including businesses, peak bodies and unions, and with all levels of government.
- Stakeholders identified decarbonisation, resilience, productivity and data as areas to be addressed.
- The Strategy's goals and new 5-year National Action Plan will be developed to reflect the Review's findings.
- Key performance indicators (KPIs) will be included in the refreshed Strategy to measure the success of the Strategy going forward.
- The department will work with governments and industry to refresh the Strategy and develop the new 5-year action plan.

Background

- In 2019, Infrastructure and Transport ministers endorsed the 20-year National Freight and Strategy and associated 5-year National Action Plan. This was the first-time governments agreed to a national plan for improving the efficiency, effectiveness and reliability of Australian supply chains.
- At their 9 June 2023 meeting, Infrastructure and Transport ministers agreed in-principle to bring forward the Review of the Freight and Supply Chain Strategy from 2024 to 2023.

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- On 16 August 2023, the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP, announced the Review was underway.
 - Industry workshops, bilateral meetings and government working groups were held to inform the Review.
 - The Review received 71 stakeholder submissions.
 - The Review process was concluded in December 2023.
 - Consistent with the Terms of Reference for the Review, the report:
 - identifies the gaps in the Strategy;
 - considers the Strategy's performance to date and recommends decarbonisation and resilience KPIs be included in the refreshed Strategy;
 - provides advice on appropriate governance arrangements to support the Refreshed Strategy;
 - considers opportunities for the Strategy to compliment and maximise the effectiveness of other related national work, such as (but not limited to) the Aviation White Paper process, Strategic Fleet and Inland Rail.

Financial Information as at 31 March 2024:

Costs for the Review were met from the department's existing resources.

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SUBJECT: Connected and Automated Vehicles**Talking Points**

- Connected and automated vehicles have the potential to deliver significant benefits for Australians, including improved safety, accessibility, productivity and sustainability.
- Australia's current road vehicle regulations assume that a human driver will be in control of the vehicle at all times. However, in an Automated Vehicle (AV) the Automated Driving System (ADS) will be in control and performing the driving task, either at dedicated times or always depending on the vehicle's automation level. Therefore, Australia needs to develop new laws to regulate automated vehicles if they are to operate on our roads.
- The Australian Government is working with states and territories through the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers' Meeting to develop a new end-to-end regulatory framework to support the safe operation of automated vehicles on public roads.
- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts and the National Transport Commission are jointly leading a public consultation about the automated vehicle safety reforms, which opened on 22 April and will close on 11 June 2024.
- The consultation builds on previous work. It looks at how the policy settings agreed to by Infrastructure and Transport ministers will work in a Commonwealth law, considers some changes to state and territory laws, and explores some additional areas of policy for the automated vehicle safety reforms.

Key Issues

- Responsibility for the regulation of road transport is shared between the Australian Government and State/Territory governments:
 - The Commonwealth *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* (RVSA) sets national standards for vehicle safety, theft protection, and emissions control (known as the Australian Design Rules (ADR)) for all road vehicles being provided to the Australian market for the first time.
 - states and territories regulate on-road vehicle use and driver behaviour (including through road rules, licensing and registration). State and territory agencies are also responsible for on-road enforcement and crash investigation in their jurisdiction.
- The current state and territory-based regulation is not fit for regulating AVs as it is inherent in these rules that a human driver will be in control of a vehicle at all times. In an AV, there will be times when an ADS is in control and performing the driving task.

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- In February 2022, Infrastructure and Transport ministers agreed to the development of a future Automated Vehicle Safety Law to be implemented through Commonwealth law.
- The department and the National Transport Commission are undertaking public consultation on additional policy positions for the automated vehicle safety reforms. Consultation on these issues was agreed to by Infrastructure and Transport ministers in late 2023. The areas of policy that are being consulted on are: safety of remote operation; potential measures for repairers, maintainers and modifiers; consumer understanding of automated vehicle capabilities; obligations for automated vehicle users; and potential measures to control the risk of early automated vehicle deployment.
- The Office of Future Transport Technology, operating within the department provides national leadership to support a coordinated approach to the deployment of land transport technologies, including connected and automated vehicles and cooperative intelligent transport systems.

Background

- A number of other countries already have regulatory arrangements for the use of AVs or are actively developing them. Vehicles with automated driving systems are now permitted to be used on some roads in France, Germany, Japan and South Korea (however, the latter two countries do not currently have any privately-owned automated passenger vehicles on public roads). In November 2023, the Government of the United Kingdom introduced an Automated Vehicles Bill into the United Kingdom Parliament with the Bill's Royal Assent expected in May 2024.
- The department is working with State and Territory agencies to refine the draft National Road Transport Technology Strategy and 2024-27 National Connected and Automated Vehicle (CAV) Action Plan, in response to feedback received via the public and industry consultation process undertaken in October-December 2023. The Strategy and Action Plan will be submitted to Ministers for consideration and endorsement in mid-2024.

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SUBJECT: Cleaner Cars - New Vehicle Efficiency Standard**Talking Points**

- The Australian Government introduced the *New Vehicle Efficiency Standard Bill 2024*, and the *New Vehicle Efficiency Standards (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2024* on 27 March 2024. The legislation passed both houses on 16 May 2024.
- The settings in the NVES legislation reflects the close consultation with a broad range of stakeholders over the past year.
- The government's policy will deliver significant abatement and substantial savings for the community and motorists:
 - 20 million tonnes of abatement by 2030, 80 million tonnes by 2035 and 321 million tonnes of abatement by 2050;
 - \$95.08 billion in fuel savings for motorists by 2050;
 - \$13.85 billion in reduced vehicle maintenance by 2050; and
 - \$4.99 billion in health benefits by 2050.
- Overall, the government's preferred settings have net benefits of over \$86 billion.
- To implement the NVES, the government has committed \$84.5 million over 5 years from 2024-25 (and \$12.6 million per year ongoing) for the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.
- Additional funding of \$10.0 million for 2023-24 for the national communications campaign and \$60.0 million over 4 years from 2024-25 has been committed to support the installation of EV charging infrastructure for automotive businesses.

What changes are there from the consultation period?

- The government made a number of changes to its policy settings in response to consultation feedback:
 - recategorising a limited number of 4WDs from passenger vehicles to light commercial vehicles. This includes models such as the Toyota Landcruiser and Nissan Patrol;
 - smoothing the emissions trajectory for light commercial vehicles (utes, vans and some 4x4s). This reflects adjustments announced by the US EPA to its vehicle Standard;
 - adjusting the weight-based relative emissions limits (known as the break point), recognising that heavier vehicles emit more; and
 - staging implementation to enable preparation and testing of essential data reporting capabilities. To ensure we get the implementation right in partnership with industry, the scheme will commence on 1 January 2025 but manufacturers will not begin earning credits or penalties until 1 July 2025.

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How will the NVES be implemented?

- There are a number of streams of work will be required to properly implement the NVES. These include:
 - establishing the regulatory function in the department, including standard operating procedures;
 - developing and implementing the necessary information technology; and
 - establishing the necessary oversight mechanisms.
- The department is working on these aspects for a smooth implementation. The department will continue to engage with industry as the implementation of the NVES is rolled out.

Will the Government's NVES settings be an effective ban on the sale of 4WDs, utes, or internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles?

- No. The NVES will not ban or prevent the sale of any type of vehicle. The government is not considering banning specific vehicle types.
- Other jurisdictions around the world have had standards in place for decades. In these jurisdictions, large vehicles like utes and 4WDs are still very popular. For example, in the United States, which has had a standard in place for the last 50 years, large utes like the Ford F-series are often top sellers.
- The NVES will apply to a vehicle suppliers' fleet on average. That means that to meet the target, a supplier can adjust the mix of vehicles and technology that they sell without banning any vehicle types.

Will the NVES make vehicles more expensive?

- No. A fuel efficiency standard does not increase the price of cars; there is strong evidence that a standard reduces emissions and fuel costs for consumers.

Is the NVES a carbon tax?

- No. The New Vehicle Efficiency Standard is not a carbon tax.
- In other countries with these standards, manufacturers that do not comply may be subject to financial penalties. The purpose of these penalties is to encourage compliance, not raise revenue.

Is the government being unduly influenced by car lobbying groups?

- No. It is appropriate that as the government has developed its preferred NVES, that the policy positions of different stakeholders are understood and tested. At the end of the day, the Government has considered policy positions on their merits.

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Key Issues

- Generally, New Vehicle Efficiency Standards work by setting an average efficiency target, measured in grams of CO₂ per kilometre, for the fleet of vehicles imported by each manufacturer.
- This allows manufacturers to meet emission targets with a range of vehicle technologies including EV, hybrid and more efficient internal combustion engine vehicles.
- The New Vehicle Efficiency Standard does not affect the vehicles already on the roads. It only applies to new vehicles.
- The New Vehicle Efficiency Standards does not prevent any particular vehicle from being sold.
- The vast majority of advanced economies have a standard, including the European Union, the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Mexico, China, Japan, India, South Korea, Saudi Arabia and New Zealand.
- Australia is behind our international peers in EV sales (defined as battery EVs and plug in hybrid EVs). In 2023, EVs represented 8.45%¹ of new light vehicle sales in Australia (source; VFACTS), an increase from 3.8% in 2022 (Electric Vehicle Council - State of Electric Vehicles 2023), compared with 14% globally (International Energy Agency Global EV Outlook 2023).

Financial Information as at 31 March 2024 (with Budget 24-25 appropriations)

- **Budget information** (GST exclusive) – including 2024-25 appropriation based on costs agreed with the Department of Finance on 18 April

Program/Project Start Date:	2023-24						
Program/Project End Date:	Ongoing						
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	TOTAL	Ongoing (from 2028-29)
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	3.0	27.3	17.3	13.4	12.3	73.3	12.5
23-24	3.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	6.6	0.0
24-25	0.0	26.1	16.1	12.2	12.3	66.7	12.5
Less:							
Actual Expenditure YTD							

¹ 8.45% is BEV + PHEV, and excludes heavy vehicles from the total fleet. 7.2% is BEV only, and includes about 50,000 heavy vehicles in the total fleet.

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at 31 March 2024	2.3					2.3	
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0.6	0	0	0	0	0.6	
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0.1	27.3	17.3	13.4	12.3	70.4	

Note: Committed funds relate to funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient.

- **Current staff:** As at 30 March 2024, the department employed 10 staff from its 2023-24 Budget appropriation for the NVES (3 of these positions terminate on 30 June 2024, and the remaining 7 positions terminate on 30 June 2027).
- **Movement of funds** (GST exclusive) – including 2024-25 appropriation based on costs agreed with the Department of Finance on 18 April

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Opening Appropriation	3.0	27.3	17.3	13.4	12.3	73.3
Movements/decisions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Movements/decisions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Movements/decisions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Movements/decisions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current Appropriation	3.0	27.3	17.3	13.4	12.3	73.3

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SUBJECT: Maritime Emission Reduction National Action Plan**Talking Points**

- As part of the Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap and Action Plan, the Australian Government is developing a Maritime Emissions Reduction National Action Plan (MERNAP) to chart a practical transition to net-zero for our maritime sector.
- Co-designed with industry, the MERNAP will set the strategic direction to decarbonise our domestic maritime transport sector, advance the development of green shipping corridors from Australia, and contribute towards reducing international shipping emissions.
- To inform the development of the MERNAP, the government has published 4 issues papers on a range of maritime decarbonisation topics for public consultation, between 28 August 2023 and 5 April 2024.
- Consultation has highlighted that multiple energy sources will be needed in future, new skills will be required in the use of these energies, and there are challenges in technology readiness for alternative fuel deployment.
- Safety has been highlighted as a key issue. Operational and design energy efficiencies still have much to contribute to lowering the emissions profile of the maritime sector.
- Information sharing and partnerships across the value chain will be important in generating the collaboration and technology demand required for change.
- The MERNAP is expected to be finalised and delivered to the government in 2024.

Key Issues

- The government has committed \$8.4m to fund preparation of a Transport Emissions Roadmap and Action Plan – a strategy to support the economy's transition to net zero across all forms of transport and transport infrastructure.
- The MERNAP was separately funded (\$600,000) in the 2023-24 Budget, and will fulfil the maritime element of the Roadmap and Action Plan.

Background

- In 2022, Australia's domestic maritime transport emissions were 2 Mt CO₂, making up 2.2% of transport emissions and 0.4% of total domestic emissions. While our domestic maritime emissions are small, we have a strong reliance on international shipping, with over 99% (by weight) of Australia's international imports and exports being carried by ship. We therefore have an important role to play in supporting global decarbonisation of the shipping industry through domestic action.

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- The MERNAP is being co-designed with key stakeholders in the domestic maritime sector. The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts has established a core consultative group of key representatives from the government, maritime industry and academics to ensure that the plan is comprehensive, actionable and has buy-in from the widest range of Australian maritime stakeholders, including domestic commercial vessels.
- The Consultation Group includes: Maritime Industry Association Ltd, Ports Australia, Australian Commercial Vessel Operators Association, the Freight and Trade Alliance, Shipping Australia Ltd., National Farmers Federation, Minerals Council of Australia, the Australian Maritime College, Maritime Union of Australia, and the Clean Energy Council.
- The Consultative Group has met 5 times - 16 June 2023, 27 July 2023, 13 October 2023, 20 December 2023, and 23 February 2024.
- Preparation of the MERNAP will enhance our reputation at the International Maritime Organization as a member state that is serious about taking action to reduce shipping emissions.

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SB24-000124

SUBJECT: Reducing Transport Emissions**Talking Points**

- The Australian Government is committed to reducing emissions in Australia's transport sector to support Australia's economy wide Net Zero commitments of 43% reduction by 2030, and net zero by 2050.

Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap and Action Plan:

- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts is developing a Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap and Action Plan. This will cover heavy and light vehicles, rail, maritime, aviation, active and public transport, low and zero carbon fuels, freight and supply chains and transport infrastructure to develop a pathway for the transport sector to play its part in Australia's net zero transition. A consultation Roadmap is expected to be released in the coming weeks.
- The Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap will be the transport sectoral plan, one of the 6 sectoral plans to drive Australia's emissions to its 2030 and 2050 targets. See **SB24-000011** for more about the Roadmap and Action Plan.

Key initiatives for road vehicles include:

- *New Vehicle Efficiency Standard (NVES):* On 27 March 2024, the Minister of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP introduced legislation to implement the NVES into the Parliament, to help decarbonise the light vehicle fleet. The legislation was passed through the Parliament on 16 May 2024. The settings in the legislation reflect close consultation with a broad range of stakeholders over the past year. See **SB24-000128** Cleaner Cars – New Vehicle Efficiency Standard.
- *Real world testing:* To add to the information provided to consumers through the Green Vehicle Guide, a real-world vehicle testing program is providing information about the on-road emissions performance of vehicles. Administered by the Australian Automobile Association (AAA), the program has been established to help Australians drive fuel savings through better informed choice. Results for 22 vehicles tested by the program so far can be accessed at "realworld.org.au".
- *Noxious emissions:* The government has implemented stricter noxious emissions standards for both heavy vehicles (Euro VI) and for light vehicles (as Euro 6).
 - The government has mandated Euro VI noxious emission standards for newly approved heavy vehicle models supplied from 1 November 2024 and all new heavy vehicles supplied from 1 November 2025. Overall, implementing Euro VI carries

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substantial benefits estimated at \$7.4 billion in health benefits, \$1.5 billion in fuel savings and reduced greenhouse gas emissions over the period to 2050.

- On 21 December 2023, the government announced it will implement improved fuel quality standards from December 2025, and Euro 6 noxious emission standards for newly approved light vehicles supplied from 1 December 2025 and all new light vehicles supplied from 1 July 2028. Euro 6 is estimated to have health benefits of \$4.6 billion, fuel savings of \$1.5 billion and \$253 million in greenhouse gas reduction benefits over the period to 2040.

Key initiatives for maritime include:

- *International Maritime Organization (IMO):* The IMO has adopted the 2023 Greenhouse Gas Strategy with an ambition of net zero emissions by, or close to, 2050 for international shipping and is developing technical and economic measures to achieve these ambitions. Australia is on the IMO Steering Committee overseeing a comprehensive assessment of the impacts of proposed measures on global trade and national economies.
- *Maritime Emissions Reduction National Action Plan (MERNAP):* The government is developing the MERNAP to chart a practical transition to net-zero for our domestic maritime sector. It is being developed in close consultation with industry and will set the strategic direction to decarbonise our domestic maritime transport sector. It will also support the development of green shipping corridors from Australia and contribute towards reducing international shipping emissions. See **SB24-000127** for more about the MERNAP.
- *Singapore-Australia Green and Digital Shipping Corridor:* On 5 March 2024, the respective Prime Ministers of Australia and Singapore announced the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding formalising the Singapore-Australia Green and Digital Shipping Corridor. The Corridor will advance the shared goal between Singapore and Australia to accelerate maritime decarbonisation.

Key initiatives for aviation include:

- *Aviation white paper:* The government's Aviation White Paper is currently underway. The paper is considering all aspects of the aviation sector, including how to maximise the sector's contribution to achieving net zero carbon emissions. See **SB24-000130** for more about the Aviation White Paper.
- *International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO):* The government is also supporting ICAO led initiatives to reduce emissions from international aviation while still facilitating growth in the industry. This includes ICAO's long term aspirational goal (LTAG) for international aviation of net zero carbon emissions by 2050. In November 2023, to support the LTAG, ICAO and its Member States agreed to strive to achieve a collective

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global aspirational vision to reduce CO2 emissions in international aviation by 5% by 2030 through the use of Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF), Lower Carbon Aviation Fuels (LCAF) and other aviation cleaner energies.

- *Jet Zero Council:* The Australian Jet Zero Council (the Council), held its first meeting in August 2023, and brings together a cross-section of senior stakeholders from across the aviation sector and its supply chains to lead efforts to deliver net zero aviation in Australia. The Council will also coordinate across the sector to provide advice to government on issues related to the aviation industry's transition to net zero emissions. The Council has met on 15 August 2023, and 12 December 2023 and 30 April 2024.
- *Sustainable Aviation Fuels funding:* The Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) will invest \$30 million to support development of domestic Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) production from renewable feedstocks through its SAF Funding Initiative. The Initiative will examine opportunities across the supply chain from renewable feedstock supply to final fuel production, identifying requirements to enable and scale a domestic SAF industry. Expressions of Interest for the Initiative closed on 1 November 2023.

Key initiatives for rail include:

- Rail decarbonisation is being considered as part of the Transport and Infrastructure Roadmap and Action Plan.
- The government is making significant investments in rail with \$24.5 billion committed for rail infrastructure under the Infrastructure Investment Program from 2022-23 through to 2031-32.
- Australian governments are working together industry to implement the National Rail Action Plan (NRAP) to improve the efficiency of rail through increased interoperability across Australia.

Key IssuesKey decarbonisation activities across transport modes:

- Transport is the second largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Australia (National Greenhouse Gas Inventory¹). Consequently, there are a range of activities going on across government to decarbonise the transport sector:

¹ Quarterly Update of Australian Government's National Greenhouse Gas Inventory: September 2023. In the year to September 2023, Transport accounted for 21.2% of Australia's national inventory.

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Transport mode	Issue	Lead agency
All modes	Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap and Action Plan (see SB24-000011)	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA)
	Safeguards Mechanism	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)
Light vehicles	New Vehicle Efficiency Standards (see SB24-000128)	DITRDCA
	Real world testing	DITRDCA
	Noxious emissions (Euro 6)	DITRDCA
	EV grid integration	DCCEEW
	National Electric Vehicle Strategy	DCCEEW
	Fuel Quality Standards	DCCEEW
	Electric car discount	Treasury
	Commonwealth Fleet target	Department of Finance
	National Construction Code and ensuring apartment buildings are EV charger ready	Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR)
	Australian made battery plan	DISR
EV related skills, training and education	Department of Employment and Workforce Relations (DEEWR).	
Heavy vehicles	Noxious emissions (Euro VI)	DITRDCA
Heavy/Light vehicles	Liquid fuel security and AdBlue supply chain	DCCEEW
Maritime	International Maritime Organization	DITRDCA
	Maritime Emissions Reduction National Action Plan (see SB24-000127)	DITRDCA
Aviation	Aviation White Paper (see SB24-000130)	DITRDCA
	International Civil Aviation Organization	DITRDCA
	Jet Zero Council	DITRDCA
	Sustainable Aviation Fuels Funding	ARENA

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Rail	Infrastructure Investment Program	DITRDCA
	National Rail Action Plan	DITRDCA

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Real World Testing of Vehicle Efficiency

Program Start Date:	2022-2023					
Program End Date:	2025-2026					
	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5		14
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	3.5	3.5				7.0
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0	0	3.5	3.5		7.0
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Committed funds relate to funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient.

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SB24-000126

SUBJECT: Strategic Fleet**Talking Points**

- The Australian Government is committed to strengthening Australia's economic sovereignty and national security by establishing a strategic fleet of up to 12 Australian flagged and crewed vessels.
- Supply chain disruptions and geopolitical events in recent years, such as the attacks on shipping in the Red Sea, underline the importance of a resilient maritime sector.
- The strategic fleet will provide important training and employment pathways for Australia's seafaring workforce, helping ensure a pipeline of qualified people are available to secure the operations of Australian shipping and ports for the future.
- The government has committed funding in the Budget to establish a 5-year strategic fleet pilot program that will have 3 vessels.
- Vessels in the pilot will be privately owned, commercially operated and be available to the government to requisition in times of need.
- The government's funding commitment for the pilot has not been published to preserve the Commonwealth's negotiating position with prospective strategic fleet applicants.
- Publishing the financial commitment would prejudice future investment decisions and inhibit the government's ability to achieve value for money.
- The government will approach the market in the middle of the year seeking applications to participate in the pilot.
- The type of vessels that participate will be market led and vessels will be selected through a competitive, open and transparent process that will ensure the government achieves value for money.
- The government will work towards getting strategic fleet vessels in the water as quickly as possible.
- Industry has been heavily involved in shaping the government's policy through consultation processes firstly with the Strategic Fleet Taskforce and with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts as it has been developing the implementation arrangements. This engagement will continue as the strategic fleet is implemented.
- The government is also implementing a range of complementary measures aimed at supporting strategic fleet implementation, including reviews of shipping legislation.

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- Reviews of shipping legislation the *Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012* and the *Shipping Registration Act 1981* will commence this year, and those reviews will also include significant stakeholder consultation.

Key Issues

- \$26.4 million was allocated in the 2024-25 Budget for the department over 5 years to implement a strategic fleet pilot and continue work on implementing other recommendations from the Strategic Fleet Taskforce, consistent with the government's response.
- Funding for the pilot is not published to preserve the Commonwealth's negotiating position with prospective pilot applicants.
- The Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP, has publicly stated an expectation that applications to join the fleet will open mid-year.

Background

- In October 2022, the Strategic Fleet Taskforce was appointed to guide the government on establishing the fleet.
- The Taskforce report and the government's response were publicly released on 8 November 2023.
- The government agreed or agreed in-principle to 12 of the 16 recommendations and commits to further exploration of the remaining four recommendations.
- The Taskforce comprised of Mr John Mullen (Chair), Ms Angela Gillham (MIAL), Mr Paddy Crumlin (MUA), Dr Sarah Ryan (Business), Major-General Jason Walk (Defence).
- A total of \$2.2 million was expended in to support the work of the Taskforce.

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Program/Project Start Date:	October 2022					
Program/Project End Date:	Ongoing					
	2022-23 \$m	2023-24* \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	6.3	2.0	0	0	0	8.3
Departmental resources		0.8				0.8
Less:	2.2	2.3				4.5
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	0	1.4				1.4
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0	0.9	0	0	0	0.9
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	4.1	0.5	0	0	0	4.6

Note:

-Committed funds relate to funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient

-Appropriation budget, total committed funds and total uncommitted funds incorporates corporate overheads and legal costings and expenditure

- *Budget figure includes the internal reallocation of \$0.8m in departmental resources approved for 2023-24.

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SB24-000125

SUBJECT: Maritime Single Window**Talking Points**

- In response to the International Maritime Organization mandating the commencement of Maritime Single Windows across the globe from 1 January 2024, the Australian Government has committed a further \$2.4 million in the 2024-25 Budget to progress development of an Australian Maritime Single Window.
- The Maritime Single Window will streamline services through the electronic transmission of data. This will allow ships, ports and governments to efficiently provide relevant information relating to the arrival of ships and decrease ship waiting times at Australian ports by reducing the time associated with obtaining regulatory clearances.
- Reducing the time frame in which a ship waits to enter or exit a port will reduce fuel usage and in turn reduce costs associated with transportation.
- With 99% of Australia's international trade by volume being carried by sea transport, any reduction in time spent by ships entering or exiting ports will benefit the broader economy.
- The Australian maritime sector is highly supportive of implementing a Maritime Single Window.

Key Issues

- As part of the 2024-25 budget process, the government has committed a further \$2.4 million over 12 months to the development of an Australian Maritime Single Window.
- This takes the total funding to date to \$3.6 million since 2023-24.
- The additional funds will enable:
 - further refinement of design and scoping activities to ensure the proposed system will meet both international and Australian maritime sector requirements.
 - early scoping of 'Proof of concept' requirements that will enable a proof of concept and prototype to be developed.
 - further work to be undertaken on mapping out the legislative reforms needed to implement a Maritime Single Window.
- The Maritime Single Window will be developed in partnership with relevant government agencies, including the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Australian Maritime Safety Authority, the Australian Border Force, the Department of Home Affairs and Austrade.

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Background

- On 1 January 2024, Maritime Single Windows across the global shipping industry came into effect under the International Maritime Organizations *Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965*.
- The Convention requires all International Maritime Organization signatory states to implement a Maritime Single Window. Australia is a signatory state.
- Since 21 June 2023, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts has met with over 30 maritime industry stakeholders, including port and port authorities and state governments agencies and held over 55 meetings with various industry and government agencies including two international government agencies.

Financial Information as at 31 March 2024

Program/Project Start Date:	2023-24					
Program/Project End Date:	30 June 2025 (for scoping and design funds)					
	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	0	1.2	2.4	0		3.6
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	0	0.812		0		
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0	0.175	2.4	0		3.6
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	0.213	0	0	0	0

Note: Committed funds relate to funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient.

Attachments

- Question on Notice – JSCOT Hearing – Departments review and briefing of Shipping Australia Submission
- Question on Notice– JSCOT Hearing – Maritime Single Window Engagement
- Question on Notice – JSCOT Hearing – Privacy Protections for the electronic exchange of information
- Question on Notice –Maritime Single Window and Modern Slavery

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Amendments to the Annex of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965'

IQ23-000207

Division/Agency: DIV - Surface Transport Emissions and Policy

Hansard Reference: Spoken, Page No. 4 (28 November 2023)

Topic: Department's review and briefing of Shipping Australia submission

Senator David Fawcett asked:

Senator FAWCETT: [...] I take it you've read the Shipping Australia submission to the committee in preparation for today.

Ms Stagg: Apologies, no, Senator, I wasn't aware that had been lodged. I've been away on leave; today is my first day back.

Senator FAWCETT: You are coming to the parliament of Australia to convince us why we should support a treaty, and one of the main stakeholders—you've not read their submission? None of your staff sought to read that and brief it to you?

Ms Stagg: I'd have to take that on notice, Senator; my apologies.

Answer:

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts was unaware of the submission prior to the hearing. As requested by the Chair, the department has prepared a brief response to the Shipping Australia Limited (SAL) submission.

The department notes SAL's support for the adoption of the Amendments to the Annex to the Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, to increase international harmonisation on the facilitation of maritime traffic [paragraphs 7-9 of SAL submission].

In citing its support for the 'Single Window' concept as set out in the FAL Convention, SAL suggests the Australian Maritime Single Window will sit behind existing reporting systems to collect data, requiring the duplication of reporting effort by ships entering and departing Australian ports. This appears to be a misunderstanding of the intent of the Maritime Single Window, which is intended to act as the single-entry point for the submission of all FAL-related maritime reporting required by Commonwealth agencies and regulators.

The department is undertaking extensive consultation with the maritime industry on the Maritime Single Window, as well as state and territory government agencies. Through this consultation, the department is scoping the current landscape of digital systems across Australian ports and opportunities for interoperability and data sharing between a Maritime

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Single Window and other parties. The department is also working across Government with 'single windows' being developed for other purposes to support interoperability.

The department intends to submit a notification of difference to the International Maritime Organization to identify where Australia cannot comply with certain standards. Changes that would weaken Australia's system of border controls are not proposed [paragraphs 27-29 of SAL submission].

The department notes SAL's general comments as they pertain to broader Australian Maritime Policy, for example port governance, sit outside the scope of the Amendment to the Annex to the FAL Convention [paragraphs 15-20 of SAL submission].

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Senator FAWCETT: One of the points they make earlier in their submission is that, because of the different responsibilities between states and the Commonwealth government, there is a deal of double handling of information and shipping companies needing to engage with multiple authorities. What efforts, outside of the FAL treaty, have been made to use the various mechanisms that are available to bring some more centrality around that? Their submission certainly says that they think the Commonwealth should be responsible for all of it and they nominate three different methods whereby that could occur. Has any attempt been made, for example, in the last decade, to get states and territories to strike agreements or to cede those powers to the Commonwealth so we really do have a national system from first point of entry, which I think is the threshold that Shipping Australia have set?

Ms Stagg: The department has been consulting with states and territories and with a broad range of stakeholders, including the ports, to seek to harmonise exactly along those lines in terms of where we, as I said before, can collect once and use multiple times for different purposes. We are having those conversations with a range of stakeholders—and I have a list of stakeholders we've been speaking with. But, essentially, that is our intent, where we can, to voluntarily cooperate with those parties that we can't compel to achieve that outcome.

Senator FAWCETT: Where are you up to with that? The reason I ask that, in particular, is that the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade during COVID looked at the impact of the varying approaches by states and territories. They found that although Australia, as a Commonwealth, had signed up to certain obligations such as maritime labour and human rights, in actual fact the actions of the states caused us to breach our obligations internationally because of a lack of alignment. So, where are you up to in not just consulting but getting them on board to bring that alignment?

Ms Stagg: I think it varies by jurisdiction. I would say that it's very hard to say that we're at a very specific point with any jurisdiction. Our aim at the moment is to work through the requirements to inform a first-pass business case to government outlining what is possible and what can be achieved. We're really working with a view to bring forward a first-pass business case that seeks to explore those issues.

Senator FAWCETT: Can you come back to the committee on notice with a brief as to which states and territories you've engaged with and where you're up to with those.

[...]

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Senator FAWCETT: Do you have any standout recalcitrants that are not engaging in good faith in those discussions?

Ms Stagg: No, not that I'm aware of. We've been really pleased with the level of engagement that we're experienced.

Senator FAWCETT: A bit like the states and territories. Perhaps you could take that on notice and let us know who you've been engaging with and whether you're on track to reach a one-data-entry approach or whether there are stakeholders who believe, for whatever reason, that they are special and that they should be outside our national system.

Ms Stagg: Certainly.

Answer:

To develop the evidence base and help define in detail how a Maritime Single Window would integrate with processes and systems at ports by port stakeholders, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts has engaged with border agencies, ports, port authorities, peak shipping bodies and shipping operators. The Department has also undertaken extensive engagement with other Commonwealth agencies to identify opportunities to increase reuse and future interoperability of data. The Department has also engaged with international counterparts to learn from their experiences.

The insights received by stakeholders will be used to support the first pass business case for Government consideration. A list of stakeholders consulted since June 2023, is at [Attachment A](#).

Based on our consultation activities, the Department has a high level of support for the Maritime Single Window. The Department has not identified any stakeholders who have expressed an expectation to sit outside the Maritime Single Window process. Stakeholders have expressed a willingness to contribute to future working groups that would shape the Maritime Single Window's design. Stakeholders have also expressed support for the potential improvements the Maritime Single Window could bring, including:

- Establishing a single standard for reporting data through a Maritime Single Window can facilitate information exchange between ships and ports, and their downstream logistics stakeholders.
- A consistent standard through a Maritime Single Window may enable interoperability between states which can support both operational and strategic planning.

Consultation is continuing and further consultation is planned to map legislative requirements of ports, port authorities, state and territory governments, and Australian Government agencies. We are currently conducting a detailed analysis of legislation and policies for the planning of a Maritime Single Window.

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Attachments

- Attachment A – List of stakeholders engaged.

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ATTACHMENT A

Maritime Single Window Stakeholder Engagement Table: June - November 2023

Industry and State and Territory Government Agencies

Ports and Port Authorities

Victoria	Ports Victoria – (Port Authority) * Port of Melbourne
New South Wales	Port Authority of NSW - (Port Authority) * Port of Newcastle NSW Ports and Terminal Operators (3 Terminal Operators represented)
Western Australia	Fremantle Port - (Port and Authority) * Pilbara Ports Authority - (Port Authority) *
Queensland	Maritime Safety Queensland - (Port Authority) * Port of Brisbane Townsville Port Ports North
South Australia	Flinders (Port and Port Authority) *
Tasmania	TasPorts - (Port and Port Authority) *

*Denotes State Government or State Government Corporate Entity

Peak Bodies / Industry workshops and presentations

Shipping Australia Limited (Workshop with Members)	12 companies/organisations represented
Maritime Industry Australia Limited (Workshop with Members)	8 companies/organisations represented
Ports Australia (Presentation to Members)	Ports Australia Logistics Working Group
ARCISOPT (Presentation to Members)	48 companies/organisations represented
VTS Advisory Group (presentation to Members)	Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) Vessel Traffic Service providers State / Territory maritime authorities Port corporations / authorities Australian Hydrographic Office Australasian Marine Pilots Institute

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	Other stakeholders, including Ports Australia, Shipping Australia Limited and Maritime Industry Australia Ltd.
Freight and Trade Alliance	

Government

International

Germany - Federal Waterways and Shipping Agency
Singapore - Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore

Commonwealth Agencies

Australian Border Force
Department of Health and Aged Care
Prime Minister and Cabinet
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Simplified Trade System – Austrade
Australian Maritime Safety Authority
Department of Home Affairs
Digital Transformation Agency
Bureau of Meteorology
Department of Finance
Department of the Treasury
Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water
Department of Industry, Science and Resources
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
Australian Centre for Cyber Security
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Department of Defence

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IQ23-000206

Division/Agency: DIV - Surface Transport Emissions and Policy**Hansard Reference:** Spoken, Page No. 6 (28 November 2023)**Topic:** Privacy protections for the electronic exchange of information**Senator Dorinda Cox asked:**

Senator COX: Thanks, Chair. Just one query: you did mention, Ms Stagg, the privatisation of ports, in particular. Are there any privacy protections that are currently in place in relation to that electronic exchange of information?

Ms Stagg: Not beyond the normal privacy protections under the Privacy Act, I would think—I'm just checking with my colleagues; I might have to take that on notice to confirm for you.

Senator COX: That's fine.

Answer:

Standards under the *Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic 1965* seek to harmonise the electronic submission of data for maritime reporting but do not address any requirements regarding data privacy.

Maritime reporting required by Australian border agencies under the *Custom Act 1991*, *Migration Act 1958*, *Biosecurity Act 2015* and *Navigation Act 2012* is currently managed in line with responsibilities under the *Privacy Act 1988*. These requirements would continue to apply when this data is collected through a Maritime Single Window.

The privacy and security of data submitted through a Maritime Single Window will be an important consideration in the system's design. The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts is currently engaging with the Australian Cyber Security Centre on cyber security best practice.



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**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
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To: The Chief of Staff for the Hon Catherine King MP (for decision)

cc: Senator the Hon Murray Watt

cc: Jim Betts

Senate Question on Notice – Question No. 2778

Timing: Due to Table Office: 18 December 2023

Recommendation:	
1. That you approve the response to Question on Notice 2778 .	Approved / Not Approved
<p>Signatory:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joseph Solomon Chief of Staff</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<p>Date:</p>

The department recommends the following response through Senator the Hon Murray Watt. The response has been formatted to assist with tabling.

**MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Question No. 2778

Senator the Hon David Shoebridge asked the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, in writing, on 17 November 2023

With reference to the Maritime Single Window

1. Will the Maritime Single Window include consideration of modern slavery.
2. What steps are being taken to ensure human rights considerations are present in decision making for the window.

Senator the Hon Murray Watt – The Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government has provided the following answer to the honourable Senator's question:

1-2. The purpose of the Maritime Single Window is to streamline regulatory reporting by vessels entering and departing ports, including ship specific arrival, stay and departure information, to reduce duplication and manual information entry processes.

The Australian Government is working to eliminate modern slavery and human trafficking, including through the 15th National Roundtable on Human Trafficking held in December 2023 and through the Modern Slavery Expert Advisory Group.

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Attachments

Nil attachments

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SUBJECT: Regional Policy**Talking Points**

- Regional investments are made across a range of Australian Government portfolios, as highlighted in annual Regional Ministerial Budget Statements. Investments are guided by The Government's Regional Investment Framework (**EC24-000570**) and one-page summary at **Attachment A**).
- The Framework does not directly deliver funding, instead it guides policy development and decision-making across 4 priority focus areas:
 - people – e.g. skills, education and training;
 - places – e.g. delivering infrastructure where and when it is needed;
 - services – e.g. across communications, health, water; and
 - industries and local economies – e.g. supporting the conditions needed for industries to diversify and grow.
- The Framework has informed regional investment included in the 2024-25 Budget. Through the Budget, the government is putting regional Australia at the centre of its plan for a prosperous and resilient future made in Australia – investing to stimulate regional economies and build thriving communities, including through infrastructure, connectivity, skills, and services. There are also initiatives targeted to reduce cost-of-living pressures.
- The Regional Ministerial Budget Statement details 134 new packages and initiatives across all portfolios benefiting regional Australia, building on the around 350 regional initiatives introduced through the government's first two Budgets.
- Key regional investments from this portfolio in the 2024-25 Budget include:
 - substantial investments in priority transport projects across regional Australia through the over \$120 billion Infrastructure Investment Program pipeline;
 - a further \$1.0 billion stream in the Housing Support Program to fund urgent and significant infrastructure projects in order to build more homes across Australia;
 - an additional \$50.0 million to improve safety of remote airstrips through the Remote Airstrips Upgrade Program, and an additional \$40.0 million to extend and expand the Regional Airports Program;
 - \$68.0 million to support digital inclusion of First Nations people, including community WiFi in remote communities; and
 - \$22.5 million to maintain and repair essential assets in the Indian Ocean Territories, Jervis Bay Territory and Norfolk Island.
- Since its release in the 2023-24 Budget, the Framework has been implemented through:
 - a new Inter-Departmental Committee (IDC) where senior executives across the government consider regional priorities for an upcoming Budget or MYEFO context – the IDC last met on 30 January 2024, and is expected to meet again in mid-2024.

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- a refreshed Deputy Senior Officials Meeting (DSOM), supporting collaboration across the three levels of government – DSOM last met on 29 February 2024, and is expected to meet again in June 2024.
- the first State of Australia's Regions report (**EC24-000574**), drawing together data and qualitative insights to provide a snapshot of some of the priority contemporary issues for regional Australia, and supporting evidence based and locally informed decisions under the Framework – released on 6 February 2024.
- a revised Regional Development Australia (RDA) Charter (**SB24-000053**), refocusing the network's local engagement and support around the Framework's priority focus areas – released on 28 July 2023.
- an updated Regional Australia Impact Statement process, embedding the principles and priorities of the Framework in regional investment proposals – released in July 2023.

BackgroundThe Regional Investment Framework

- The Framework's guiding principles and focus areas for regional investment reflect the government's priorities.
 - the Framework was informed by current evidence that indicates coordinated and place-based investment delivers better outcomes in regional development¹, as well as intelligence through existing regional networks, such as RDA committees.
- The Framework does not seek to prioritise the type, scale, location or timing of regional investments across government.
 - in recognition of the broad scope and diverse intentions of government investment in regional Australia, it provides guiding principles that can be applied across a spectrum of investment sizes and objectives delivered by various government agencies across all regions.
 - it complements other government frameworks that have a more targeted approach to specific issues or region types.
- In order to ensure maximum flexibility, the Framework does not prescribe a definition of 'regional'.
 - agencies are encouraged to continue to apply the most suitable definition from the suite of government statistical boundaries that best achieves their policy and program objectives. This is consistent with long standing and current practice.

¹ OECD (2022), "Making the most of public investment to address regional inequalities, megatrends and future shocks", OECD Regional Development Papers, No. 29, OECD Publishing, Paris, <https://doi.org/10.1787/8a1fb523-en>.

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- each agency remains responsible for appropriate monitoring and evaluation processes to ensure regional initiatives and investments are effective and meeting government objectives as defined under the relevant policy/program.

Regional Development IDC

- The Regional Development IDC brings together senior executives from across government to consider regional priorities for an upcoming Budget or MYEFO context.
 - agencies represented on the IDC are listed at **Attachment B**. Attendance is primarily at the Deputy Secretary and First Assistant Secretary levels.

DSOM

- DSOM brings together senior officials (Deputy Secretary level) with responsibility for regional development from across jurisdictions, along with the President of the Australian Local Government Association, to support collaboration across the three levels of government. (DSOM membership at **Attachment C**).

State of Australia's Regions report

- The first State of Australia's Regions report was released on 6 February 2024. It reflects the government's approach to regional development – as set out in the Framework – including the commitment to listen to local voices and priorities, and support informed and evidence based decision making. (Key insights from the report at **Attachment D**).

Regional Australia Impact Statements

- Regional Australia Impact Statements are a long-standing part of the Budget process, used to inform the government of policy proposals' regional impacts. The guidance and template provided to agencies for these Statements has been updated so that they further support agencies to align policy proposals with the Framework and ensure they are developed consistent with the Government's approach, outlined through the Framework's principles.
- Updated guidance was released in July 2023 and circulated to government departments and made available on the Department of Infrastructure Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts' website.

Attachments:

A: Regional Investment Framework

B: IDC membership

C: DSOM membership

D: SoAR Key Insights

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Regional Investment Framework

The Australian Government's approach to supporting strong and sustainable regions.

Purpose

The Framework is a new approach to how the Australian Government delivers regional investment – valuing local voices and priorities, being informed by and building the evidence, operating with flexibility, integrity and transparency, and coordinating across governments to make investments work better for regions. It provides an integrated and coordinated framework for regional development regardless of a region's economic circumstances.

Guiding Principles – applied across all Australian Government investments in all regions

- ✓ Realising the Government's ambition of "no one held back and no one left behind" requires specific regional investment across all portfolios.
- ✓ Australia's regions and their economies are diverse, with each having unique strengths and challenges.
- ✓ Delivering on the potential of regional Australia requires building on each region's unique strengths, including helping regions undergoing significant economic change to transition or adapt to specific structural challenges.
- ✓ Place-based decision making that draws on the experience of local government alongside regional bodies must guide investment in our regions.

Priority Focus Areas – our investments in regions will have key objectives across all Australian Government portfolios

- ✓ Meeting the needs of, and providing opportunities for, First Nations people.
- ✓ Supporting the transformation to a net zero economy and decarbonisation.
- ✓ Achieving gender equality.

Investing in People	Investing in Places	Investing in Services	Investing in Industries and Local Economies
<i>Putting people at the forefront of growth, with local voices influencing decision making.</i>	<i>Targeted and place-based investment that enables communities to thrive.</i>	<i>Investment in regional services with a focus on improving quality and accessibility.</i>	<i>Ensuring regional industries and economies are positioned for sustainable growth.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Listening to local voices and partnering with communities. ✓ Targeted investment in skills, education, training and local leadership capacity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Supporting adaptive, accessible, sustainable and liveable regions. ✓ Delivering infrastructure where and when it is needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Enhancing connectivity, accessibility and equity of services. ✓ Investment including across communications, health, water, and transport. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Investment to help activate economic and industry growth. ✓ Supporting the conditions needed for industries to diversify and grow.

Implementation

The Framework guides the Government's approach to design and delivery of regional initiatives. It will influence decision making in Budget processes, drive meaningful collaboration across and between governments, embed data and evidence to support better outcomes, and ensure local voices are heard and influence responses.

Informed Investment

- The Commonwealth's Budget and Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook processes will ensure the Framework is influencing Government decision making.
- Agencies across the Commonwealth will embed the Framework's principles and priorities in their proposals, with the support of a refreshed Regional Australia Impact Statement process.

Coordination and Collaboration

- A new and regular forum for engagement and collaboration between Australian Government agencies will ensure investments are complementary and coordinated.
- The Commonwealth will work in genuine partnerships with local and state and territory governments through refreshed, regular forums - supporting joined-up outcomes.

Insights and Intelligence

- Local insights, data and intelligence will be central to decision making, drawing on a broad range of groups and networks, such as local government and Regional Development Australia committees.
- Local insights, data and intelligence will contribute to evidence-based decision making and delivery of regular State of the Regions reports.

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- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- National Indigenous Australians Agency
- Department of Finance
- Treasury
- Austrade
- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
- Department of Education
- Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
- Department of Defence
- Department of Health and Aged Care
- Department of Home Affairs
- Department of Industry, Science and Resources
- Department of Social Services
- Department of Veterans' Affairs
- National Emergency Management Agency
- Bureau of Meteorology

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Attachment C

DSOM MEMBERSHIP

Jurisdiction	Member Name	Title / Department
NSW	Jonathan Wheaton	Acting Deputy Secretary Regional Development & Programs Department of Regional NSW
VIC	Beth Jones	Deputy Secretary Regional and Suburban Development Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry & Regions
QLD	Bernadette Zerba	Deputy Director-General Regional Economic Development Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing & Water
WA	Paul Isaachsen	Deputy Director General Industry and Economic Development Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
SA	Prof Peter Appleford	Executive Director South Australian Research and Development Institute - SARDI - and Major Programs Primary Industries and Regions SA
TAS	Jenna Cairney	Deputy Secretary Business and Jobs Department of State Growth
ACT	Leesa Croke	Deputy Director General Policy and Cabinet Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
NT	Dorrelle Anderson	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Territory Regional Growth Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
ALGA	Amy Crawford	Chief Executive Officer Australian Local Government Association
Australian Government	David Mackay	Deputy Secretary Regions, Cities and Territories Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Attachment D

Key Insights

People

- All types of regions experienced population growth in 2021-22, with the long-term trend showing regional population growth is concentrated to coastal cities.
- While there are significant opportunities for work, many regions are finding it difficult to meet their local workforce demands. Job advertisements in regional Australia more than doubled over the four years to October 2023.
- Close to 60 per cent of First Nations people live outside of Australia's major cities, with 43.8 per cent living in inner or outer regional areas, and 15.4 per cent living in remote or very remote areas.

Places

- Targeted infrastructure investment is required to respond to trends and opportunities. For example, freight transported on regional roads has grown each year over the past decade, from 154.2 billion tonne-kilometres in 2012-13 to 187.7 billion tonne-kilometres in 2022-23.
- While for most of the past two decades households in regional Australia were able to save a housing deposit faster than those in capital cities, it now takes 9.7 years in regional Australia, only slightly less than the 10 years it takes in capital cities.
- The severity and frequency of droughts, and natural hazards including bushfires, heatwaves, storms and floods, are increasing as a result of climate change. In 2023, 43 disasters were declared across Australia, impacting 137 Local Government Areas.

Services

- The metro-regional gap in digital inclusion is narrowing, down from a score of 5.5 in 2021 to 5.0 in 2023, as measured by the Australian Digital Inclusion Index.
- Access to high-quality health, aged care, disability and community services is an ongoing challenge, particularly as remoteness of a region increases. New models of service delivery and innovative approaches are helping to address these challenges
- The availability of quality Early Childhood Education and Care is lower in regional and remote communities compared to major cities. Estimates suggest four in five children in remote Australia live in areas with fewer than one centre-based day care place per three children.

Industries and local economies

- Occupations key to the clean energy workforce will need to increase by around 30 per cent, or around 213,000 workers, by 2033. Growth in employment from the net zero transformation is likely to be stronger in regional Australia than metropolitan Australia.
- The value of agriculture, fisheries and forestry production has increased substantially in the past three years. 2020-21 to 2022-23 together present the three highest production value years on record.
- There are more than 100,000 tourism-related businesses across the regions. Tourism in regional Australia surged following the COVID-19 pandemic, offering opportunities for regional businesses to harness interest from travelers.

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SB24-000137

SUBJECT: Recent media summary - community infrastructure programs**Talking Points**

- The Australian Government implements its programs lawfully.
- The government is exploring options to deliver some existing community infrastructure funding through partnership arrangements, rather than through grant programs.
- Regarding recent media that has queried the constitutional basis for the government's spending in this regard, the government does not comment on legal advice.

Key Issues

- Since January 2024, there has been a small number of media articles that have queried the constitutionality of the government delivering community infrastructure programs (refer **Attachments A-C**).
- Guidance to agencies from the Attorney General's Department is that while officials are able to disclose whether they received advice, and when, they should not comment on or disclose legal advice, as this disclosure may prejudice the Commonwealth's legal position.
- Questions regarding the process of constitutional risk assessments (CRAs) of spending should be directed to the Attorney General's Department.
- Questions regarding the Budget Process Operational Rules (BPORs) should be directed to the Department of Finance.
- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts is administering its programs in line with decisions of Government.

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Attachments

- A. Article, "*Labor urged to release legal advice on unconstitutional community grant programs*", Capital Brief, 29 April 2024
- B. Article, "*Labor's constitutional headache*", Capital Brief, 23 April 2024
- C. Article, "*Unlawful federal government spending on local projects must stop*", The Saturday Paper, 13 January 2024

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Labor urged to release legal advice on 'unconstitutional' community grant programs

The Albanese government says the constitutionality of every new spending proposal is assessed under budget rules.



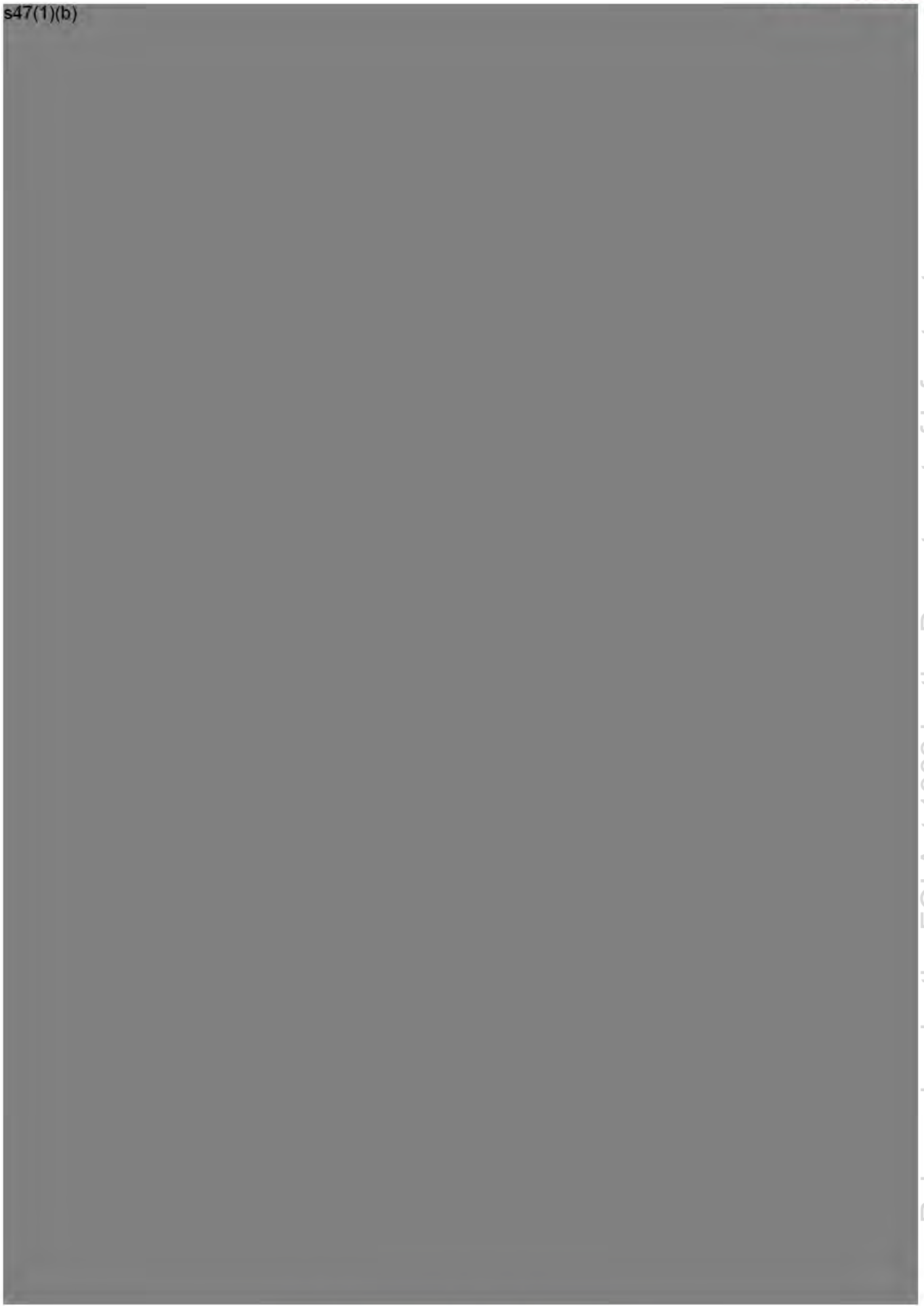
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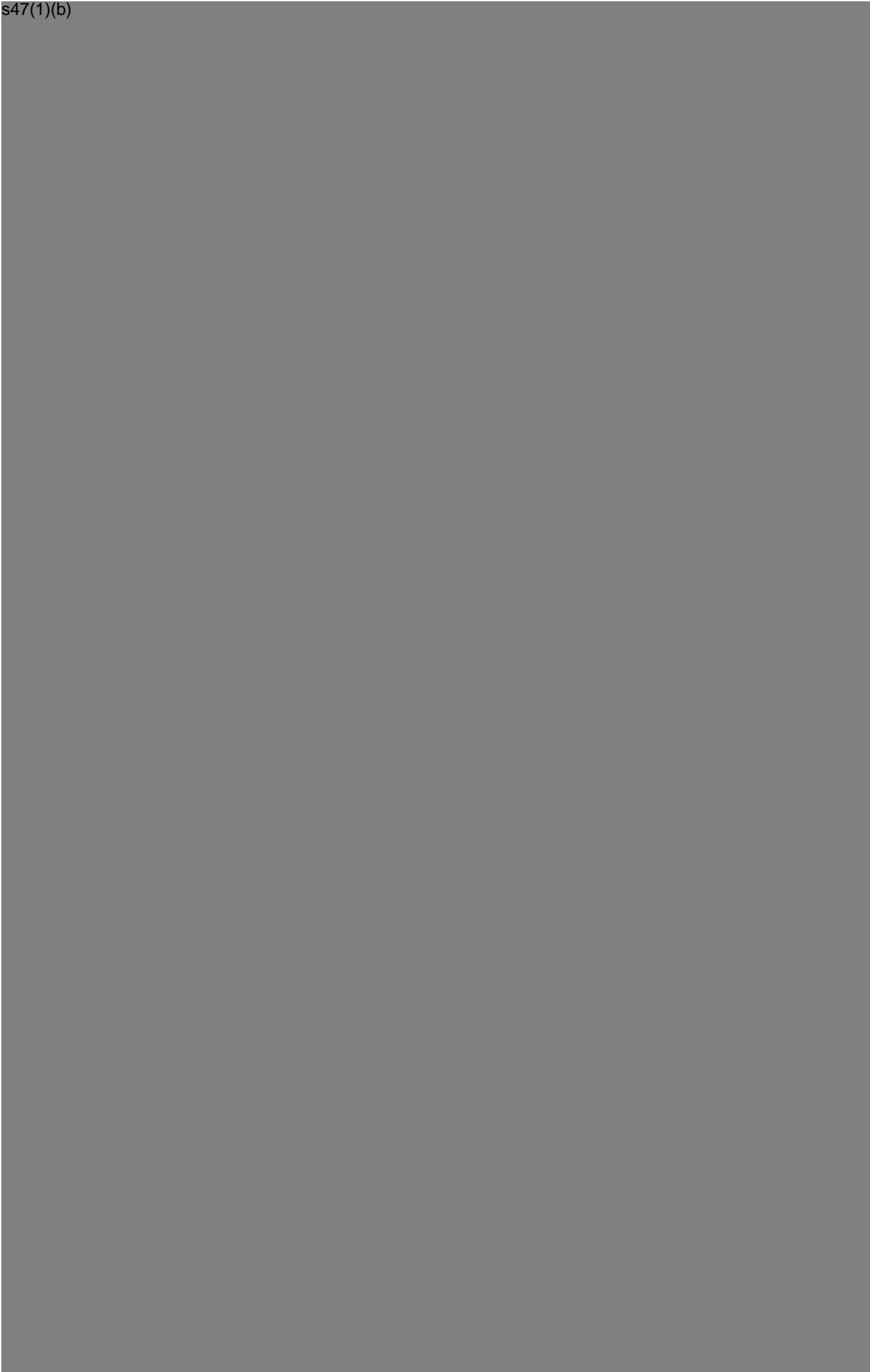


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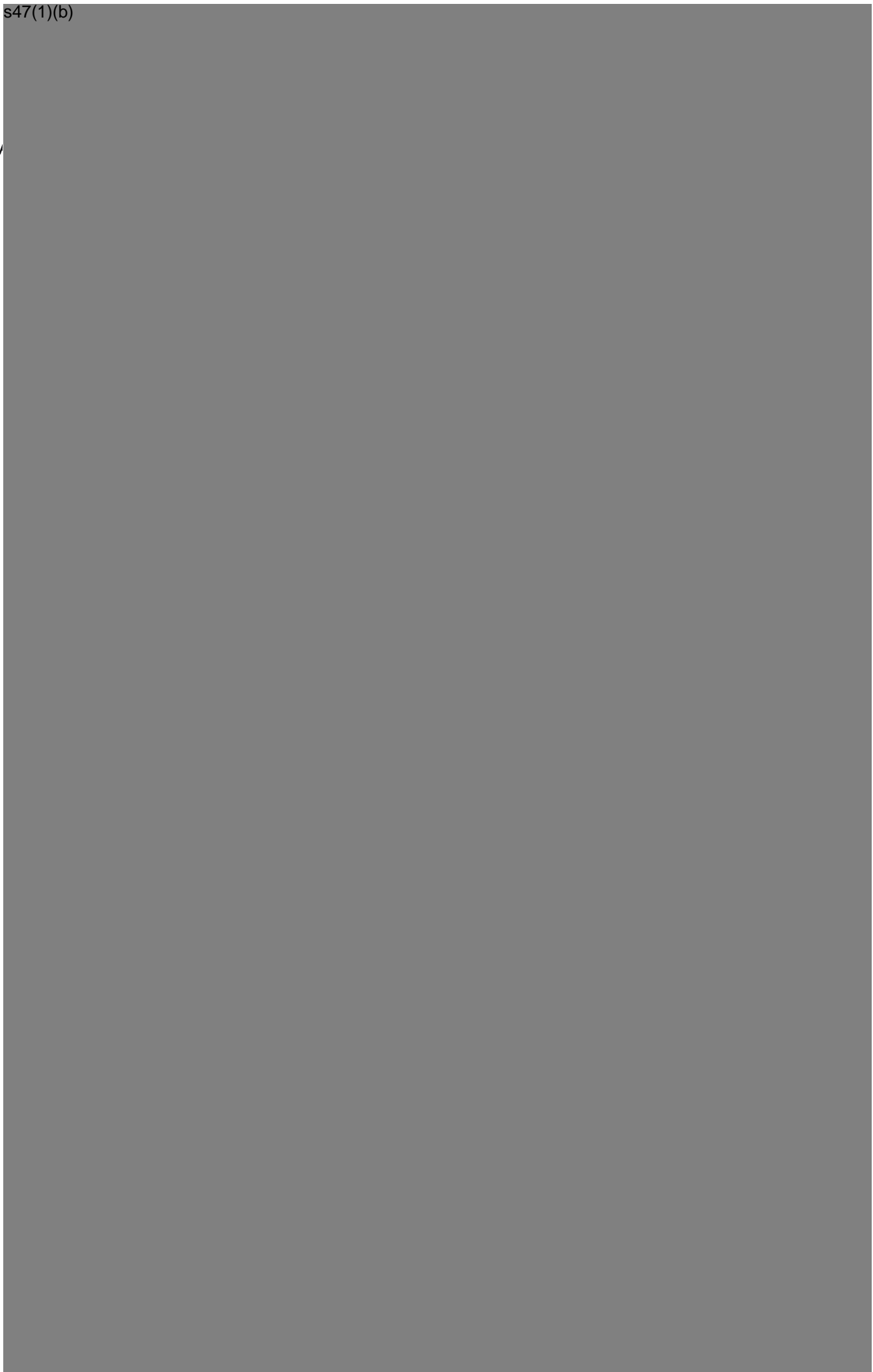
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Labor's constitutional



CAPITAL BRIEF



The Albanese government is sitting on legal advice that raises concerns about the constitutionality of Commonwealth grant programs following the 'sports rorts' affair — and it refuses to talk about it.

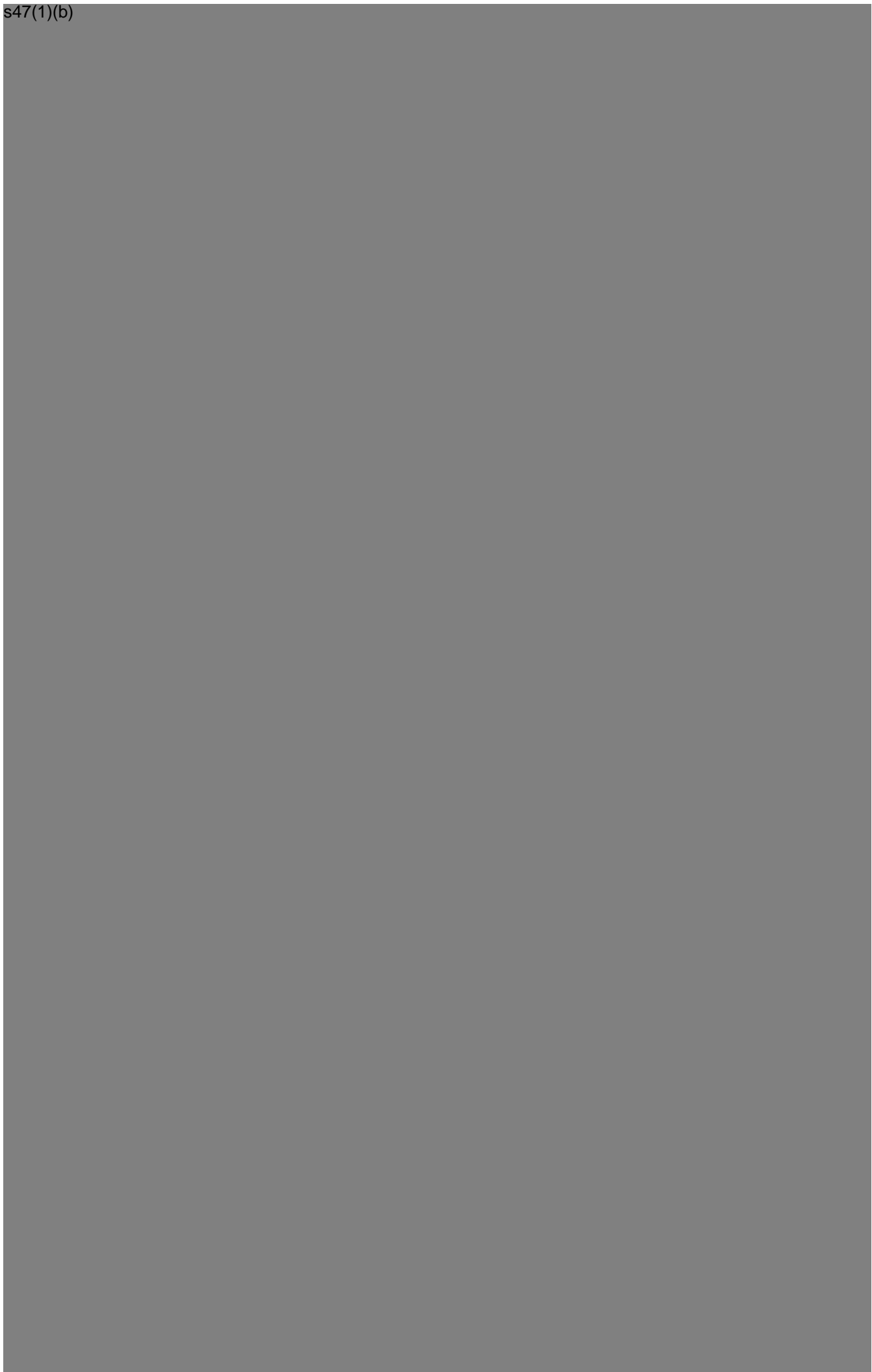


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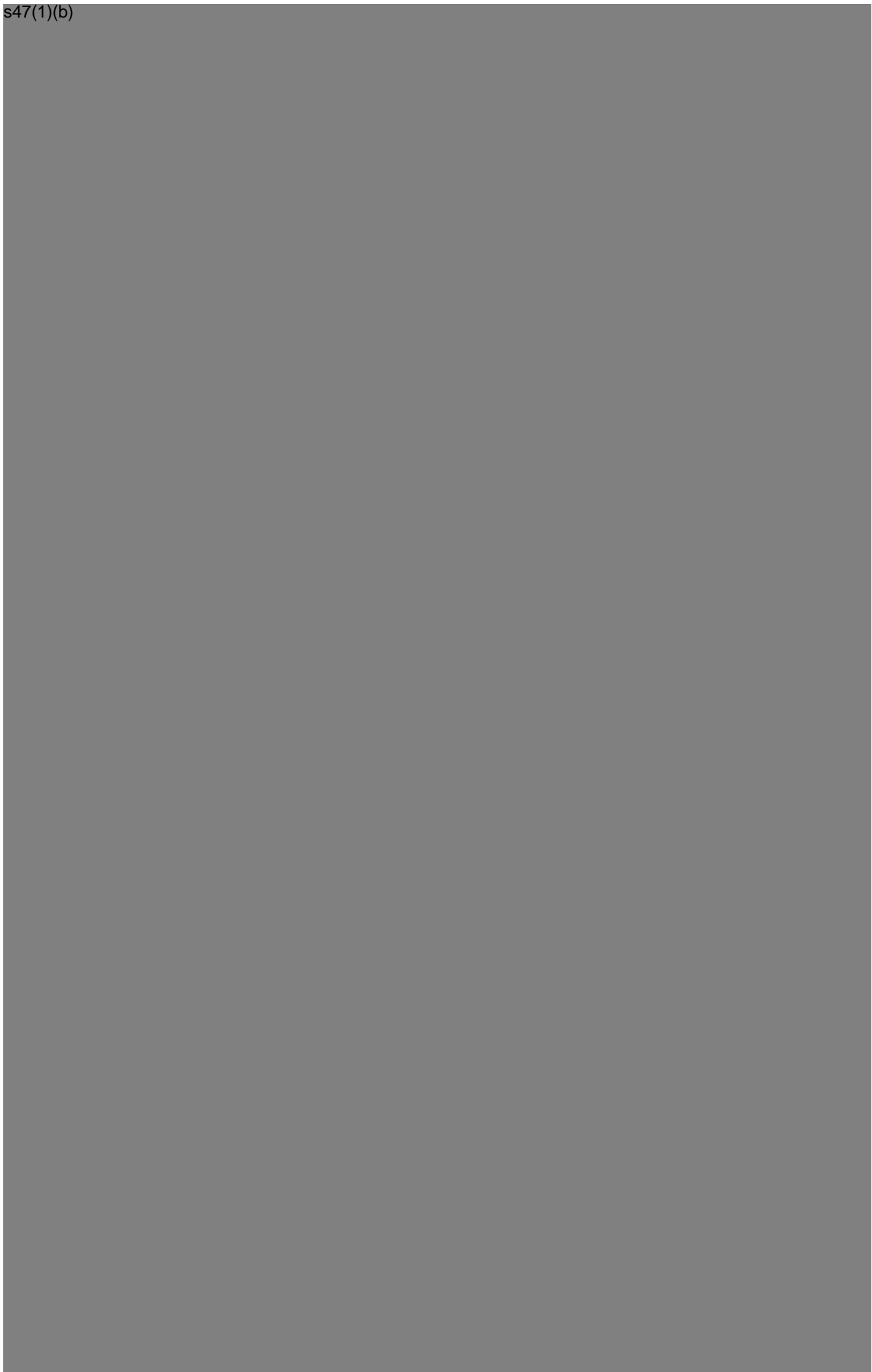
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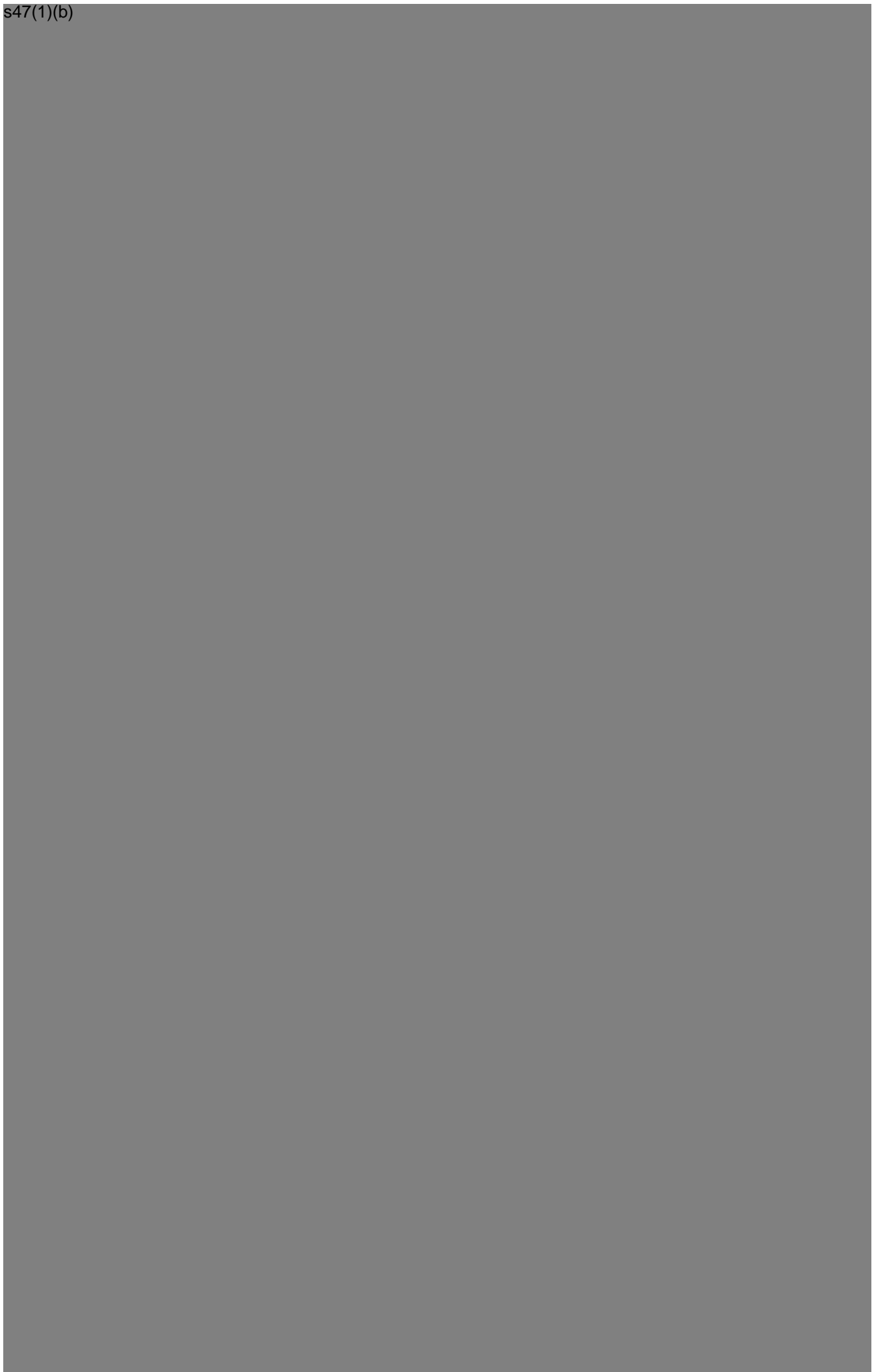
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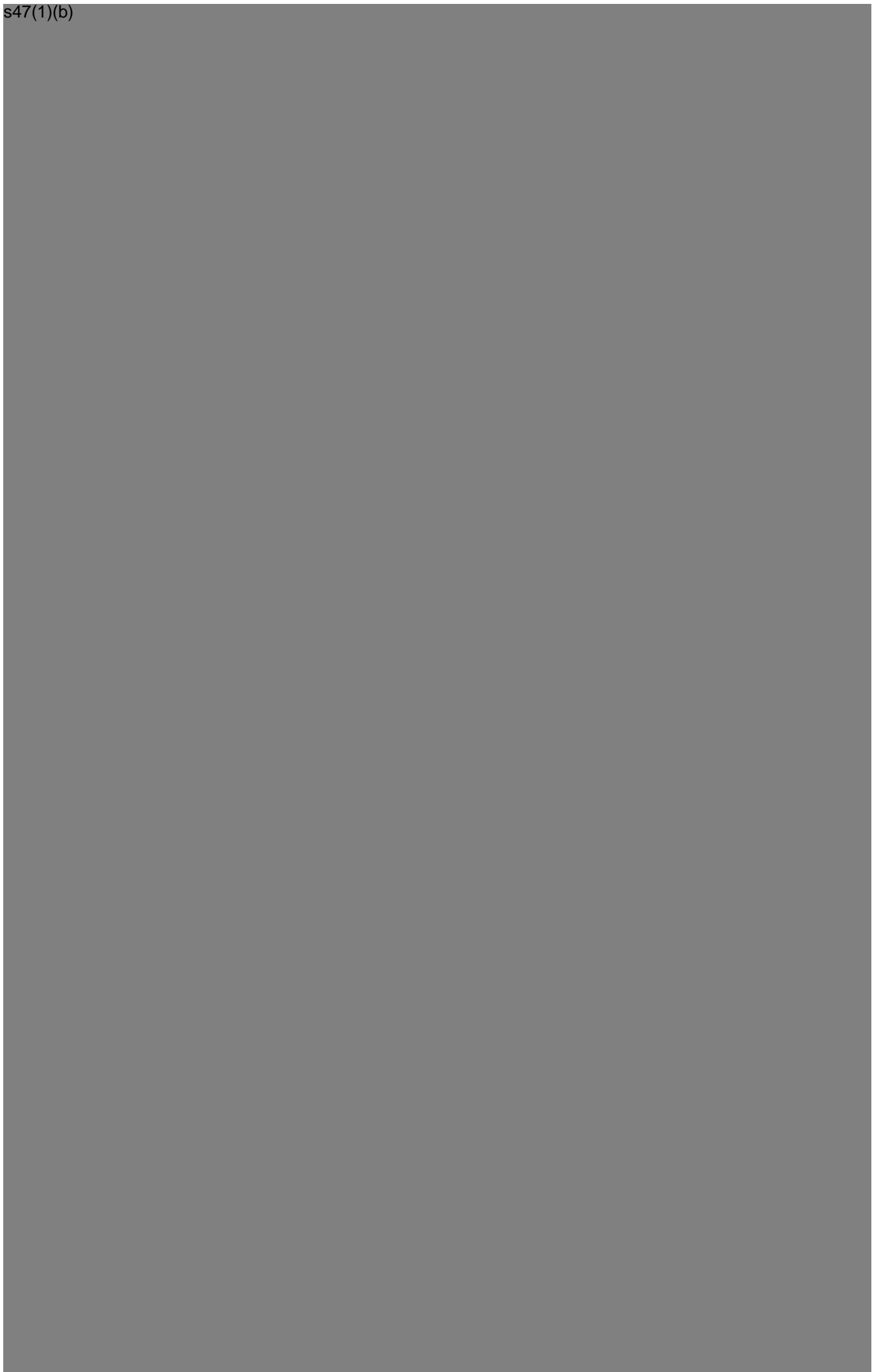
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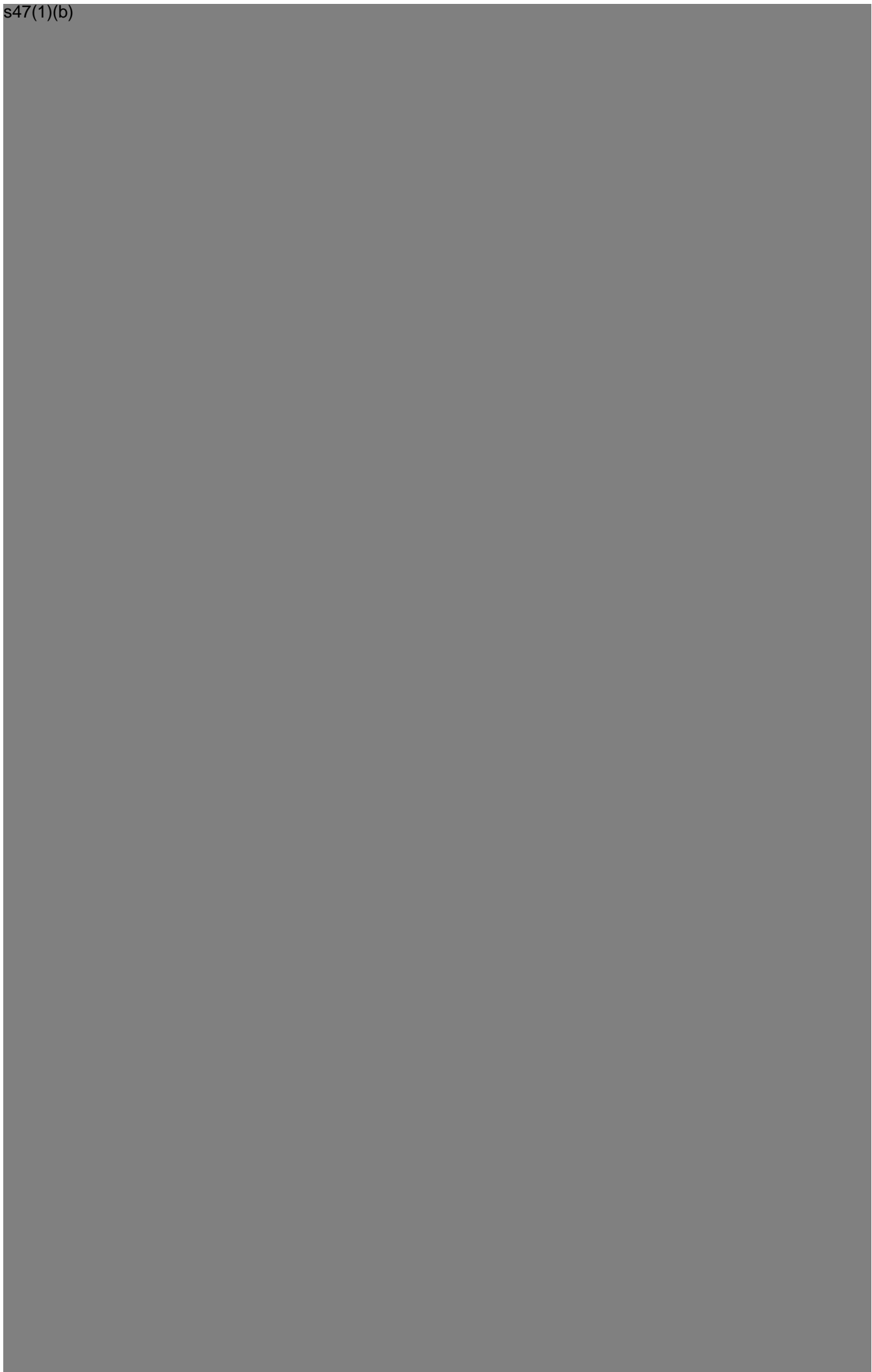
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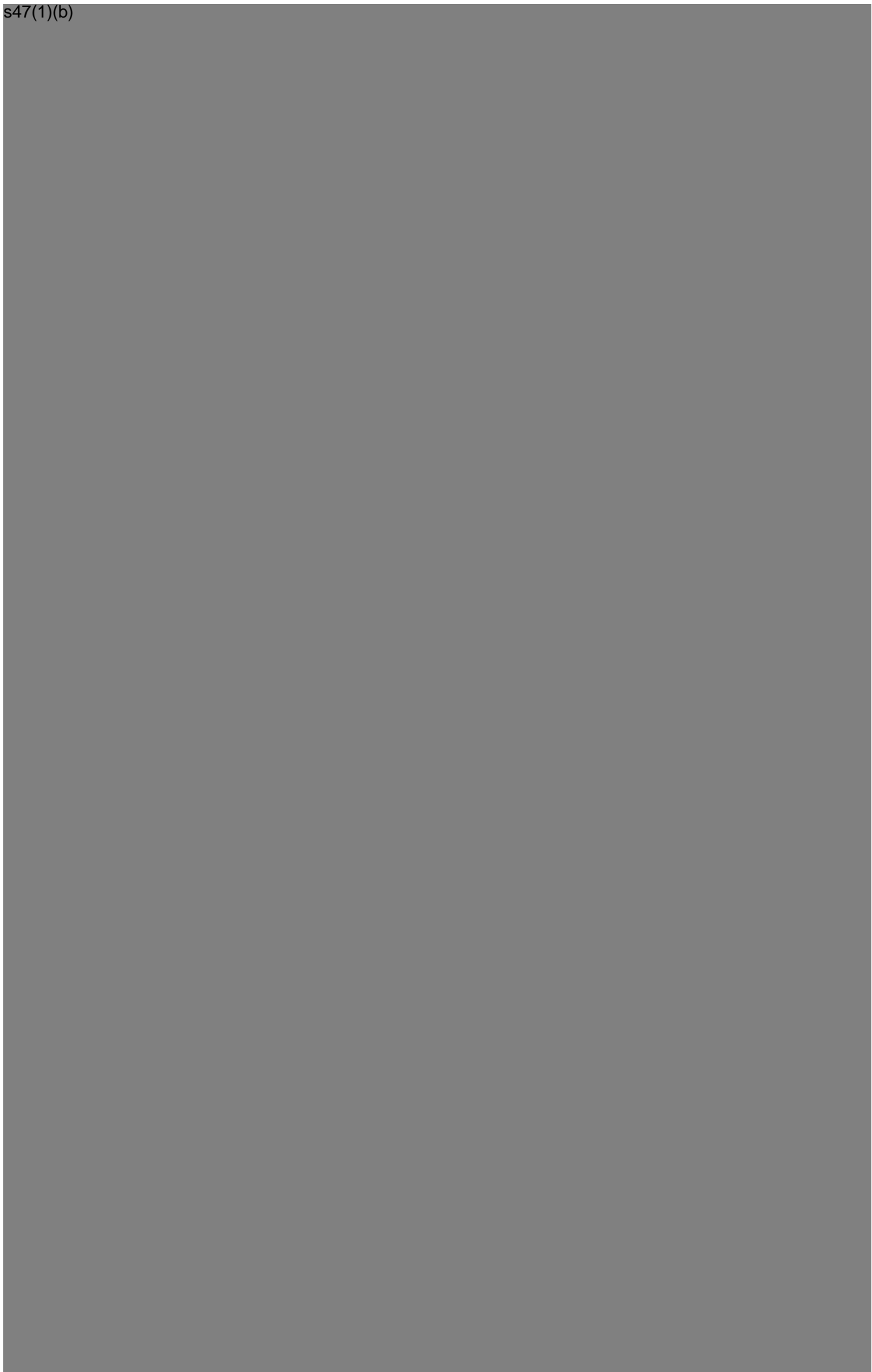
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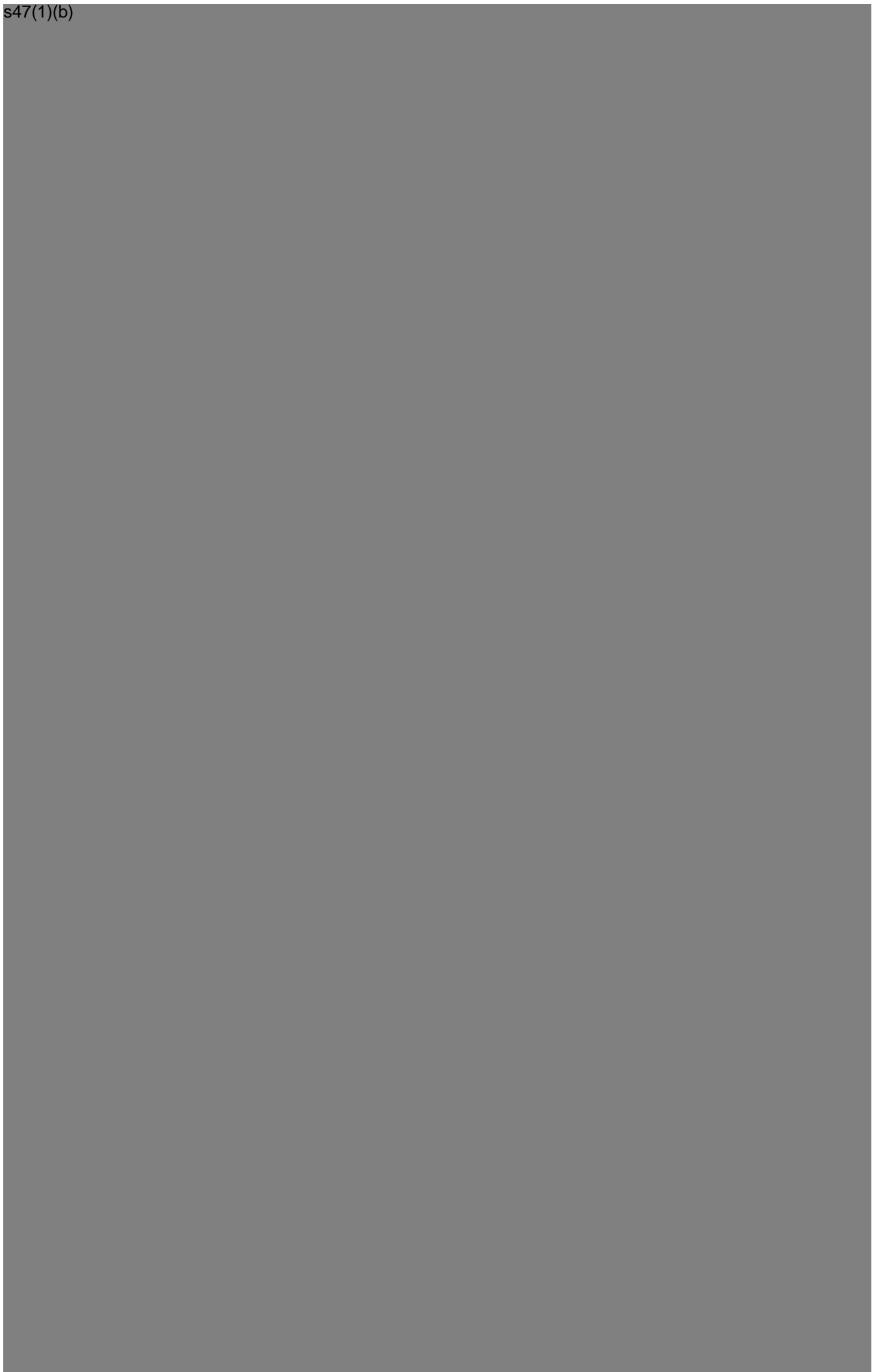
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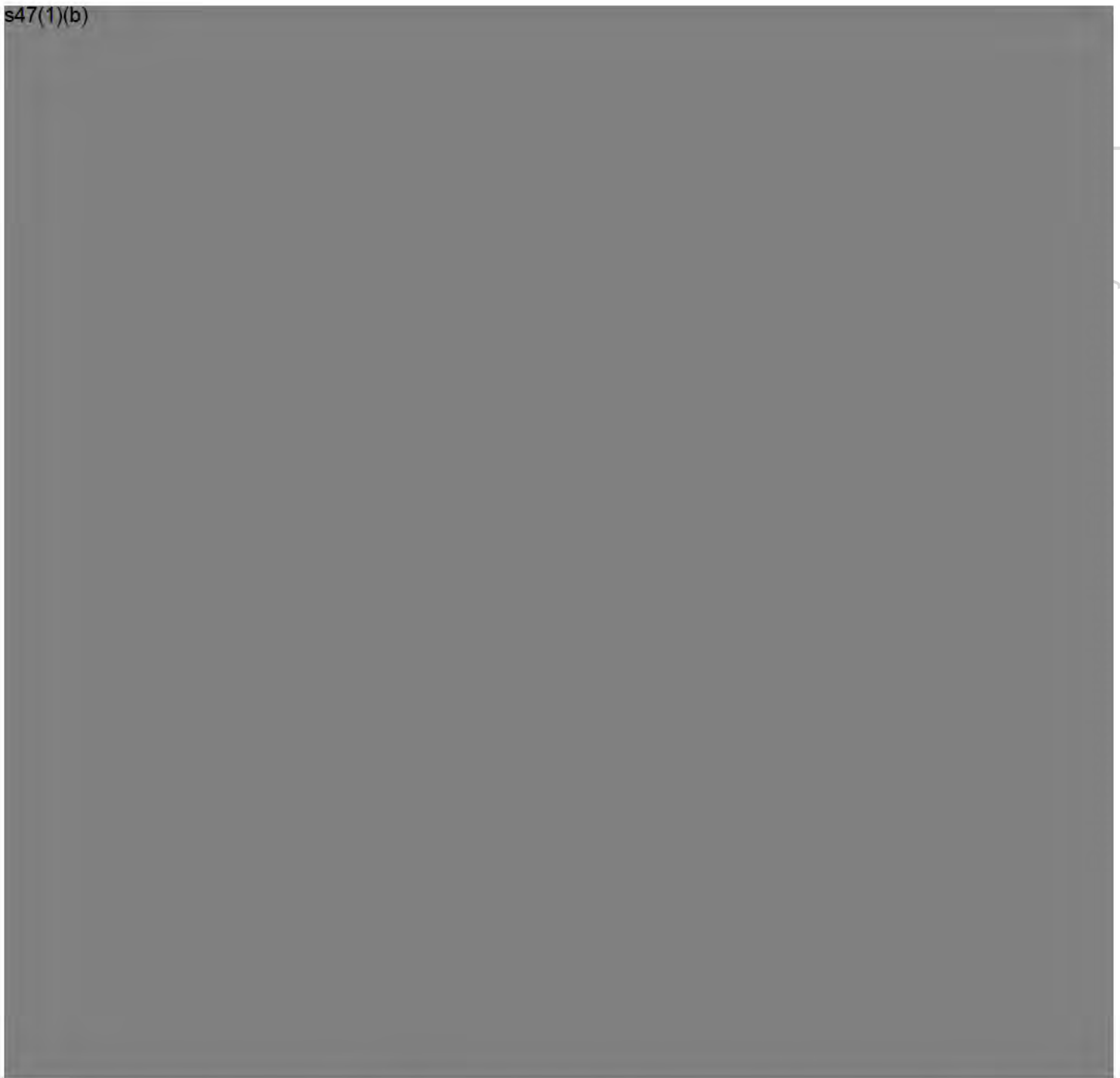
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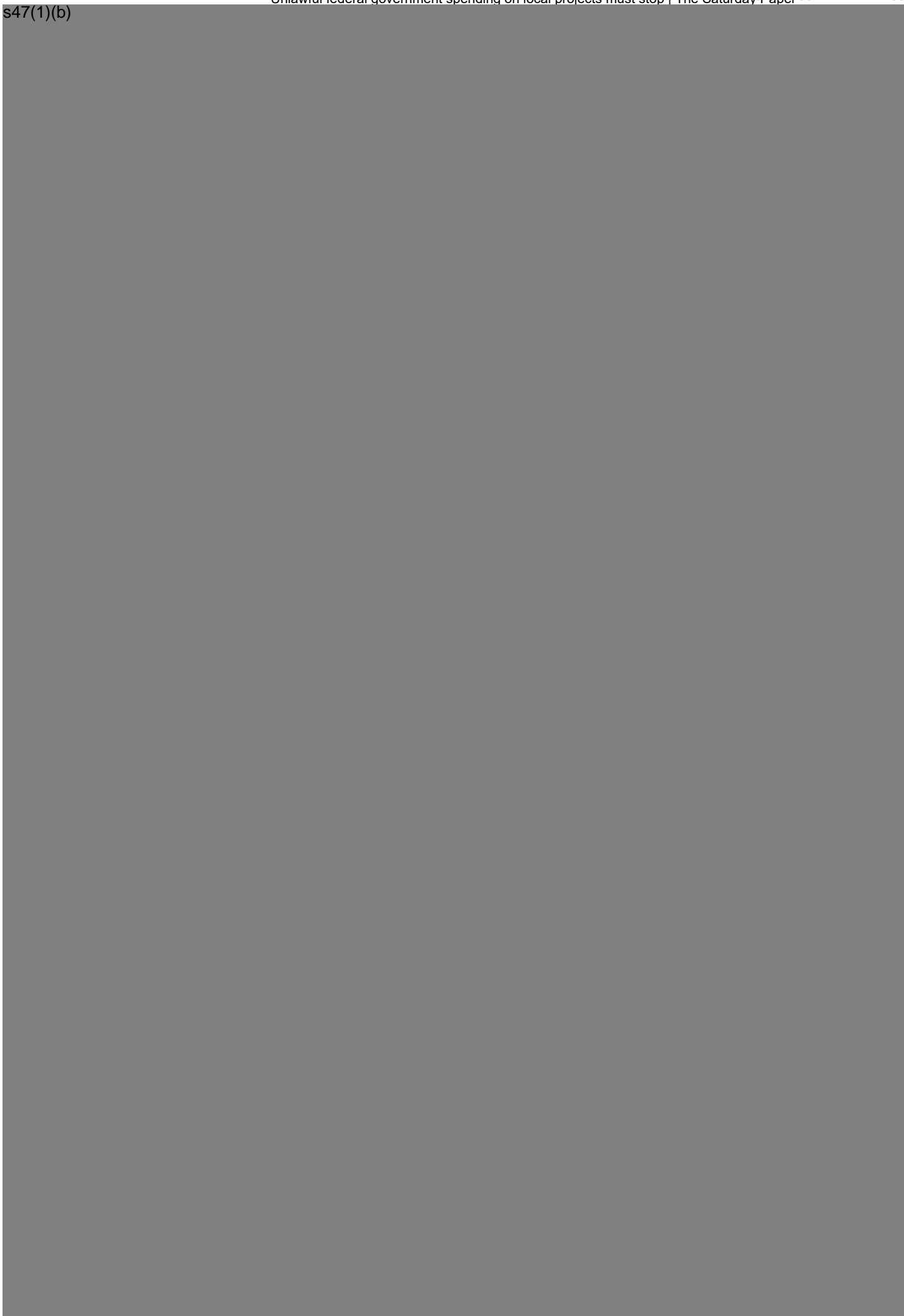
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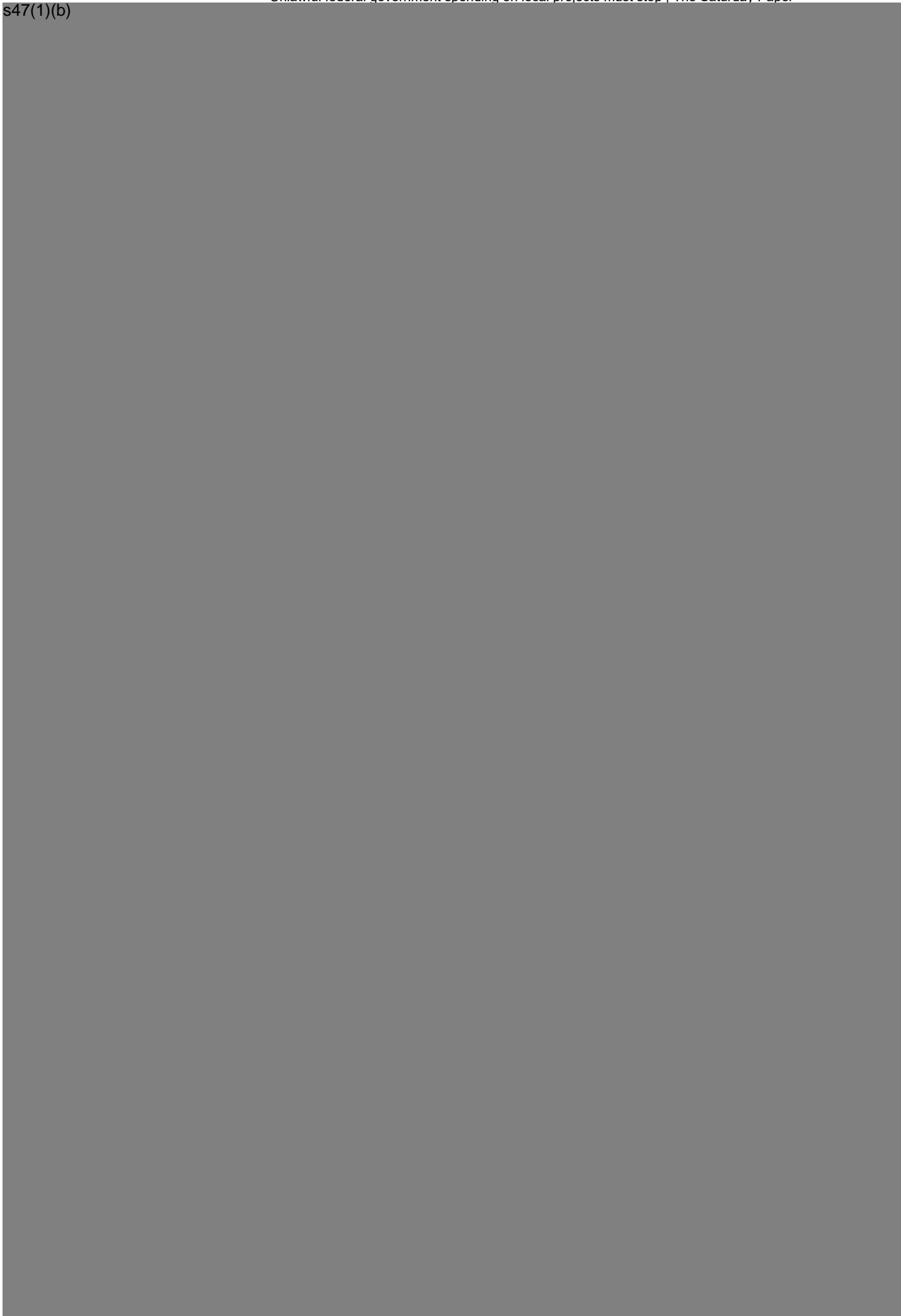
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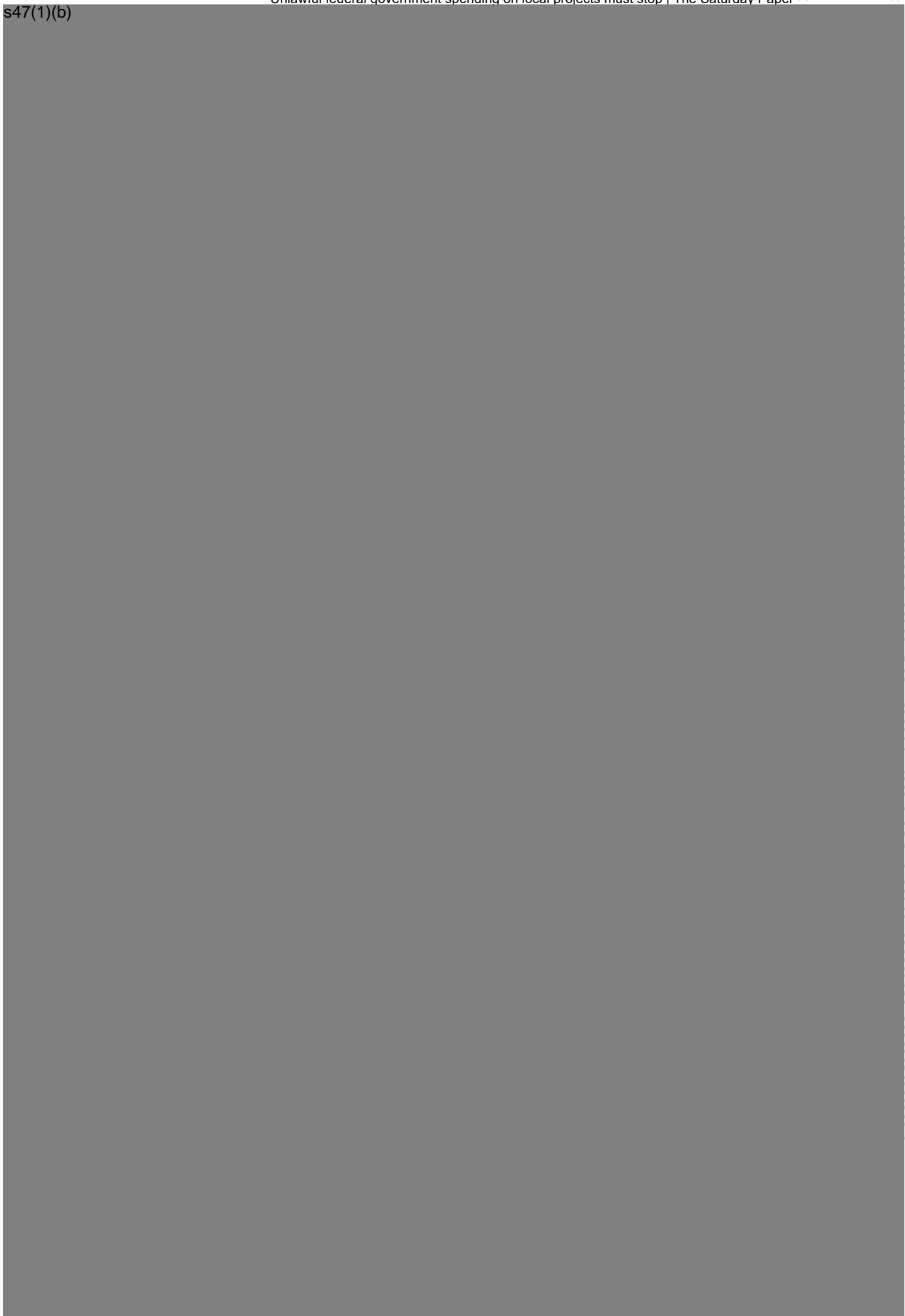
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SB24-000053

SUBJECT: Regional Development Australia Committees**Talking Points**

- The Australian Government has committed to revitalising Regional Development Australia Committees (RDA), with a view to enabling greater collaboration across and within jurisdictions, and with local governments.
- Implementation of a new Charter for the RDAs (**Attachment A**) was the first step, with the Charter launched at the RDA National Forum on 27 July 2023.
- The new RDA Charter focuses on supporting the successful implementation of the government's Regional Investment Framework (RIF), which guides investment in people, places, services, and industries and local economies (**SB24-000052**).
- Changes have also been made to RDA boundaries in New South Wales (NSW), Queensland, the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and Jervis Bay Territory (JBT), which were informed by a review completed by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts. These involve the merger of some RDAs in south east Queensland and across south east NSW and the ACT, and some minor realignment of councils. Mergers took effect from 1 April 2024. Minor boundary realignments were implemented during November 2023.
- Consultation with stakeholders strongly demonstrated two themes:
 - stakeholders support RDA boundaries being aligned with state, territory and local government boundaries, including organisations of councils where relevant; and
 - more consistent equity of coverage is needed, relative to factors such as the geographic size and population of regions.
- These changes have resulted in a reduction of RDAs from 53 to 50. Each RDA has a Funding Agreement covering the period 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2025.
- Three Chairs positions have been filled through an open recruitment process as a result of the RDA Boundaries Review, covering:
 - RDA Illawarra Shoalhaven (includes JBT) (Mr Mark McKenzie)
 - RDA Southern NSW and ACT (Ms Rowena Abbey); and
 - RDA Moreton Bay and Sunshine Coast (Mr Gavin Keeley).

Key IssuesNew RDA Charter

- A new RDA Charter was launched by the Hon Kristy McBain, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, on 27 July 2023 at the RDA National Forum and has been well received.

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- RDAs are working to deliver the outcomes set out in the document. Funding Agreements and related program governance material have been updated to reflect the Charter outcomes.
- The new Charter states that RDAs will:
 - focus their activities and strategy on delivery of the RIF in their region, including investment in people, places, services, and industries and local economies;
 - support regional stakeholders, including local government and the not-for-profit-sector, to seek grant opportunities that advance strategic regional priorities;
 - support decarbonisation efforts and the transformation to a net zero economy and enable regional linkages between sectors to achieve these aims;
 - build the evidence for economic development, including innovation and diversification strategies;
 - facilitate meaningful engagement across the 3 levels of government to ensure investments deliver better outcomes for regions; and
 - contribute relevant data and local intelligence to support the evidence base to inform regional development strategies, program design and policy responses.
- It also requires that RDAs:
 - collaborate with integrity, transparency, respect and accountability;
 - engage with diverse communities, especially First Nations people;
 - support the Government's ambition of 'no one held back and no one left behind'; and
 - support gender equality opportunities in their regions.

Changes to RDA boundaries

- The department conducted a review of the effectiveness of RDA boundaries in NSW, the ACT, JBT and Queensland. The approach undertaken for the review involved significant consultation with key stakeholders, including RDAs and state and local governments. The review was limited to these jurisdictions given:
 - the relatively high number of RDAs in NSW and Queensland when compared to other jurisdictions;
 - differences in NSW between state government regional development and RDA boundaries, and instances where some local governments are being serviced by multiple RDAs; and
 - potential opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery in the ACT and JBT, given that these boundaries border, and are closely tied, to NSW.

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Background

- RDAs are incorporated associations responsible for their own activities and employment arrangements, in line with their funding obligations and Rules of Association. The exception is the 6 Victorian RDAs, which are independent non-incorporated advisory bodies of the Victorian Government.
- RDAs receive funding via agreements with the government which run from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2025. The Victorian RDAs receive their funding via a single agreement with the Victorian Government.
- RDA Chairs are appointed by the responsible government minister. Victorian appointments are made in conjunction with the responsible state minister, and South Australian (SA) appointments are made in conjunction with the responsible state minister and the President of the Local Government Association of SA.
- Current RDA Chair terms run from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2025. The Victorian RDA Chairs have a shorter term, from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2025.
- The RDAs of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide play a supporting economic development role for their regional RDAs.
- Each RDA is funded by the department to have a paid Director of Regional Development (DRD) or Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and administrative support.

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Key governance responsibilities of the Government and RDAs are summarised below:

Ministerial Responsibilities	Australian Government Responsibilities	RDA Responsibilities
Appointment, extension and removal of Chair. ¹	Directing an RDA to remove a staff member from working on Funding Agreement activities.	Appointment, extension and removal of Deputy Chair after seeking Minister's agreement.
Agreement to the appointment, extension and removal of Deputy Chairs.	Reviewing information provided by RDAs to validate performance and acquit program funding.	Abiding by the Code, and enforcing disciplinary action against the Deputy Chair (after consulting the Minister), members and staff if necessary.
Enforcing disciplinary action against a Chair for breaches of the Code of Conduct and Ethics for Committee Members and Personnel (the Code).	Conducting audits where necessary.	Engagement and management of staff, including a Director of Regional Development.
Agreeing to disciplinary action against a Deputy Chair for breaches of the Code.	Acting to terminate the Funding Agreement with or without default by an RDA, if required.	Appointment, extension and removal of members.
	Making payments to RDAs when milestones are met.	Management of day-to-day affairs, including ensuring there are effective governance arrangements.
		Provision of certain information to the department, including an annual business plan and budget, an annual report, audited financial statements and a funding acquittal.
		Ensuring compliance with relevant laws.

¹ In SA and Victoria, appointment decisions are made in conjunction with the State Minister for Regional Development. In SA, decisions are made also in conjunction with the President of the Local Government Association of SA.

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Program Start Date:	July 2009					
Program End Date:	Ongoing					
	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	19.9	21.0	21.9	22.5	23.0	108.3
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	19.8	18.8				
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0.0	1.3	18.9	0.0	0.0	20.2
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0.1	0.9	3.0	22.5	23.0	49.5

Note: Committed funds relate to funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient.

Financial Information as at 15 May 2024

Program Start Date:	July 2009					
Program End Date:	Ongoing					
	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	19.9	21.0	21.9	22.4	22.9	108.1

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An Australian Government Initiative



Regional Development Australia Charter

The Albanese Government's vision for regional Australia is one of strong, connected regions that shape our economic growth and wellbeing; are resilient and responsive to economic and environmental shocks; are inclusive, vibrant and diverse. Regions that our First Nations people have every opportunity to engage in and shape, and where people, businesses and investments thrive.

Regional Development Australia Committees (RDAs) are critical to the delivery of this vision, including supporting the successful implementation of the Australian Government's Regional Investment Framework (RIF), which will guide a more coordinated approach to regional development, underpinned by local engagement.

RDAs play a role in helping to drive economic growth, innovation and entrepreneurship in regions through facilitating investment in community, industry and the environment. RDAs assist to bridge the regional development gaps in regions by working with a broad range of stakeholders across sectors and supporting the delivery of identified Australian Government strategic priorities.

As representatives of their local communities, RDAs will:

- focus their activities and strategy on delivery of the RIF in their region, including investment in people, places, services, and industries and local economies
- support regional stakeholders, including local government and the not-for-profit-sector, to seek grant opportunities that advance strategic regional priorities
- support decarbonisation efforts and the transformation to a net zero economy and enable regional linkages between sectors to achieve these aims
- build the evidence for economic development, including innovation and diversification strategies
- facilitate meaningful engagement across the three levels of government to ensure investments deliver better outcomes for regions, and
- contribute relevant data and local intelligence to support the evidence base to inform regional development strategies, program design and policy responses.

RDAs use their local, cross-sector expertise and regional voice to:

- collaborate with integrity, transparency, respect and accountability
- engage with diverse communities, especially First Nations people
- support the Government's ambition of 'no one held back and no one left behind', and
- support gender equality opportunities in their regions.

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SB24-000054

SUBJECT: Local Government - Engagement and Financial Assistance**Talking Points**Funding

- The Australian Government supports local governments through multiple portfolios.
- Through the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, the government's direct investment in local government in 2024-25 includes:
 - \$3.3 billion through the Financial Assistance (FA) Grant program.
 - \$650 million through the Roads to Recovery program.
- This is in addition to the \$750 million made available to local government for roads and community infrastructure through Phase 4 of the temporary Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

Engagement

- The Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) has been re-established, with local and federal government leaders scheduled to meet in Canberra on 5 July 2024 following the success of last year's event on 16 June 2023 (**SB23-000785** refers).
- The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is invited to participate once a year in both National Cabinet and the Council on Federal Financial Relations. ALGA also attended the Regional Roundtable held on 12 September 2023.
- The Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, the Hon Kristy McBain MP chairs the Local Government Ministers' Forum, where ALGA joins state, territory and Australian Government ministers for local government to discuss the challenges facing councils. The Forum last met on 12 April 2024 in Brisbane, with the next meeting planned for 1 November 2024. The Forum workplan is currently focussed on supporting local government financial sustainability.
- The department provides guidance to other government departments on the needs, priorities and challenges of local government across portfolios.
- We have strong collaborative relationships with local government associations, and state and territory colleagues at the Ministerial, senior executive and officer levels.

Parliamentary inquiry

- On 21 March 2024 (following a referral from the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government), the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and

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Transport announced that it will inquire into and report on local government sustainability (the Inquiry).

- the Inquiry will provide an opportunity for all perspectives on the issues affecting local government to be heard, and help inform how the government can strengthen councils' capacity to deliver better outcomes in our communities.
- submissions to the Committee closed on 31 May 2024 from organisations and individuals relating to any or all of the Inquiry's terms of reference. The department accepted the Committee's invitation to make a submission, and attend a public hearing on 16 May 2024. Timing for the Committee hearing was deferred and rescheduled to 30 May 2024.

BackgroundFinancial Assistance Grant Program

- The FA Grant program is an ongoing, untied investment the government makes annually to local governments, through their state and territory jurisdictions.
- The total commitment through the FA Grant over the Forward Estimates (from 2024-25 to 2027-28) is \$14.0 billion.
- From 1974-75 to 2023-24, the government has invested over \$67.0 billion through the FA Grant program.
- FA Grant funding is provided under the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* (Act) and consists of two components:
 - a general purpose component (approximately 70 per cent of the total), distributed according to population and CPI; and
 - a local road component (approximately 30 per cent of the total), distributed according to fixed historical shares.
- Under the Act, both the Treasurer and the Australian Statisticians determine the following:
 - the Treasurer is responsible for calculating the Treasurer's Determination annually, which determines whether the FA Grant allocation changes and if so by how much; and also gives effect to any government decisions in relation to bring forward payments; and
 - The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) provides population estimates which determine the breakdown of the general purpose component to calculate each jurisdiction's allocation.
- Funding is provided to all 546 local governing bodies as defined under the Act.

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Supplementary Local Roads Funding for South Australia

- In the 2023-24 Budget, the government recommitted \$20.0 million (annually to 2025-26) to South Australia as supplementary funding for local roads.
 - the project agreement was executed on 28 August 2023 with the payment for 2023-24 made to South Australia on 29 August 2023.
- The supplementary funding is to address an anomaly in the allocation of fixed historical road shares for the FA Grant. South Australia is provided with only 5.5 per cent of funding for local roads even though it manages 11.7 per cent.
- The government has provided this funding since 2004-05.

Infrastructure Investment Sub-programs

- The government has committed \$13 billion of funding over 10 years from 2024-25 to 2033-34 towards sub-programs under the Infrastructure Investment Program, supporting economic growth and regional development, making travel safer, and increasing community and freight access.
- From 1 July 2024:
 - Roads to Recovery Program funding will gradually rise to \$1 billion per year from 2027-28.
 - Black Spot Program funding will gradually increase to \$150 million per year.
 - the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program and the Bridges Renewal Program will merge into a new Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program with \$89 million in additional funding for the new program, providing approximately \$200 million available per year.
- Local governments, their associations and other road safety stakeholders have been a part of consultation to ensure that each of the programs is set up to distribute funds fairly, reduce administrative burden and allow more money to be spent on local projects in communities where they are needed most.

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Program/Project Start Date:	1 July 1974					
Program/Project End Date:	Ongoing					
	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	2027-28 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	8.7	3,286.5	3,428.8	3,569.4	3,714.0	14,007.5
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	4.4					4.4
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	4.4	3,286.5	3,428.8	3,569.4	3,714.0	14,003.2
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Financial Information as at 15 May 2024**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

Program/Project Start Date:	1 July 1974					
Program/Project End Date:	Ongoing					
	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	2027-28 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	8.7	3,271.0	3,425.7	3,557.6	3,697.4	13,960.2
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 15 May 2024	5.9					5.9
Total Committed Funds at 15 May 2024	2.8	3,271.0	3,425.7	3,557.6	3,697.4	13,954.3
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	0	0	0	0	0

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SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ROADS

Program/Project Start Date:	1 July 2004					
Program/Project End Date:	Currently 30 June 2026					
	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	2027-28 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	20.0	20.0	20.0	0	0	60.0
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	20.0					20.0
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0	20.0	20.0	0	0	40.0
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	0	0	0	0	0

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SB24-000055

SUBJECT: Growing Regions Programs**Talking Points**

- On 16 May 2024, 40 successful projects from Growing Regions Round 1 were announced, providing nearly \$207 million in Australian Government funding.
- The Growing Regions Program is a \$600.0 million commitment delivering community and economic benefits through investment in community-focused infrastructure that revitalises regions and enhances amenity and liveability throughout regional Australia.
- The program provides grants of between \$500,000 and \$15.0 million to local government entities and not-for-profit organisations and will be delivered through two rounds.
- To improve transparency and reduce the burden on applicants, the program has a two-stage application process: Stage one - Expression of Interest (EOI) and Stage two - full application.
- Round 2 of the Growing Regions Program is expected to open in later in 2024.

Key Issues

- In the October 2022-23 Budget the Government announced a total of \$600.0 million over 3 years from 2023-24 to deliver the Growing Regions Program with \$300.0 million allocated to two rounds.
 - at the May 2024-25 Budget, \$30.0 million was moved from 2023-24 to 2025-26; reprofiling the \$600.0 million over two years from 2024-25.
- Growing Regions is an open and competitive program, with applications merit assessed against selection criteria outlined in the published guidelines.
- Program funding must be used to construct new community infrastructure or expand or upgrade existing infrastructure for wider community benefit.
- Only projects located outside of the Greater Capital City Statistical Areas (GCCSAs) as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics are eligible under the Program.
- There is a co-funding requirement of 50% of total project costs unless certain exemption requirements are met:
 - First Nations community-controlled organisations, projects located in very remote areas and project sites directly impacted by natural disasters from 1 May 2022 onwards may be eligible to receive up to 90% of the funding for their project.
 - if the project is located in a remote location, or in a specified low rate-based Council area the applicant may be eligible to receive up to 70% of the funding for their project.

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- The Thriving Suburbs Program, announced in the May 2023-24 Budget, will complement the Growing Regions Program and is aimed at all suburban, urban and peri-urban communities located within the GCCSAs.
 - between these two programs, all areas of Australia have access to this funding opportunity to construct new community infrastructure or expand or upgrade existing infrastructure for wider community benefit.

Two stage assessment process

- **Stage one** - EOIs were open from 5 July to 1 August 2023.
- The Business Grants Hub assessed EOI applications for eligibility and against assessment criterion 1: *“To what extent is your project ready to proceed and how does it align to the program objectives?”*
- A 6-member multi-party Parliamentary panel comprised of regional Members of Parliament and Senators assessed eligible applications against EOI criterion 2: *“how does your project align with regional priorities for the area?”*
- **Stage Two** – saw EOI applicants invited to submit a full application from 27 November 2023 to 15 January 2024.
- On 1 March 2024, the Business Grants Hub provided their merit assessment of all full applications to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.
- The department then reviewed this assessment to ensure geographic equity across the projects and recommended 53 projects to the Minister on 6 May 2024.
- On 13 May 2024, the Minister of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP advised the department of her decision to approve funding for 40 projects valued at \$207 million.

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Financial Information as of 31 March 2024

Program Start Date:	2023-24					
Program End Date:	2025-26					
	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	0	30.0	210.0	360.0	0	600.0
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	0	0				
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	30.0	210.0	360.0	0	600.0

Note: Committed funds relate to funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient.

Financial Information as of 15 May 2024

Program Start Date:	2023-24					
Program End Date:	2025-26					
	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	0	0	210.0	390.0	0	600.0

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SUBJECT: Delivery of Legacy Regional Programs**Talking Points**

- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts is continuing to implement 12 regional programs initiated under the previous Australian Government:
 - **Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF)** - supported investment-ready long-term projects in regional communities
 - **Regional Growth Fund (RGF)** - supported major transformational projects, which in turn supports long-term economic growth and the creation of jobs in regions
 - **National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF)** – supported funding investment-ready projects particularly disadvantaged regions
 - **Regional Jobs and Investment Packages (RJIP)** - provided matched funding for projects that helped grow regional economies
 - The **Community Development Grants Programme (CDG)** - supported infrastructure that promotes stable, secure and viable regional communities
 - **Regional Recovery Partnerships (Partnerships)** - coordinated investments with other levels of government to support recovery and growth in 9 regions
 - **Building Resilient Regional Leaders Initiative (BRRLi)** - delivered place-based leadership training in regional communities to allow regional leaders to develop leadership and resilience skills to support their local communities
 - **Rebuilding Regional Communities (RRC)** - a stream within the Strengthening Rural Communities program, managed by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal
 - **Securing Raw Materials (SRM)** - provided businesses with up to \$5 million to relocate or expand into regional Australia and partner with a regional university or research organisation to research or develop innovative and locally sourced raw materials
 - **Regional Cooperative Research Centres Projects (RCRC-P)** - supported short-term (up to 3 years) industry-led collaborations
 - **Drought Communities Program Extension (DCP-E)** - supported communities in regions impacted by and recovering from drought
 - **Stronger Communities Programme (SCP)** - provides grants to community organisations and local governments for small capital projects that deliver social benefits for local communities
- The RGF and NSRF and Partnerships programs are managed by the department.
- The Community Grants Hub, within the Department of Social Services, has been engaged to deliver the majority of the remaining CDG projects through to completion.
 - The department maintains policy ownership of CDG and will continue to deliver a small number of projects that are either near completion or of a complex nature.

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- The remaining programs are administered by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources through the Business Grants Hub (Hub), on behalf of the department.

Key Issues

- Many individual grantees across all programs have had difficulties completing their projects within the timeframe due to factors including supply chain issues, labour shortages, cost escalations in the current inflationary environment and natural disasters.
- The department and/or the Hubs are working with grantees to ensure projects can be delivered within their program appropriation period.
- Key program information across the life of each program is set out in the table below.

Program data as at 31 March 2024

Program	Program Start	Program End	Number of Approved Projects (all rounds)	Total funding \$m	Post-Budget funding \$m	Total expenditure to date \$m
BBRF	2016-17	2024-25	1,293	1,064.1	1,044.9	833.5
RGF	2017-18	2023-24	17	232.2	224.7	216.7
NSRF	2015-16	2020-21	225	581.4	581.4	581.4
RJIP	2017-18	2022-23	233	184.2	184.2	184.2
CDG	2013-14	2025-26	1,481	2,420.2	2,420.2	1,777.4
Partnerships	2020-21	2024-25	22	90.0	90.0	90.0
BRRLi	2021-22	2024-25	1	5.0	5.0	5.0
RRC	2021-22	2024-25	1	5.7	5.7	5.7
SRM	2020-21	2024-25	8	35.0	35.0	19.5
RCRC-P	2020-21	2024-25	2	5.8	5.8	5.7
DCP-E	2018-19	2023-24	531	296.7	296.7	293.2
SCP	2015-16	2023-24	17,487	166.1	166.1	165.2

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Financial Information as at 31 March 2024**BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND (BBRF)**

Program/Project Start Date:	2017-18					
Program/Project End Date:	2024-25					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	142.9	225.5	104.2	0.0	0.0	472.6
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	142.9	99.1				242.0
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0.0	172.0	46.8	0.0	0.0	218.9
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0.0	-45.6	57.4	0.0	0.0	11.8

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Financial Information as at 15 May 2024**BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND (BBRF)**

Program/Project Start Date:	2017-18					
Program/Project End Date:	2024-25					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	137.9	175.0	140.5	0.0	0.0	453.4

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REGIONAL GROWTH FUND (RGF)

Program/Project Start Date:	2018-19					
Program/Project End Date:	2023-24					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	102.1	15.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	117.6
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	102.1	0.0				102.1
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0.0	10.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5

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Financial Information as at 15 May 2024

REGIONAL GROWTH FUND (RGF)

Program/Project Start Date:	2018-19					
Program/Project End Date:	2023-24					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	102.1	8.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	110.1

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Financial Information as at 31 March 2024**NATIONAL STRONGER REGIONS FUND (NSRF)**

Program/Project Start Date:	2015-16					
Program/Project End Date ¹:	2020-21					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 30 November 2023	0.0	0.0				0.0
Total Committed Funds at 30 November 2023	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹The funds were appropriated and expended by 2021-22, however the NSRF has not been closed pending the submission and assessment of a completion/audit report for one project.

Financial Information as at 31 March 2024**REGIONAL JOBS AND INVESTMENT PACKAGES (RJIP)**

Program/Project Start Date:	2017-18					
Program/Project End Date:	2022-23					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 30 November 2023	3.9	0.0				3.9
Total Committed Funds at 30 November 2023	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Financial Information as at 31 March 2024**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (CDG)**

Program/Project Start Date:	2013-14					
Program/Project End Date:	2025-26					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	294.0	377.3	226.1	177.3	0.0	1,074.6
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	294.0	137.8				431.8
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0.0	248.4	221.0	68.3	0.0	537.7
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0.0	-9.0	5.1	109.0	0.0	105.1

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Financial Information as at 15 May 2024**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (CDG)**

Program/Project Start Date:	2013-14					
Program/Project End Date:	2025-26					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	294.0	263.4	340.0	177.3	0.0	1,074.6

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Financial Information as at 31 March 2024**REGIONAL RECOVERY PARTNERSHIPS (Partnerships)**

Partnerships Program Start Date:	2020-21					
Partnerships Program End Date:	2024-25					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	0.0	0.0				0.0
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Notes: There are 22 projects, funded a total of \$90m, with all payments already made to the states (NSW, Qld, SA, Tas, WA). Another 7 projects in Vic, funded a total of \$10m, are being delivered through the Community Development Grants (CDG) program.

Financial Information as at 31 March 2024**BUILDING RESILIENT REGIONAL LEADER INITIATIVE (BRRLI)**

BRRLi Program Start Date:	2021-22					
BRRLi Program End Date:	2024-25					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	2.0	0.0				2.0
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Notes: There is one grantee (Australian Rural Leadership Foundation) delivering this program.

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Financial Information as at 31 March 2024**REBUILDING REGIONAL COMMUNITIES (RRC)**

RRC Program Start Date:	2021-22					
RRC Program End Date:	2024-25					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD	2.3	0.0				2.3
at 31 March 2024						
Total Committed Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
at 31 March 2024						
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Notes: There is one grantee (Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal) who is delivering eight rounds of RRC as a stream of the Strengthening Rural Communities program. Projects in Rounds 1-7 are in progress. Round 8 project applications are being assessed. The final projects are due to complete by 30-Jun-25.

Financial Information as at 31 March 2024**SECURING RAW MATERIALS (SRM)**

SRM Program Start Date:	2020-21					
SRM Program End Date:	2024-25					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	5.1	10.5	10.0	0.0	0.0	25.6
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD	4.8	5.2				10.0
at 31 March 2024						
Total Committed Funds	0.0	4.1	2.0	0.0	0.0	6.1
at 31 March 2024						
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0.3	1.2	8.0	0.0	0.0	9.5

Notes: A variation was approved in Dec-23 to move \$0.5m from 2023-24 to 2024-25, meaning the total uncommitted funds will increase from \$0.7m to \$1.2m in 2023-24 and reduce from \$8.5m to \$8.0m in 2024.25.

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Financial Information as at 31 March 2024**REGIONAL COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES PROJECTS (RCRC-P)**

RCRC-P Program Start Date:	2020-21					
RCRC-P Program End Date:	2024-25					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	2.8	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	3.4
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD						
at 31 March 2024	2.8	0.4				3.2
Total Committed Funds						
at 31 March 2024	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Notes: There are two projects and both projects are expected to complete on time.

Financial Information as at 31 March 2024**DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION (DCP-E)**

DCP-E Program Start Date:	2018-19					
DCP-E Program End Date:	2023-24					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	4.1	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.8
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD						
at 31 March 2024	4.1	3.6				7.7
Total Committed Funds						
at 31 March 2024	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2

Notes: Of the 531 approved projects only 13 projects remain and are due to complete by 30-Jun-24.

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Financial Information as at 31 March 2024**STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (SCP)**

Program/Project Start Date:	2015-16					
Program/Project End Date:	2023-24					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	3.84	18.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.65
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	3.84	17.87				21.71
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0.00	0.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.94

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SUBJECT: Thriving Suburbs**Talking Points**

- In the 2023-24 May Budget, the Australian Government committed \$211.7 million to establish the new Thriving Suburbs Program (Thriving Suburbs).
- Thriving Suburbs will support growing urban, suburban and peri-urban communities to address immediate community infrastructure needs through one \$200.0 million funding round.
- Incorporated not-for-profit organisations and local government entities will be able to propose community-led infrastructure solutions, which bring socioeconomic benefits directly to their communities based on their needs.
- Thriving Suburbs will complement the Growing Regions Program (**SB24-000055**), ensuring all areas of Australia have access to a funding opportunity to construct new community infrastructure or expand or upgrade existing infrastructure for wider community benefit.
- Thriving Suburbs' investment in delivering community infrastructure will also complement the urban Precinct and Partnerships Program's coordinated approach to development across all 3 levels of government.
- The design of the Thriving Suburbs will deliver on the government's commitment to fairness, integrity and transparency in funding programs.
- Funding for Thriving Suburbs commences in 2024-25.
- On 16 May 2024, a Forecast Funding Opportunity for Thriving Suburbs was published on the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts' website.
 - this provides program information to potential applicants to assist them to begin developing their projects.
- Program Guidelines are expected to be released prior to 30 June 2024.

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Financial Information as at 31 March 2024

Program/Project Start Date:	2024					
Program/Project End Date:	30 June 2026					
	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	0	0	80.0	120.0		0
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	0					
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0	0	0	0		0
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	0	80.0	120.0	0	200.0

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SUBJECT: Investing in Our Communities**Talking Points**

- The Investing in Our Communities (IIOC) program is one of two programs established by the Australian Government as part of the October 2022-23 Budget, to deliver its 2022 Election Commitments for community and sporting infrastructure projects.
- The IIOC program delivers grants of up to \$5.0 million.
- The IIOC program is being delivered as a one-off, closed, non-competitive round. Only applicants nominated by the government were invited to apply for funding.
- The IIOC program opened on 8 February 2023 and closed to applications on 30 November 2023.
- Under the published guidelines, applicants had up to 6 months from receiving an invitation to apply, or until 30 November 2023 (whichever was earlier), to submit an application.
- There are 356 projects under the IIOC program. As at 10 May 2024:
 - 23 projects were complete;
 - 294 projects were contracted and underway;
 - 36 projects were not yet contracted; and
 - 3 projects were not approved or had funding withdrawn.
- As at 30 April 2024, expenditure to date for IIOC was \$28.0 million.

Key Issues

- The IIOC program funds election commitment projects with a government contribution of up to \$5.0 million.
 - this includes some projects committed by the previous government under the Community Development Grants (CDG) programme during the 2022 Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook (PEFO), and other commitments approved for inclusion in the program by Government.
 - other election commitments over \$5.0 million are funded under the Priority Community Infrastructure Program (PCIP) (refer **SB24-000059**).
- Projects range in value from \$10,000 to \$5.0 million and include community infrastructure, open space improvements and sporting infrastructure, and other community priorities. Applicants include not-for profit entities and state, territory and local governments.

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- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts has no role in the identification of government election commitments, including the nominated organisation or commitment value.
- Assessment and delivery of the IIOC program is being undertaken by the department.
- Projects are assessed against 3 criteria as set out in the IIOC Program guidelines:
 - project benefit;
 - project viability and sustainability; and
 - grantee viability and capacity.
- An Assistant Secretary within the department (currently the Assistant Secretary, Major Projects and Governance) is the program Decision Maker.
- At the May 2024-25 Budget, \$28.7 million was moved from 2023-24 to future years and \$12.9 million of uncommitted funding was returned to budget, reducing the total IIOC appropriation to \$313.0 million.

BackgroundKey dates and program timeframes:

Guidelines approved	January 2023
Guidelines released and Program opens	8 February 2023
Invitation to apply sent to applicants	From 9 February 2023
Applications close	6 months from invitation to apply, or 30 November 2023, whichever is earliest
<i>Expected processing timeframes per published guidelines:</i>	
Applications assessed	Allow 4 weeks
Recommendation and approval by delegate	Allow 4 weeks
Applicants advised of decision	Within 3 weeks of decision
Contracting of successful projects	Within 10 weeks of funding approval

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Program/Project Start Date:	2022-23					
Program/Project End Date:	2026-27					
	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	2.3	109.1	125.8	58.4	30.3	325.9
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	2.3	21.2				23.6
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0.0	87.8	125.8	58.4	17.4	289.4
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.9	12.9

Notes: Total Committed funds relate to remaining funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient. Total Committed funds does not include payments already made as they are reflected separately (Actual Expenditure YTD). Total column may contain rounding variances. Table data may not cover full life of program.

Financial Information as at 15 May 2024

Program/Project Start Date:	2022-23					
Program/Project End Date:	2026-27					
	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	2.3	67.5	145.2	83.5	14.4	313.0

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SUBJECT: Priority Community Infrastructure Program**Talking Points**

- The Priority Community Infrastructure Program (PCIP) is one of two programs established by the Australian Government as part of the October 2022-23 Budget, to deliver its 2022 Election Commitments for community and sporting infrastructure projects.
- PCIP primarily delivers projects with a government contribution of \$5.0 million or more.
- Some smaller value commitments are also delivered under the program, including those for feasibility studies and business cases.
- The program is being delivered as a one-off, closed, non-competitive round. Only applicants nominated by the government were invited to apply for funding.
- PCIP opened on 8 February 2023 and closed to applications on 30 November 2023.
- Under the published guidelines, applicants had up to 6 months from receiving an invitation to apply, or until 30 November 2023 (whichever was earlier), to submit an application.
- There are 93 projects under PCIP. As at 10 May 2024:
 - no projects were yet complete;
 - 57 projects were contracted and underway;
 - 35 projects were not yet contracted; and
 - one project was withdrawn.
- As at 30 April 2024, expenditure to date for PCIP was \$20.7 million.

Key Issues

- PCIP funds 2022 election commitment projects with a government commitment of \$5.0 million or more, and select commitments with a lower dollar value.
 - some eligible commitments made by the former government under the Community Development Grants (CDG) programme are also being delivered through PCIP.
 - other election commitments under \$5.0 million are funded under the Investing in Our Communities (IIOC) program (refer **SB24-000058**).
- Projects include significant and sporting infrastructure, cultural facilities and other community priorities intended to assist communities to build their strengths and improve liveability. Applicants include not-for profit entities and state, territory and local governments.

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- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts has no role in the identification of government election commitments, including the nominated organisation or commitment value.
- The Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP, is the Decision Maker under the program guidelines. The department makes recommendations to the minister on approving a grant.
- An Assistant Secretary in the department (currently the Assistant Secretary, Major Projects and Governance) has some delegated functions in support of the program's administration, as set out in the published guidelines. This includes approving a change in project sponsor, approving an exemption from ineligible grant expenditure and approving minor project variations on a case-by-case basis.
- Assessment and delivery of the program is being undertaken by the department.
- The assessment of PCIP projects was undertaken in 2 stages:
 - Stage 1 – a Desk Top Review (DTR); and
 - Stage 2 – a formal value with relevant money assessment.
- In Stage 1, the DTR stage considered organisation and project eligibility, co-funding arrangements and the suitability of financial arrangements in place to sustain the organisation during the grant period.
- In Stage 2, projects were assessed against 4 criteria, as set out in the program guidelines:
 - economic benefits of the project;
 - social benefits of the project;
 - project viability and sustainability; and
 - grantee viability and capacity.
- At the May 2024-25 Budget, \$124.5 million was moved from 2023-24 to future years, \$56.0 million reclassified to SPPs, and \$27.4 million of uncommitted funding was returned to budget, reducing the total PCIP appropriation to \$943.8 million.

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BackgroundKey dates and program timeframes:

Guidelines approved	December 2022
Guidelines released and program opens	8 February 2023
Invitation to apply sent to applicants	From 10 February 2023
Applications close	6 months from invitation to apply, or 30 November 2023, whichever is earliest
<i>Expected processing timeframes per published guidelines:</i>	
Applications assessed (Stage 2 assessment)	Allow 4 weeks
Recommendation and approval by delegate	Allow 4 weeks
Applicants advised of decision	Within 3 weeks of decision
Contracting of successful projects	Within 10 weeks of funding approval

Financial Information as at 31 March 2024

Program/Project Start Date:	2022-23					
Program/Project End Date:	2026-27					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	0.0	266.8	298.5	304.0	158.0	1,027.3
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	0.0	11.2				11.2
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0.0	255.5	298.5	304.0	74.6	932.6
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	83.4	83.4

Notes: Total Committed funds relate to remaining funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient. Total Committed funds does not include payments already made as they are reflected separately (Actual Expenditure YTD).

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Program/Project Start Date:	2022-23					
Program/Project End Date:	2026-27					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	0.0	62.4	292.7	382.8	206.0	943.8

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SUBJECT: Major Projects**Talking Points**

- The Australian Government has committed funding to a range of projects to be delivered under the regional development outcome across various states and regions, including:
 - \$180.0 million towards Cairns Marine Precinct expansion;
 - \$100.0 million to support the Port of Newcastle and the Hunter region to become hydrogen-ready;
 - \$50.0 million towards the construction of a Central Queensland University (CQU) campus in the Cairns CBD;
 - \$50.0 million to the Perth Aboriginal Cultural Centre;
 - \$6.0 million towards the Armstrong Creek highball facility in the Geelong region;
 - \$1.5 million towards upgrades to the Qtopia Sydney LGBTQI Museum; and
 - \$0.6 million towards a Cyclone Tracy memorial in Darwin.
- Funding will be provided through Federation Funding Agreement (FFA) Schedules between the Australian Government and the relevant state or territory government.
 - the Hunter Region FFA Schedule was executed in December 2023. Negotiations on a project funding deed between the NSW Government and the Port of Newcastle are expected to be finalised by mid-2024.
 - the CQU Cairns CBD campus FFA Schedule was executed in March 2024. A project funding deed between the QLD Government and CQU has now been executed to give effect to the project delivery arrangements.
- FFA Schedules for the remaining projects are expected to be settled this calendar year, once negotiations have concluded with the respective state governments.

Key IssuesCairns Marine Precinct expansion

- The project will construct a new Common User Facility including a 5000-tonne ship-lift, a 180-metre long wharf for in-water maintenance, two blast and paint sheds and three hardstand areas to accommodate vessels up to 120-metres long for repairs and maintenance.
- The government committed \$150.0 million to the project in the October 2022-23 Budget. An additional \$30.0 million was committed to the project in the 2023-24 Budget, bringing the total government funding commitment to \$180.0 million. The Queensland Government has also committed co-funding of \$180.0 million to the project.

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- The government's investment in the Cairns Marine Precinct will support Far North Queensland's economic diversification. It is expected the expansion will open the region to more economic opportunities and enable Cairns to capitalise on the anticipated growth in commercial, defence and tourist marine activities.
- The Australian and Queensland governments are currently negotiating the settlement of an FFA Schedule for the project, which will set out the agreed project milestones and the funding and delivery arrangements.
- The first stages of the works will involve design works, with early works at the site commencing in the first half of 2024, with main construction currently expected to get underway from mid-2025.
- At the May 2024-25 Budget, \$5.0 million was moved from 2023-24 to 2024-25.

Hunter Region and Port of Newcastle hydrogen-readiness

- The government's \$100.0 million commitment will support the development of a new Clean Energy Precinct at the Port of Newcastle.
- When fully constructed, the Clean Energy Precinct is expected to facilitate clean energy production, storage, transmission, domestic distribution and international export.
- The government's investment will support the delivery of engineering and design studies, and the procurement and commissioning of critical enabling infrastructure for the precinct.
- An FFA Schedule for the project was executed in December 2023.
- The project is not co-funded by the NSW Government.
- The NSW Government is expected to finalise a project funding deed with the Port in the second-quarter of this year, with works to commence shortly after.
- At the May 2024-25 Budget, \$13.1 million was moved from 2023-24 to 2024-25 to reflect this delivery schedule.

Central Queensland University – Cairns CBD campus

- The project is to construct a new, purpose-built university campus in the Cairns CBD.
- The construction of the new campus is expected to accommodate a greater number of students, which could diversify the region's higher education options.
- The project is currently in the planning stage. The design work as part of the project will confirm the final layout and capacity of the new campus.
- The government committed \$50.0 million in the October 2022-23 Budget to the project.
- This Project is not co-funded by the Queensland Government.

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- The first stages of the project will involve the planning and design work to inform the scope and timing of future construction elements.
 - An FFA Schedule for the project was executed in March 2024.
 - The QLD Government has now finalised a project funding deed with CQU, which will enable works to progress.

Perth Aboriginal Cultural Centre

- The government has committed \$50.0 million to support the delivery of an Aboriginal Culture Centre in Perth, Western Australia, as a storytelling place that will provide both indoor and outdoor experiences.
- This commitment was previously included in the Priority Community Infrastructure Program, but is now expected to be delivered through an FFA Schedule with the WA Government.
- Discussions are ongoing between the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts and WA officials in order to progress the project as soon as possible.

Armstrong Creek highball facility in the Geelong region

- The government has committed \$6.0 million towards the delivery of a Regional High Ball Facility in Armstrong Creek in Victoria.
- This commitment was previously included in the Priority Community Infrastructure Program, but is now expected to be delivered through an FFA Schedule with the Victorian Government.
- Discussions are ongoing between the department and Victorian Government officials in order to progress the project as soon as possible.

Qtopia Sydney LGBTQI Museum

- The government has committed \$1.5 million towards upgrades to the Qtopia Sydney LGBTQI Museum, located in the Old Darlinghurst Police Station.
- The funding is expected to be delivered through an FFA Schedule with the NSW Government.
- Discussions are ongoing between the department and NSW government officials in order to progress the project as soon as possible.

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Cyclone Tracy memorial in Darwin

- The government has committed \$600,000 towards construction of a monument at Bundille Beach and memorial at East Point, to honour those killed and injured and the survivors of Cyclone Tracy 50 years ago this year.
- The funding is expected to be delivered through an FFA Schedule with the NT Government.
- Discussions are ongoing between the department and NT government officials in order to progress the project as soon as possible.

Financial Information as at 31 March 2024Cairns Marine Precinct expansion

Program/Project Start Date:	2023-24					
Program/Project End Date:	2027-28					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	0	10.0	10.0	53.3	53.3	126.6
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	0	0				
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0	10.0	10.0	53.3	53.3	126.6
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	0	0	0	0	0

Financial Information as at 15 May 2024Cairns Marine Precinct expansion

Program/Project Start Date:	2023-24					
Program/Project End Date:	2027-28					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	0	5.0	15.0	53.3	53.3	126.6

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Program/Project Start Date:	2023-24					
Program/Project End Date:	2026-27					
	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	0	4.0	16.0	20.0	10.0	50.0
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	0	0				
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0	4.0	16.0	20.0	10.0	50.0
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	0	0	0	0	0

Financial Information as at 31 March 2024**Supporting Clean Energy in the Hunter**

Program/Project Start Date:	2023-24					
Program/Project End Date:	2025-26					
	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	0	25.0	50.0	25.0	0	100.0
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	0	0				
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0	25.0	50.0	25.0	0	100.0
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Program/Project Start Date:	2023-24					
Program/Project End Date:	2025-26					
	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	0	11.9	63.1	25.0	0	100.0

Financial Information as at 31 March 2024Perth Aboriginal Cultural Centre

Program/Project Start Date:	2024-25					
Program/Project End Date:	2024-25					
	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	0	0	50.0	0	0	0
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	0					
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0	0	50.0	0	0	50.0
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Program/Project Start Date:	2024-25					
Program/Project End Date:	2024-25					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	0	0	6.0	0	0	6.0
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	0	0				
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0	0	6.0	0	0	6.0
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	0	0	0	0	0

Financial Information as at 31 March 2024Qtopia Sydney LGBTQI Museum

Program/Project Start Date:	2024-25					
Program/Project End Date:	2024-25					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	0	0	1.5	0	0	1.5
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	0	0				
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0	0	1.5	0	0	1.5
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Program/Project Start Date:	2024-25					
Program/Project End Date:	2024-25					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	0	0	0.6	0	0	0.6
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	0	0				
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	0	0	0.6	0	0	0.6
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	0	0	0	0	0

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SUBJECT: Indian Ocean Territories Key Issues**Talking Points**

- On Christmas Island, the tower crane returned to service in February 2024.
- The moorings replacement project is now expected to be completed by September 2024.
- On the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the removal of waste as part of the Department of Defence's legacy waste removal program project is a matter for Defence. However, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts is working with Defence to explore opportunities the airfield upgrade project may present to remove legacy waste.
- The Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands has introduced new waste collection fees. The department has written to the Shire to negotiate reasonable and proportionate charges for the Australian Government.
- With the pausing of the Christmas Island Strategic Assessment, the government is focused on addressing barriers to development and efforts to diversify the economies of the Indian Ocean Territories.

Key IssuesIOT Air Services

- The government subsidises airline services to the Indian Ocean Territories (IOT) as regular services are not commercially viable.
- Virgin Australia is currently contracted to provide a twice-weekly passenger service and a fortnightly freight service. This contract ceases in late 2025.
- Additional services are scheduled subject to demand, budget and operational availability. An additional 30 passenger and 31 freight flights have been provided since 27 September 2020.
- An open tender for Airline Services to the IOT was advertised in April 2024.

Christmas Island (CI) Port Crane and Moorings

- Since 2019, the department has made two unsuccessful approaches to the market to replace the entire CI Port crane and moorings system.
- The Smith Point Moorings failed in November 2021, and repairs were completed in July 2022.

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- On 9 March 2023, maintenance inspections identified an imminent failure of the Flying Fish Cove Head Buoy. Works to replace the primary and restraining leg anchor were completed in August 2023.
- The focus is now on replacing all moorings systems at Flying Fish Cove and Smith Point as a matter of priority. This is expected to be completed by September 2024.
- During the 2023 annual inspection of the wharf Tower Crane, corrosion in the tower legs was discovered. The crane was taken out of service to be comprehensively assessed and repaired. The crane returned to service in February 2024.
- General cargo operations were conducted by port barges to the gantry crane while the tower crane was repaired. The department subsidised initial additional stevedoring costs following the crane's failure.
- Planning is underway for the replacement of the Tower Crane at Flying Fish Cove.

CI Stormwater System and Rockfall Fence Infrastructure

- In September 2021, the Parliamentary Public Works Committee approved \$28.9 million for the replacement of rockfall fences and a stormwater system upgrade on CI.
- In March 2022, the upgrade to the barrier fence behind the Boat Club carpark was completed with certification finalised in June 2022.
- Funding of \$400,000 has been allocated in 2023-24 to strengthen and maintain the remainder of the fences until their replacement.
- In the 2023-24 Budget, a further \$24.4 million over 3 years was committed to complete the project as geotechnical site conditions were significantly more challenging than anticipated.
- Announcement of a Project Manager is anticipated shortly.

Christmas Island Strategic Assessment (CISA)

- On 13 June 2023, the government paused the CISA.
- Under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) there are two pathways to environmental approval of actions; through a Part 7-9 approval for an individual project or through a Part 10 Strategic Assessment.
- CISA was the first land-based, cumulative, whole-of-environment Part 10 Strategic Assessment to be undertaken by a Government agency.
- The complexity of the assessment and identification of over 100 protected matters made the cost of implementation of the CISA prohibitive at a whole-of-island level.

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- The department will work with development proponents to leverage the data gathered as part of the CISA project to inform land use management and planning on CI.
- Proponents can access the Part 7 (decision for referral), Part 8 (assessing impacts of controlled impacts) and Part 9 (approval of actions) approval pathways under the EPBC Act which existed prior to CISA.
- The EPBC Act also includes an option for assessment through an accredited assessment pathway, whereby a state jurisdiction can undertake the assessment process, with approval decisions by the Minister for the Environment and Water.

Cocos (Keeling) Island (CKI) Coastal Risk Management Project

- The department, with the Western Australia Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and the Shire of CKI, is risk management planning to address coastal hazard risks on CKI.
- In 2021, the CKI Coastal Vulnerability Study was completed.
 - this study is informing the development of a Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP).
- The CHRMAP is expected to be completed in mid-2024 and will guide future land-use planning on CKI.
- Stakeholder and community consultations commenced in late August 2022, with the most recent round in February 2023.
 - consultations with the community to date have been well-attended.
 - CKI community members on Home Island in particular expressed a desire for certainty.

CKI West Island Seawater Reverse Osmosis plant

- A 200 kilolitre per day Seawater Reverse Osmosis (desalination) plant on CKI West Island will replace the existing underground water source.
- The plant will mitigate possible contamination risks to the existing water supply.
- Community engagement was conducted from 28 to 31 March 2023 prior to the Public Works Committee hearing on 21 April 2023. The community supported the project.
- On 11 May 2023, Parliamentary approval was received to commence the project.
- The Approach to Market, through WA Water Corporation, closed on 19 January 2024.
- Following evaluation and clarification of tenders, the department will receive a recommendation advising the preferred bidder, contract award price and a preliminary practical completion date. This advice is expected by mid-May 2024.

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CKI West Island Wastewater Treatment Plant

- The department, through WA Water Corporation, is undertaking process improvements to the permanent Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) on CKI West Island.
 - the WWTP has a capacity of 50 kilolitres per day (kL/day).
- Owing to external market forces, the original proposal to expand the WWTP capacity from 50kL/day to 80kL/day no longer represented value for money for the government.
- The WWTP project will replace aging infrastructure and improve operability.
- The Approach to Market for the WWTP process improvements, bundled with the new Seawater Reverse Osmosis plant closed on 19 January 2024.
- Following evaluation and clarification of tenders by WA Water Corporation, the department expects to receive advice by mid-May 2024 on a recommendation of the preferred bidder, contract price and a preliminary practical completion date.
- On 31 May 2023, Defence agreed to install a temporary WWTP at their construction camp. Wastewater from the temporary WWTP will be treated to WA Department of Environment and Regulation standards by Defence.

CI Staffing – Cleaners and Nurses

- Underpayments for IOT Administration staff including nurses, health workers and ancillary staff have been identified, relating to rostering of working hours with paid meal breaks, and the entitlement to casual loading during periods of overtime.
- KPMG has been engaged to undertake a comprehensive audit of payments made to relevant current and former staff.
- Potentially affected staff, relevant unions and the Fair Work Ombudsman have been informed and steps are being taken to rectify the discrepancies as quickly as possible.

Energy Bill Relief Fund Extension to the Indian Ocean Territories

- The electricity bill relief was rolled out to CI and CKI households and businesses in the January 2024 billing cycle.
- All residential households were eligible for a single rebate of up to \$350, and all businesses were eligible for a single rebate of \$650, in line with Western Australia.
- Funding of \$1.16 million was allocated for the non-self-governing territories (CI, CKI, NI and JBT), from the \$1.5 billion allocated for the Energy Bill Relief package.
- The relief measures have been extended in Budget 2024-25, with an additional \$300 for households and \$325 for businesses.

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CKI Waste Management Arrangements

- The Shire of CKI has introduced new waste collection fees for residents, businesses and government properties.
- The fees are part of the 2023-24 Rates Notices and are:
 - private residential waste: \$580
 - private commercial waste: \$2,962
 - Commonwealth waste fee: \$4,938
- The above costs are the annual cost, per bin. In 2022-23, the Rubbish Collection Fee for residential, commercial and government waste was \$373 each.
- The Shire has advised that full cost recovery is \$1,975 per bin, per year.
- The department is engaging with the Shire to understand why government agencies, including residential properties provided for service delivery staff, are being charged significantly more than other residents.
- The department will continue to work with the Shire to implement cost recovery mechanisms that are fair, reasonable, and proportionate to the costs of waste management.

BackgroundService Delivery Arrangements and contracts

- As at 31 March 2024, the department has 38 arrangements with the WA Government to deliver 54 state-type services to CI and CKI.
- The department directly delivers power, health, housing, emergency management and minor maintenance services.
- The department contracts private sector organisations to manage infrastructure such as the ports and airports on both islands, and deliver community services such as a recreation centre and school bus on CI, and ferry on CKI.
- The Shires of CI and CKI deliver local government-type services to their communities.

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SUBJECT: ACT, NT and Jervis Bay Territory Key Issues**Talking Points**Jervis Bay Territory (JBT)

- The Australian Government has committed \$6.1 million in 2024-25 for the delivery of services and infrastructure to JBT.
- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts facilitates state and local government-type services to JBT residents through agreements with the ACT and NSW governments, Shoalhaven City Council and non-government providers.
- The department owns and manages the majority of critical infrastructure across the JBT, including water, wastewater, some roads and the power network.
- The department collects revenue from users of JBT's essential services including power and water, and rent from Australian Government properties. This revenue is paid into the Territories Special Account and is used to deliver essential services and infrastructure in JBT. The JBT share of this account is \$1.2 million in 2024-25.
- The government has committed \$15.8 million to fund the connection of JBT to the Shoalhaven City Council's water system and is exploring options to improve wastewater processing in JBT for the future.
- There are low levels of *per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances* (PFAS) in the JBT, likely to be from the historical use of firefighting equipment at the Jervis Bay Range Facility. The Department of Defence (Defence) has the lead on this matter, and questions should therefore be directed to them.

Australian Capital Territory

- On 19 October 2023, Ms Sally Barnes wrote to the Governor-General to advise of her resignation as Chief Executive of the NCA, effective 29 February 2024.
 - the government undertook a merit-based selection process to appoint Ms Karen Doran as the new Chief Executive of the NCA. Ms Doran commenced on 2 April 2024.
 - a list of NCA board members and Chief Executive are at **Attachment A**.

National Capital Authority (NCA) Appointments and Statement of Expectations – information current as at 15/05/2024

- On 19 March 2024, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, the Hon Kristy McBain MP wrote to the NCA Chairperson and Board to provide a Statement of Expectations. The minister has asked that the NCA reply with a

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Statement of Intent by 31 May 2024. The Statement of Expectations and Statement of Intent will be published on the department's and NCA's websites.

- Questions not relating to appointments or the Statement of Expectations should be referred to the NCA.

Northern Territory*Administrator of the Northern Territory (NT) Appointment*

- Professor Hugh Heggie PSM started a 3-year term as Administrator of the NT on 31 January 2023.
- Consistent with convention, Professor Heggie was nominated by the NT government, and was appointed to the position by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Government.

Key pointsJervis Bay Territory*Water network*

- In the 2021-22 MYEFO, the government committed \$15.8 million to connect the JBT to the Shoalhaven City Council water supply. This will create a sustainable, long-term solution to providing high quality potable water to the JBT.
- The detailed design for the pipeline construction was completed in August 2023. The department is progressing the procurement process for the construction phase. Once a contract is in place, the construction phase is expected to take approximately 10 months. The project is due to be completed in mid 2025.

Wastewater treatment

- The department is exploring long-term solutions for managing wastewater generated in the JBT, as the current wastewater treatment plant is costly to maintain and carries the risk of an adverse environmental event if it fails.

Telecommunications

- At the 2022 Federal election, the government committed to improve mobile coverage in the Wreck Bay Village, JBT.
- On 19 October 2023, the Minister for Communications, the Hon Michelle Rowland MP, announced grants totalling \$37.2 million to deliver improved mobile coverage and quality of service through the Improving Mobile Coverage Round (IMCR) of the Mobile Black Spot Program.

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- Wreck Bay Village is one of the target locations of the IMCR. Telstra was the successful applicant for the delivery of a macrocell in Wreck Bay Village.
- Detailed questions on this work should be directed to the department's Communications and Media Group's appearance before the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee.

Wreck Bay housing

- In the 2023-24 Budget, the government announced \$23.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (total of \$45.1 million over eight years to 2031–32) to remediate residential housing in the Wreck Bay Village, Jervis Bay Territory.
- As the department has responsibility for providing state and local government-type services and related infrastructure in Jervis Bay, we are working closely with the National Indigenous Australian Agency (NIAA) and Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council (WBACC) to deliver these services.
- Questions about Wreck Bay housing should be directed to WBACC and the NIAA.

PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) in the JBT drinking water

- Defence has detected low levels of PFAS in the JBT. These levels are many times lower than the levels prescribed by the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.
- Since September 2020, monthly testing of JBT drinking water has been conducted by an independent laboratory, accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities and funded by the department. The results of the water testing are released to the community monthly as a newsletter and uploaded onto the department's website.
- Detailed questions on this matter should be directed to the Department of Defence.

Australian Capital Territory – information accurate as at 15/05/2024

- A merit-based selection process was undertaken for the appointment of Ms Karen Doran as Chief Executive of the NCA. Ms Doran commenced on 2 April 2024.
 - the Chief Executive is a statutory appointment made by the Governor-General under section 33 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988*.
 - the selection process was conducted in accordance with the Government's Merit and Transparency Policy¹. The panel was chaired by Mr David Mackay, Deputy Secretary, representing the Secretary, and comprised of:
 - Mr Terry Weber, NCA Chair;

¹ [Government's merit and transparency policy \(https://www.apsc.gov.au/working-aps/governments-merit-and-transparency-policy\)](https://www.apsc.gov.au/working-aps/governments-merit-and-transparency-policy)

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- Dr Rachel Bacon, the then Deputy Secretary, for Public Sector Reform within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (representing the Australian Public Service Commissioner);
- Mr Ben Ponton, ACT Chief Planner and Director-General of the ACT Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate; and
- Ms Maree Bridger, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts.

Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories

- On 21 March 2023, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, the Hon Kristy McBain MP referred an inquiry into fostering and promoting the significance of Australia's National Capital to the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories.
- The inquiry was announced on 22 March 2023 and submissions closed on 5 May 2023. Nine public hearings were held between June and September 2023 and the Committee received 47 submissions.
- The Committee's report, *A Capital for All Australians*, was tabled on 6 May 2024. The Committee made 21 recommendations. Senator David Pocock provided an additional 9 recommendations.
- The government is considering the report.

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Attachment A

National Capital Authority – Board members and Chief Executive

Appointment	Role	Appointment Start Date	Appointment End Date	Tenure
Karen Doran	Chief Executive	02/04/2024	01/04/2029	5 years
Terry Weber	Chair	13/06/2022	12/06/2025	3 years
James Wilson	Member	01/10/2020	30/09/2025	5 years
Jenny Smithson	Member	11/06/2020	10/06/2025	5 years
Helen Lochhead	Member	27/04/2023	26/04/2028	5 years

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SUBJECT: Norfolk Island Key Issues**Talking Points**

- The Norfolk Island Governance Committee (NIGC) has met regularly since its establishment on 18 October 2023. The NIGC was a commitment from Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, the Hon Kristy McBain to give the Norfolk Island community an avenue to provide input into Australian Government decisions directly affecting the island's community (**SB24-000065** refers).
- Freight security remains a key priority. A dedicated commercial sea freight service began in July 2023 and the freight situation is currently stable.
- The restriction on the import of live ruminants to Norfolk Island under the *Biosecurity Act 2015* is an issue of increasing importance to some residents of Norfolk Island. The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts is working with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to explore options to overcome this issue. In the meantime, the department has provided \$50,000 to the Mid-North Coast RDA to support an artificial breeding program for cattle.
- Funding was allocated in the 2023-24 MYEFO for the construction of a new residential aged care (RAC) facility on the site of the existing health service. The new build is anticipated to have 16 beds and to be completed in 2027.
- The department contracted KPMG to design the RAC facility, based on targeted community input, and to manage the approach to market. The amount of funding allocated has not been disclosed to avoid compromising the tender process.

Key PointsAir Services

- The government subsidises air freight services and underwrites passenger flight services from Australia to Norfolk Island.
- The air freight and passenger services ensure that essential transport and supply links are maintained for the benefit and health of the Norfolk Island community and visitors.
- The current contracted provider for air freight is Toll Remote, until January 2026.
- The current contracted provider for passenger air services is Qantas, until March 2026.
- Council recently tabled a report that considers options for future airport ownership. The Administrator has issued a statement on behalf of the government advising the community that no discussions on the transfer of assets will be entered into until there is an elected governing body in place. Council has released a clarifying statement that

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the report was in response to audit recommendations, and no action will be taken before the end of administration.

Sea freight

- In recent years, Norfolk Island's shipping service has not met demand for sea freight, with voyages heavily dependent on weather and vessel commitments elsewhere.
- From September 2022 to June 2023, the government subsidised Neptune Pacific Direct Line (NPDL), to run a barge service from Brisbane to Norfolk Island.
 - under this agreement, the department paid mobilisation and fuel costs totalling \$768,000 over seven voyages.
- During 2022, the government subsidised eight freight flights in addition to the regular air freight service. This allowed the continued delivery of critical goods such as animal feed, food and medical supplies while sea freight deliveries were disrupted.
- NPDL purchased a new vessel (the MV Norfolk) that has been providing a regular shipping service between Norfolk Island, Brisbane, and Auckland since June 2023.
 - this service is being run without any Government financial support.
- Freight allocations and tariff rates for sea freight are managed by NPDL's subsidiary, Transam Argosy. The allocations and rates are managed through commercial agreements with importers and freight agents. Importers and freight agents then sell portions of their wholesale allocations to retail customers.
 - the department has no access to the schedules of rates.

State Service Delivery

- The Australian and Queensland governments signed an Intergovernmental Agreement on State Service Delivery to Norfolk Island (IGA) on 22 October 2021.
- Discussions are ongoing about additional future services, subject to Queensland Government approval.
 - The department is currently negotiating a service delivery agreement for the provision of corrective services, following Queensland Parliament passing legislation on Tuesday, 21 May 2024, allowing for the detention of Norfolk Island prisoners in Queensland correctional facilities.

Airport Firefighter wage negotiations

- Employees of the Norfolk Island Airport Firefighting Service are in negotiations with Council to have salaries reflect those received by Airport firefighters on the mainland.
- Firefighters on Norfolk Island continue to work while negotiations continue.

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- it would not be appropriate for our department to discuss or make comments regarding the negotiations as they are between the Council and the Firefighters Union.

Water Quality

- Water quality in Emily Bay is a long-standing issue. The government, through the department and Parks Australia, is working closely with Norfolk Island Regional Council to improve water quality.
- Key projects and initiatives funded by the government include:
 - extension of the sewer system which will connect government buildings in KAVHA (\$7.2 million contracted to date);
 - conversion of septic tanks in KAVHA to holding tanks, and installation of alarms, to enable management of sewage while the sewer is constructed (\$0.5 million);
 - ongoing repair and maintenance of government septic tanks while transitioning to the sewer (\$0.28 million to date);
 - development of an extensive water quality monitoring program to understand key sources of pollution and inform future interventions (\$1.5 million);
 - design of a permanent weir and installation of leaky weirs in the Kingston catchment to reduce the flow of surface waters into the reef (\$47,000); and
 - maintenance and improvement work to Watermill Dam and the wash bay in Kingston to reduce erosion and pollution (\$0.37 million).
- These measures will reduce the contamination of both surface and ground water in the Kingston catchment, and ultimately the reef.
- Community awareness and education initiatives will be instrumental in making further improvements to water quality.

Live Ruminant Imports

- There are ongoing concerns from the Norfolk Island Cattle Association and farmers on Norfolk Island about the genetic health and diversity of their livestock.
- The department is in ongoing discussions with stakeholders, particularly the Cattle Association, including on-island meetings to explore concerns and options.
- Under the *Biosecurity Act 2015* (Cth), movements of live ruminants between Norfolk Island and mainland Australia are managed as international movements.
- The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's position is that due to the nature of various ruminant diseases, the biosecurity risks associated with importing live ruminants cannot be effectively managed. However, permits can be obtained to import

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ruminant reproductive material (semen and embryos) as it presents a sufficiently low risk.

- The Mid-North Coast RDA has begun an artificial breeding program to support the local cattle industry while the import restrictions can be reviewed, to which the department has contributed \$50,000.

Cruise ships

- The government lifted the ban on international cruise ships arriving at Australian ports on 17 April 2022. Cruise lines have been running services to Norfolk Island since November 2022.
- There are an estimated 18,000 passengers in 2024 and 20,300 passengers in 2025 expected to visit Norfolk Island via cruise lines.
- The department has built a hardstand storage area at Cascade Pier, where the Passenger Transfer Vessels will be located when not in use. Project budget is \$0.95 million overall, and \$0.69 million in FY 23-24.

NIRC Community Broadcasting Licence

- The Norfolk Island community broadcasting service is a crucial form of essential and accessible communications for the Norfolk Island community.
- The NIRC received an interim community broadcasting license to operate Radio Norfolk following changes to broadcasting legislation, which expired on 30 June 2023.
- The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) extended NIRC's community broadcasting licence for two years, which now expires on 16 June 2025.
- In November 2023, the NIRC issued an Expression of Interest to identify a community organisation that may potentially be suited to hold a community broadcasting licence. This process was not successful.
- The conditions around holding radio broadcasting licences are legislated, with strict conditions around ownership, transfer, and extension. The department has no legal powers under the relevant legislation to grant an extension, as the legislation is administered ACMA.
- Any further questions should be directed to NIRC or ACMA.

Norfolk Island Residential Aged Care Facility

- Funding was allocated in the 2023-24 MYEFO for the construction of a new residential aged care (RAC) facility on the site of the existing health service. The new build is anticipated to have 16 beds and to be completed in 2027.

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- Following a request for tender process, the department contracted KPMG to design the facility, based on targeted community input, and to manage the approach to market.
- The total cost of this contract was \$153,078.64

Background

- Since 1 July 2016, Norfolk Island residents have had access to government support payments and services including Medicare, the age pension, disability pension, child support and Newstart Allowance (now Jobseeker).
- The government has responsibility for delivering state-type services to Norfolk Island:
 - policing Services are provided by the Australian Federal Police;
 - the Queensland Government provides health support, apprenticeships and traineeships support and education services under an Intergovernmental Partnership Agreement. Queensland will begin delivering corrections services to Norfolk Island in 2024. The agreement establishes an enduring partnership to give stability and certainty in essential service delivery on Norfolk Island;
 - child protection and family wellbeing services, workers' compensation, ambulance and education support services are provided under contract with private sector organisations;
 - health and aged care services are delivered through a Service Delivery Agreement with the Norfolk Island Health and Residential Aged Care Service;
 - coronial and tribunal services are delivered by a statutory office holder; and
 - a number of state-type services are provided through an Agreement with the Council, including courts, legal services and port management.
- The government has made significant progress since 2016 on improving infrastructure and delivering essential services to the Norfolk Island community.

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SUBJECT: Norfolk Island Regional Council**Talking Points**Norfolk Island Regional Council (Council) and its responsibilities

- Following a Public Inquiry in 2021, the Councillors were dismissed and an Administrator, Mr Mike Colreavy, was appointed for a 3-year term to December 2024.
- The Administrator has all the functions of the Council, including all the functions of a Councillor and the Mayor. During this period, the Council is expected to undertake reforms to strengthen its operations, performance and financial sustainability.
- The Australian Government and Council remain committed to working together for the long-term, sustainable governance of Norfolk Island.

Rates and Waste Management Charges

- The government provided \$1.0 million of additional funding (\$200,000 for rates and \$800,000 for waste management) in both 2022-23 and 2023-24, to support the staged introduction of rates and waste management charges.
- A further \$1.0 million will be provided in 2024-25 to provide further support to transition from administration to a new government.

Key IssuesThe Council and its responsibilities

- The Council provides a broad range of local government services, including road maintenance and waste management.
- The Council also provides some state-type services, such as the operation of the Norfolk Island International Airport, telecommunications services, ports management and the electricity generation and distribution service.
- The Council expects to record a surplus of \$0.5 million in 2023-24. However, the goal of restoring working capital of \$8.0 million by December 2024, as recommended in the 2020 independent audit of the Council's financial performance, is unlikely to be met. This is a result of decreased profits in some business units and the challenges arising from some members of the community choosing not to pay rates and charges.

Ownership of the Norfolk Island International Airport

- Under the administration arrangements, Council is required to address the recommendations made in the 2020 independent audits. One of these recommended

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the transfer of ownership and management of the airport to the government. Mr Colreavy has now presented a proposal on this matter.

- The government's position is that any discussions or negotiations on the airport, or the transfer of any other assets between the government and Council, will not occur until a democratically elected local governing body is in place.

Rates and Waste Management Charges

- On 5 July 2022, and in response to community feedback, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, The Hon Kristy McBain MP and the Council Administrator agreed to stagger increases in rates and waste management charges over multiple financial years.
- The Council released its 2023-24 Operational Plan, including rates and waste management charges for public display and held a 7-week consultation period which ended on 1 June 2023.
- The Council released its draft 2024-25 Operational Plan for public consultation on 9 May 2024 and is seeking community feedback by 14 June 2024.

Energy Bill Relief Fund

- On 1 July 2023, eligible households and businesses received a one-off reduction to their energy bill through the Energy Bill Relief Fund. The funds were administered by NIRC at the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts' request.
- From 1 July 2024, eligible households and businesses will receive an additional one-off reduction to their energy bill through an extension to the Energy Bill Relief Fund, to be administered by NIRC again.
- The extension to the Energy Bill Relief Fund in 2024-25 will provide an \$300 rebate to eligible households and \$325 rebate to eligible businesses, totalling \$383,925.

BackgroundDismissal of elected members and appointment of Administrator

- In late 2020, the government received independent audit reports from Nexia Australia and Grassroots Connections Australia which made over 100 recommendations related to the Council's governance, financial performance, financial sustainability, and operations.
- On 3 February 2021, with regard to the two audit reports and submissions made by Council, the then Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories suspended the elected members.

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- On 9 February 2021, Ms Carolyn McNally was appointed as commissioner to conduct a Public Inquiry into the Council. The Public Inquiry report, presented on 4 November 2021, identified significant instances where the Council did not manage its finances in accordance with the principles of effective financial and asset management.
- On 6 December 2021, having regard to the Public Inquiry report, the then Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories dismissed the elected Councillors.
- On 6 December 2021, Mr Michael Colreavy was appointed as Council Administrator until December 2024.
 - Mr Colreavy, has served in local government and financial management roles for more than 37 years, including 12 years as a council general manager and 20 years as a member of a council executive management team.
- A detailed timeline of to events between NIRC and the Department is at **Attachment A**.

Council Rates and Waste Charges

- Until 2016-17, Norfolk Island property owners were not charged land rates. Initially, rates were introduced as non-value-based property levies, from 2018-19 an ad valorem component was added.
- Rates and charges are increasing from a very low base and the additional revenue is critical for the ongoing financial sustainability of the Council. A review of land values under the Land Valuation Act 2012 (NI) was undertaken in early 2022.
- Some in the Norfolk Island community are opposed to generating council revenue through rates. There are also concerns about the fairness of the allocation methodology.
- For the 2023-24 year, 1,862 assessments were issued with the first instalment due on 31 August 2023, the second instalment was due on 30 November 2023, and the third instalment was due on 29 February 2024.
- At end March 2024, there was a total debt of \$0.9 million, including debt outstanding from previous financial years. Total arrears are as follows:
 - arrears prior to 2023 rates - \$0.28 million;
 - arrears for 2023 rates - \$0.18 million;
 - 2024 first instalment - \$0.10 million;
 - 2024 second instalment - \$0.13 million; and
 - 2024 third instalment - \$0.22 million.

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- What follows is an extract from the May 2024 Receivables and Debt Collection Report that went to Council.
 - *“Rates Debt Collection Measures Overdue rates as at 26 April 2024 have decreased by \$86K since last reported at 22 March 2024.*
 - *This decrease is largely due to late payment of third instalments that were due on 28 February. Total arrears now stand at \$833,593 as follows.*
 - *Arrears prior to 2023 rates - \$283,613*
 - *Arrears for 2023 rates - \$183,398*
 - *2024 first instalment - \$102,432*
 - *2024 second instalment - \$133,432*
 - *2024 third instalment - \$130,718*
 - *These mounting debts are having an impact on Council's unrestricted cash position. There is a shortfall of just over \$450K in relation to the current financial year alone. As such, in an effort to collect this debt, a further 20 Civil Summons totalling \$110,000 have been issued during March 2024 with further legal action taking place during May 2024 and beyond to fit with the Court calendar.”*
- Council has previously supported payment plans for those experiencing hardship, with rebates also applying to eligible pensioners.

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A: Norfolk Island Regional Council / DITRDCA Events

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Attachment A

TIMELINE - NORFOLK ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL / DITRDCA EVENTS

Date	Activity
Feb 2021 – Apr 2024	Monthly meetings held between Ms Sarah Vandebroek, First Assistant Secretary (FAS), Territories Division and Interim Administrator, Michael Colreavy. Meetings were via teleconference or video conference, or face-to-face when Ms Vandebroek was on Norfolk Island.
7 Feb 2023	Minister McBain referred an inquiry to the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories, asking the Committee to inquire into and report on local government models and equitable revenue sources to support the Norfolk Island Regional Council. The Committee accepted the referral.
28 Mar 2023	Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories hearing held in Canberra, with DITRDCA Officials Mr David Mackay, Ms Sarah Vandebroek and Mr Aaron O'Neill attending before the Committee.
4-5 Apr 2023	<p>Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories hearing held on Norfolk Island. Appearances included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norfolk Island Council of Elders, • Norfolk Island People for Democracy, • Business Council of Norfolk Island, • Ms Robin Adams, • Norfolk Island Accommodation and Tourism Association, • Dr Chis Nobbs, • Ms Nadia Lozzi-Cuthbertson OAM, • Norfolk Island Regional Council, • Norfolk Island Law Association, • No Land Rates Group, • Norfolk Island Chamber of Commerce, • Ron Ward, • Dr Geoff Edwards.
14 Aug 2023	<p>Minister McBain, Ms Vandebroek and Mr Colreavy attended a teleconference to discuss the current progress of NIRC while under administration.</p> <p>The discussion focussed on whether more can be done to inform the NI Community about decisions; rates and charges with Council asking for the subsidy to continue; asset maintenance and prioritising.</p>

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SUBJECT: Norfolk Island Governance Committee & JSCNCET findings**Talking Points**

- The Norfolk Island Governance Committee (NIGC) has met regularly since it was established on 18 October 2023, both in person on Norfolk Island and by videoconference.
- The NIGC is a formal avenue for the Norfolk Island community to provide input into Australian Government decisions directly affecting the community.
- The primary role of the NIGC is to design a new bespoke model of local governance for Norfolk Island.
- The Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories (JSCNCET) released *Restoring Democracy: Report of the Inquiry into local governance on Norfolk Island* on 27 November 2023.
- The JSCNCET recommends that the recommendations contained in the report be referred to the NIGC for further consultation and refinement.
- The government response to the JSCNCET report was tabled in Parliament on 11 April 2024 and is available on the Senate web page.

Key IssuesNIGC

- The NIGC comprises 6 members:
 - the Norfolk Island Administrator: Mr George Plant;
 - a senior representative from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts: currently Ms Sarah Vandebroek, First Assistant Secretary, Territories Division;
 - a senior representative from the Queensland Department of the Premier and Cabinet: currently Ms Rachel Welch, Executive Director, Norfolk Island Taskforce; and
 - three community representatives: Mr Chris Magri, Ms Alma Davidson, and Ms Chelsea Evans.
- The NIGC community representatives were selected through an election held on 11 October 2023.
- The election was a non-statutory community election and voting was not compulsory.
- The NIGC agreed that the community representatives would nominate a single proxy to participate in meetings should any one of the community members not be available.
 - the community representatives agreed s22(1)(a)(ii) would be the proxy.

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Joint Standing Committee Inquiry into local governance on Norfolk Island

- The JSCNCET's report made 7 recommendations for re-establishing local democracy on Norfolk Island. Recommendations from the report are at **Attachment A**.
- Key recommendations include the development of a new, bespoke model of governance for Norfolk Island and reinstating a preamble into the *Norfolk Island Act 1979*.
- The Australian Government's Response to the JSCNCET report, tabled in Parliament on 11 April 2024, undertakes to work with the NIGC on the development of a new preamble and a proposal for a new model of governance for Norfolk Island.
- The NIGC has made progress on the design of a governance model, with the main point of contention being the extent to which the new governing body will have the power to make laws.
- The government expects to receive recommendations from the NIGC in early July 2024, for consideration and decision by August 2024.

Background

- In October 2022, the Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, the Hon Kristy McBain MP made a commitment to the Norfolk Island community to establish the NIGC.

NIGC election

- The department engaged the Australian Election Company (AusElect) to manage the election for the community representative roles. The total contract value was \$122,124.
- A specific electoral roll was established for the NIGC community election.
 - enrolment was not compulsory.
 - enrolment was open to all Norfolk Island community members over the age of 18 who had been normally resident on the island for one month prior to polling day (11 October 2023).
 - Australian residency was not a requirement to enrol.
- 12 candidates nominated to stand for election to the three positions.
- 1,129 formal ballots (in person and online voting) were made.

NIGC administrative arrangements

- The 3 NIGC community representatives have been appointed to the committee by the minister. These are paid, part-time roles.
 - NIGC community representatives will receive a remuneration package of up to \$49,640 per annum.

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- community representatives have received conflict of interest training.
- remuneration for community representatives is being funded from the department's existing administered appropriation for services to Norfolk Island.
- Community representatives will serve until a governance body is re-established on Norfolk Island, or for a maximum of 3 years. Currently, the expected timeframe to establish a new governing body on Norfolk Island is mid-2025 at the earliest.
 - this timeframe will be confirmed once government has made a decision on the model.

Joint Standing Committee Inquiry into local governance on Norfolk Island

- The JSCNCET received over 40 written submissions, including many from Norfolk Island community members.
- The department made a submission, which is available on the Committee web page.
- The JSCNCET held public hearings in Canberra on 28 March and 25 July 2023, and on Norfolk Island on 4-5 April 2023. The department appeared in Canberra on 28 March.

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Attachment A

Recommendations in the Restoring Democracy Report

1. The Committee recommends that the Norfolk Island Governance Committee incorporate into its terms of reference consideration of the development of a preamble for the establishing legislation that:
 - recognises the culture, traditions, heritage and history of Norfolk Island;
 - defines the nature of the relationship between Norfolk Island and Australia; and
 - sets out the shared aspirations for the future direction of the relationship.
2. The Committee recommends a new bespoke model of local governance for Norfolk Island, to be enacted through Commonwealth legislation after thorough community consultation to define some key aspects of the model.
3. The Committee recommends that the new governing body include both democratically elected and appointed members with specific expertise in public administration, and that:
 - the governing body consist of at least six members;
 - a majority of members be elected, with elected members holding the balance of power on the body;
 - the appointed positions be reserved for individuals with expertise in relevant matters of public administration, selected via a merit-based process that preferences qualified local community members where possible; and
 - capacity building be a key responsibility of the governing body to ensure that more Norfolk Islanders are qualified to hold future governance positions either in the governing body or local administration, and in the procurement of goods and services by the administration.
4. The Committee recommends that the Norfolk Island community have a say in the governing body, including that:
 - the recommendations contained in this report be referred to the Norfolk Island Governance Committee for further consultation and refinement;
 - this consultation and refinement result in a model that includes a clearly defined preamble for the establishing legislation, the size of the governing body, the specific expertise required by this governing body, and the revenue models to be incorporated into the establishing legislation; and
 - a binding, compulsory vote of registered voters on Norfolk Island is required to approve the final model determined by the Norfolk Island Governance Committee.

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5. The Committee recommends that the first elections for the new governing body should be held prior to December 2024.
 6. The Committee recommends that the governing body be adaptive and supportive of the unique local history and identity of Norfolk Island, and that:
 - the new Commonwealth legislation contain the form of the preamble developed by the Norfolk Island Governance Committee; and
 - the legislation contain provisions for periodic review to ensure that the governing body is adaptable and can meet the future needs and interests of both Norfolk Island and Australia.
 7. The Committee recommends that the responsibilities of the new governing body and the mechanism for local input into Commonwealth and State responsibilities be clearly defined following the restoration of local democracy on Norfolk Island, including that:
 - to ensure Commonwealth and State services meet local needs—the governing body should have a formal advisory role in relation to education, health, population strategy, heritage management, biosecurity, sea-freight and tourism;
 - the management of key historical sites of cultural importance to the local community be subject to joint management between the Commonwealth and the local community; and
 - these matters be incorporated into the terms of reference of the Norfolk Island Governance Committee for further local consultation and refinement.

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SUBJECT: City and Regional Deals**Talking Points**

- City and Regional Deals are a model of place-based investing in partnership between the 3 levels of government.
- The Australian Government is investing \$9.3 billion in 12 places through the City and Regional Deal model. This investment has leveraged an additional \$11.3 billion in co-investment from Deal partners.
- As at 31 March 2024, over \$4.0 billion (43%) of the government's contribution has been expended. Approximately \$5.3 billion (57%) remains to be expended.
- The Deals are made up of multiple commitments, each tailored to the unique needs of specific places. In total, across all 12 locations, there are 259 commitments which are made up of over 400 different projects.
- Of the 259 commitments, 99 commitments (38%) have been completed, 105 commitments (40%) are in progress¹ and 51 commitments (20 %) are ongoing².
- The majority of Deals and commitments are progressing well toward delivery, with a minority experiencing issues and delays that partners are working collaboratively to resolve.

NOTE

1. In progress: Construction (or equivalent) has commenced and is currently active.

2. Ongoing: Commitment is designed to be enduring and has no specified or measurable end date.

Key Issues

- There are 11 Deals currently in place, plus the Albury Wodonga Regional Projects.
- The 11 Deals are located in: Adelaide, the Barkly (Tennant Creek and surrounds), Darwin, Geelong, Hinkler (Bundaberg and Hervey Bay), Hobart, Launceston, Perth, Townsville, South East Queensland (SEQ) and Western Sydney.
- Deal commitments are funded and administered in a variety of ways, including through other government programs, state or territory governments, local governments and other organisations.
- Of the 259 Deal commitments, the City and Regional Partnerships Branch directly administers funding for 79 commitments (31%) under outcomes 3.1 and 3.3.
- Of the \$1.8 billion directly administered by the City and Regional Partnerships Branch, \$672.9 million (37%) has been spent.
- The Deals are all in different stages of delivery:

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- four Deals signed between 2016 and 2018 (for Townsville, Launceston, Western Sydney and Adelaide) are well progressed with more than half of commitments complete.
 - six Deals signed between 2018 and 2020 (Darwin, Hobart, Geelong, Barkly, Hinkler and Perth) are well into their implementation with between 20% and 40% of commitments complete.
 - two are still scoping projects in detail, having only recently entered into the implementation phase: South East Queensland and Albury Wodonga.
 - Some key issues related to the Deals include:
 - Barkly Regional Council under official management (Progress on Barkly Regional Deal (EC23-0005323 refers)*
 - following Barkly Regional Council being placed under official management on 17 October 2023 and the suspension of all elected members, the investigator's report into Council has been provided to the NT Government. It has also been provided to the suspended members with their response to the report required within 21 days of Council Ordinary meeting to be held 24 April. The minister's decision to reinstate or dismiss the members must be made prior to 17 October 2024.
 - Funding for Townsville Concert Hall*
 - a business case for a Townsville Concert Hall is complete, including a service needs assessment, site options analysis, peer review, financial feasibility, benefits realisation analysis and stakeholder engagement report. The business case is under consideration by the Australian Government in consultation with the Queensland Government and Townsville City Council. This has been delayed by Queensland Ministerial changes in late 2023 and the recent election of a new Mayor in Townsville.
 - Albury-Wodonga Regional Projects*
 - on 14 May 2024, the Australian Government approved three projects under the Gateway Island/Murray River Experience Commitment and the Advanced Manufacturing commitment. The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts has commenced negotiations with the NSW and Victorian Governments for new schedules to the Federation Funding Agreement – Infrastructure for the projects. The projects are:
 - Wodonga Creek precinct development (AG \$2.5 million): the precinct development against the Murray River will provide a range of natural and built areas, an upgraded road connection to enhance pedestrian/bike safety and access, as well as developing public art installation.
 - Oddies Creek Water Play Area in Albury (AG \$2.5 million): the project will provide a free and safe waterplay area close to the Murray River.

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- Phase 1 of an Advanced Manufacturing Centre of Excellence at Wodonga TAFE (AG \$2.0 million): the project will provide introductory programs and prototyping capabilities that will develop the skills to support advanced manufacturing technologies.

Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP) Strategic Review

- o twenty-one commitments within the deals have funding from the IIP. As an outcome from the IIP strategic review, the Northern Suburbs Transit Corridor (a project in the Hobart City Deal) will proceed through planning (\$2.5 million), with the remaining funding (\$22.5 million) set aside for construction. The other 20 commitments will continue as planned with the same or additional funding.

Background

- The majority of Deals and commitments are progressing well toward delivery. Detailed information about each Deal is contained in individual Deal Overview Briefs.

Departmental resourcing for Deal administration

- Through the 2024-25 Budget, the government provided \$12.6 million over 4 years to deliver the government's Urban Agenda. This includes funding to support the continuing administration and delivery of City and Regional Deal commitments and Albury-Wodonga Regional projects to their completion. These funds will also support appropriate governance and oversight to the Macquarie Point and Launceston urban renewal projects.

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Financial Information as at 31 March 2024

- This table includes budgets for commitments administered by City and Regional Partnerships Branch under outcomes 3.1 and 3.3 of the Portfolio Budget Statement and payments to state programs through Budget Paper 3.
- All figures are for Administered funding.

Program/Project Start Date:	2016					
Program/Project End Date:	2042					
	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	211.9	415.3	491.3	300.2	129.0	1547.6
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 31 March 2024	161.8	4.9				
Total Committed Funds at 31 March 2024	50.1	410.4	491.3	300.2	129.0	1380.9
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Committed funds relate to funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient

Attachments

A – Deal Facts and Figures

B – Media Coverage Summary

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DEAL FACTS AND FIGURES

Funding contributed to Deals by partner or DITRDCA program

Partner/Program	Commitment (\$)	% of total
Infrastructure Investment Program	6,623,357,333	32.0%
New South Wales Government	5,498,590,000	26.7%
City and Regional Partnerships	1,805,863,598	8.8%
Queensland Government	1,176,718,333	5.7%
Tasmanian Government	897,150,338	4.3%
West Australian Government	721,800,000	3.0%
Queensland Councils	595,962,121	2.9%
DCCEEW	518,051,057	2.5%
South Australian Government	512,000,000	2.5%
Edith Cowan University	360,000,000	1.7%
Northern Territory Government	326,575,000	1.6%
Victorian Government	292,100,000	1.4%
TasWater	133,200,000	0.6%
DEWR	131,445,000	0.6%
NSW Councils	118,550,000	0.6%

Partner/Program	Commitment (\$)	% of total
Community Development Grants Program	118,085,000	0.6%
University of Tasmania	109,342,735	0.5%
Tasmanian Councils	102,564,126	0.5%
National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation	100,000,000	0.5%
Port of Townsville Limited	71,800,000	0.3%
Department of Defence	45,969,000	0.2%
City of Perth	45,000,000	0.2%
Department of Social Services	30,000,000	0.1%
Curtin University	20,000,000	0.1%
Other - Industry	195,080,500	0.9%
Other - Australian Government	43,521,527	0.2%
Other - Councils	43,241,000	0.2%
Other - Tertiary Institutions	5,160,000	0.0%
Grand Total	20,675,101,243	100.0%

Deal timeframes

Earliest Announced (Townsville)	Earliest Signed (Townsville)	Latest End Date (SEQ)
Jun-2016	Dec-2016	Mar-2042

Commitment status

As at 31 March 2024

Commitment status	CRP funded	Not CRP funded	Total
Complete	16	84	100
Ongoing	10	39	49
In-progress	23	37	60
In Planning	30	20	50
Total	79	180	259

Australian Government expenditure

At 31 March 2024

Paid to date (\$)	Yet to pay (\$)	Total (\$)	Percent expended
4,054,874,901	5,295,790,259	9,350,665,160	43.36%

Note: Figures may not include payments by other Government departments/agencies and programs.

Australian Government budget over the forward estimates

As at 31 March 2024

2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28 on	Total
1,850,120,814	2,097,927,745	763,084,250	288,384,250	94,700,581	5,094,217,640

Note:

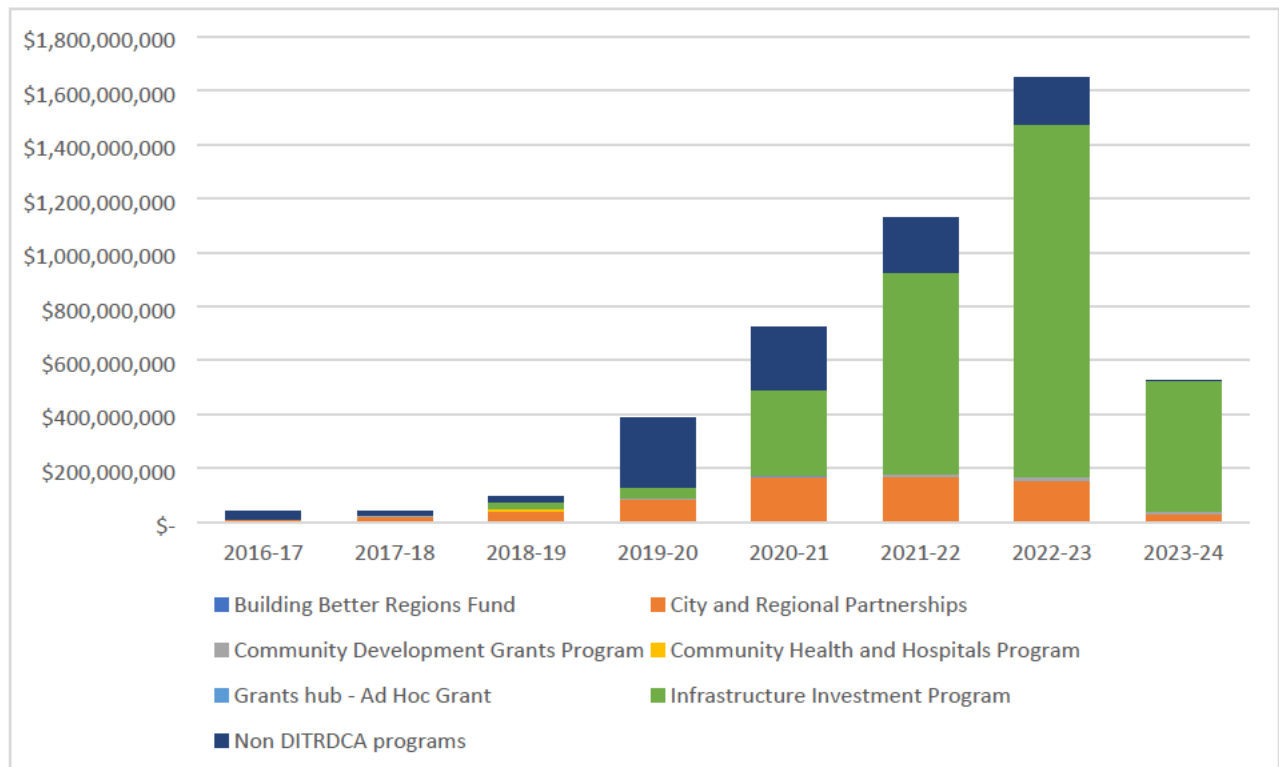
The Total budget does not equal the amount yet to pay from the Australian Government expenditure table. Reasons the two figures are not the same include:

1. Pending movement of funds from the 2023-24 financial year; and
2. Where other Australian Government agencies have not provided information on their budget.

Australian Government Deal Payments by Financial Year

Note: As at 31 March 2024

Note: Information is as provided by other Departments or other programs within the Department. It may not be complete.



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Attachment B

Media Coverage Summary

Hinkler Regional Deal

- The National Tribune 10 April 2024 – *Revolutionising Port of Bundaberg Export Hub*
[Revolutionising Port Of Bundaberg Export Hub | The National Tribune](#)

Article reports that the multi-use conveyor at the Port of Bundaberg was officially opened on 10 April 2024. The article notes that the Australian Government committed \$17.7 million to the project and that 335 jobs were supported.

- ABC Wide Bay Bundaberg Radio 11 April 2024 – *Breakfast with David Dowsett*

Radio segment noted that the Member for Hinkler, the Hon Keith Pitt MP, was not invited to the official opening of the multi-use conveyor at the Port of Bundaberg.

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SUBJECT: Macquarie Point Precinct**Talking Points**

- The Australian Government has made a capped commitment of \$240.0 million for urban development at the Macquarie Point precinct in Hobart.
- The government's funding commitment requires the Tasmanian Government to meet the conditions and expectations set out in the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP's letter to the Tasmanian Premier, Jeremy Rockcliff on 28 April 2023.
- A Macquarie Point Precinct Plan (Precinct Plan) has been developed by the Macquarie Point Development Corporation (MPDC). The draft version of the Precinct Plan is available at <https://www.macpoint.com/precinctplan>.
- To aid its consideration of the Precinct Plan, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts engaged a technical advisor to undertake a comprehensive review of the document.
- The next stage in development of the site will be the creation of a master plan.
- The proposed stadium at Macquarie Point has been designated a Project of State Significance (PoSS), with the aim of providing all Members of the Tasmanian Parliament an opportunity to participate in the planning process.
- In addition to the investment in the Macquarie Point precinct, the government has also committed \$65.0 million to deliver upgrades as part of the University of Tasmania (UTAS) Stadium Redevelopment Project in Launceston.
- Two separate schedules to the Federation Funding Agreement (FFA)—Infrastructure (FFA schedules) to enable funding of the Macquarie Point precinct urban redevelopment and the UTAS Stadium Redevelopment Project were signed by Minister King on 16 May 2024 .
 - The FFA schedule for Macquarie Point was counter-signed by the Tasmanian acting Minister for Sport and Events, the Hon Nick Duigan MLC on 17 May 2024.
 - The FFA schedule for UTAS Stadium is expected to be counter-signed by the end of May 2024.
- Both FFA schedules will be published on the Federal Financial Relations website.

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Key IssuesConditions and expectations for Macquarie Point Precinct

- Minister Catherine King has stipulated the funding of the Macquarie Point precinct is conditional on the following requirements:
 - The Tasmanian Government will upgrade Macquarie Wharf, with the immediate priority being Wharf 6, as well as delivering upgrades to Wharves 4 and 5 in due course. Additional questions in relation to wharf upgrades should be directed to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW); and
 - The Tasmanian government will ensure the delivery of housing at Macquarie Point, including a portion set aside as affordable, essential worker or social housing.
- In addition, the government expects the Tasmanian Government will:
 - produce a refreshed Precinct Plan for the site;
 - consider transport connectivity and accessibility in and around the site;
 - engage with community groups and all affected stakeholders including First Nations groups, RSL Tasmania and Hobart City Council;
 - maintain and enhance existing amenity of the site; and
 - ensure upgrades to UTAS Stadium are progressed as a priority.

UTAS Stadium Redevelopment Project

- The Australian and Tasmanian Governments are negotiating a FFA Schedule for the project. The works will include:
 - upgrades to the ribbon board and light towers around the stadium;
 - matchday upgrades;
 - new Centre-West Stand; and
 - new Eastern Stand.
- The Tasmanian Government has established a Steering Committee to oversee the upgrades at UTAS Stadium.
- The project is expected to be completed in 2027.

Funding

- The government's \$240.0 million investment will be delivered to the Tasmanian Government under a FFA schedule.
- The department has not received any requests from the Tasmanian Government seeking additional funding for this project. Preparing detailed cost estimates and managing any cost escalations are the responsibility of the Tasmanian government.

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- The government's \$65.0 million investment in the UTAS Stadium Redevelopment Project will be delivered to the Tasmanian Government under a FFA schedule. The Tasmanian Government is contributing \$65.0 million funding towards the project.

Exemption from Goods and Services Tax (GST) relativities

- The department is aware that the Tasmanian Treasurer wrote to the Treasurer in May 2023 seeking the Treasurer's agreement to exclude funding for the Macquarie Point precinct from the calculation of the GST relativities as part of the 2024 Update.
- Questions regarding GST relativities should be directed to the Treasury.

The Macquarie Point Precinct Plan Project Steering Committee (the Committee)

- The purpose of the Committee is to provide a forum for delivery partners and related officials to oversee and monitor progress to develop a draft precinct plan for Macquarie Point, which will include interaction with the Port of Hobart.
 - the Committee has met on 4 August, 29 August, 21 September, 13 October 2023 and 12 March 2024.
 - at the most recent meeting, the Committee formally supported the Precinct Plan. The department understands the Precinct Plan is now being considered internally by the Tasmanian Government prior to finalisation.
 - the Committee has agreed to consider amending its remit to include oversight of the upcoming master planning process for Macquarie Point.
- A second steering committee for a mixed-use stadium at Macquarie Point has been established, comprising senior representatives of the Tasmanian Government, Macquarie Point Development Corporation, Stadiums Tasmania and the Australian Football League. The Department is represented on this committee. The 5th meeting of this committee was held on 20 May.

Project of State Significance – Macquarie Point Stadium

- On 20 May 2023, the Tasmanian Premier announced the Tasmanian government would provide an opportunity for all Members of Parliament to participate in the planning process of the Macquarie Point precinct by requesting that the Governor declare the stadium a PoSS.
- The proposal for a multipurpose stadium at Macquarie Point was declared to be a PoSS by the Tasmanian Governor on 16 October 2023 in the State Policies and Projects Order 2023. The Tasmanian Parliament approved the Order on 8 November 2023.
- As a PoSS, the Tasmanian Planning Commission (the Commission) will undertake an integrated, independent assessment of the stadium component of the Macquarie Point

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precinct. The Commission has created a Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Panel to perform this assessment.

- On 16 February 2024, the Commission published guidelines for delivery of the Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium PoSS process.
- On 22 February 2024, the Commission contacted the MPDC seeking the preparation of reports which address the requirements of these guidelines. Once the required reports are submitted, the Commission will have 12 months to deliver its integrated assessment report to the relevant Minister.

Technical Advice

- On 2 November 2023, the department published a request for quote for the procurement of expert technical advice related to Macquarie Point precinct. This procurement process closed on 15 November 2023.
- On 8 December 2023, the department entered into a contract with SGS Economics and Planning Pty Ltd to provide expert technical advice on the Macquarie Point precinct plan and all other relevant planning documents, to support the commitment of government funding to the Macquarie Point redevelopment.

BackgroundWharf Upgrades at Macquarie Point

- The Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) of DCCEEW is continuing to work with TasPorts in relation to wharf upgrades at Macquarie Point.
- The department understands that commercial negotiations between AAD and TasPorts are continuing in relation to upgrades to Wharf 6, which is where RSV Nuyina is berthed.

Questions on Notice

- At the most recent Additional Estimates held in February 2024, Senator Nick McKim asked a number of questions in relation to climate related risks at the Macquarie Point precinct (SQ24-000168 refers). These questions and the Department's answers are included at **Attachment A**.

Financial Information as at 31 March 2024

Funding by financial year*:

Project	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	Total \$'000
UTAS Stadium upgrades	5,000	8,000	15,600	36,400		65,000
Macquarie Point precinct			80,000	100,000	60,000	240,000

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*There is a single line item of \$305.0 million in the 2023-24 Federal Budget for *Hobart and Launceston place based co-investments*

Attachments

A – Questions on Notice and responses: SQ24-000168

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Committee Question Number:

Departmental Question Number: SQ24-000168

Division/Agency Name: DIV - Partnerships and Projects

Hansard Reference: Written (19 February 2024)

Topic: Macquarie Point climate risk and vulnerability assessment

Senator Nick McKim asked:

The Australian Government has committed \$240 million in the 2023-24 budget for the redevelopment of Macquarie Point (Mac Point), a 9.3 ha flat, low-lying and open site on the Hobart waterfront.

1. Is the Australian Government actively contributing to the creation of a climate risk and vulnerability assessment to effectively prepare the Mac Point precinct for extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and other climate-related disturbances?
2. What is the Australian Government doing to evaluate climate-related risks for the Mac Point precinct and what risk treatments will be implemented?
3. Is any Australian Government funding or support for Mac Point contingent on planning for climate-related shocks or enacting climate-related risk mitigation?
4. Has the Australian Government committed to ongoing investment to develop and maintain engineered coastal defences to protect Mac Point from climate-related impacts?

Answer:

1. The redevelopment of the Mac Point precinct is being led by the Tasmanian Government's Macquarie Point Development Corporation (MPDC). The MPDC is currently finalising its Mac Point Precinct Plan (precinct plan) which outlines the vision for redevelopment of the precinct, including how sustainability will be managed. The precinct plan envisages a precinct that is adaptable and responsive to current and future climate risk and impacts.
2. Refer question 1.
3. Australian Government funding for the redevelopment of Mac Point precinct is contingent on the Tasmanian Government meeting a range of conditions and expectations as outlined in Minister Catherine King's letter to the Tasmanian Premier of 28 April 2023¹, including that the precinct plan be led by a suitably qualified planner. In addition, officials of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts are working with the MPDC and Tasmanian Government to ensure that the redevelopment of Mac Point meets all relevant planning approvals, including in relation to the environment.

¹ https://www.macpoint.com/_files/ugd/6fea93_95ed8fef0ba7498ab0c9eb9d1e66bcf8.pdf

4. No. The Government's contribution of \$240 million to the Mac Point redevelopment is capped.

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SUBJECT: Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility**Talking Points**

- The Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) plays a significant role in supporting the Australian Government's regional and northern Australia agendas.
- Under the *Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Act 2016* (the NAIF Act), all financing proposals are subject to consideration by the Minister for Northern Australia, the Hon Madeleine King MP (the Minister). The Minister, however, can only reject financing proposals on conditions prescribed by the NAIF Act.
- Members of the NAIF Board are appointed by the Minister for Northern Australian, the Hon Madeline King MP.
 - The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts is finalising an open merit expression of interest process to identify suitably experienced persons to fill vacancies occurring in June and November 2024.
 - this process will be a decision of government and will be announced by the Minister in due course.
- In December 2023, the minister and the Minister for Finance, Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, signed the *Northern Australia Investment Facility Investment Mandate Direction 2023* (the Investment Mandate).
- The 2024-25 Budget provides \$1.9 million to undertake a review of the *Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Act* (the Act).
 - details on the scope and design of the review will be a decision of Government and will be announced by the Minister in due course.

Key Issues

- Questions on the following should be referred to the NAIF:
 - NAIF projects (including troubled and impaired loans and composition of the investment pipeline)
 - data on NAIF investments (total investments today, forecast public benefit)
 - ongoing legal proceedings
 - NAIF staffing and operations

About the NAIF Review

- The 2024-25 Budget provides \$1.9 million to undertake a review of the NAIF Act.
- Section 43 of the NAIF Act mandates that the minister must commission a review of the Act as soon as possible after 30 June 2024, and:

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- consider whether the limit for financial assistance be extended beyond 30 June 2026;
 - review governance arrangements moving forward; and
 - provide the Minister for Northern Australia with a written report, to be tabled in the Parliament within 15 sitting days of receipt.
 - The scope, approach and terms of reference for the Review are a matter for government and will be announced by the Minister in due course.

About NAIF Board Appointments

- The NAIF Board is defined within the NAIF Act as consisting of Chair, 4-6 members and the Secretary or identified alternate(s) of the department.
- Under the Act, the minister is responsible for NAIF Board appointments.
 - these appointments are also significant appointments and as such are considered in accordance with the Cabinet handbook (s116b).
- Between June and November 2024, 6 current Board member appointments, including the Chair, are scheduled to expire.
- The government is committed to conducting an open and transparent merit-based selection process, to be facilitated through an executive recruitment agency, Directors Australia.
- Directors Australia undertook an open merit EOI process.
 - the EOI was opened between 1 March 2024 and 2 April 2024.
 - the current Chair and eligible Board members were formally written to by the minister and encouraged to reapply.
 - a total of 318 applications were received.
- The department established a Review Panel to consider the advice from Directors Australia.
 - the Review Panel included three Senior Executives (two from DITRDCA and one from the Department of Finance).
 - departmental Officials nominated as Secretary Delegates were not involved in making recommendation to the minister due to potential conflict in their appointments as Board members.
- The final decision on Board Appointees is a decision of government and will be announced by the minister in due course.

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Background

- The NAIF came into being on 1 July 2016 as a Corporate Commonwealth Entity under the NAIF Act.
- The duties of the minister are set out in the NAIF Act, including:
 - under Part 4 of the NAIF Act, all NAIF financing proposals are subject to the consideration of the minister;
 - under section 11(3) of the NAIF Act, the receipt of a proposal notice triggers the 21-day consideration period, which may be extended to 60 days by issuing a written notice to the NAIF;
 - the minister may only issue a rejection notice (aka veto) during the legislated consideration period or advise the NAIF that the minister is not issuing a rejection notice;
 - under section 11(5) of the NAIF Act, a proposal can be rejected only if the minister is satisfied providing financial assistance would be inconsistent with the objectives and policies of the government; have adverse implications for Australia's national and domestic security; or have an adverse impact on Australia's international reputation or foreign relations;
 - should the minister decide financial assistance should not be provided, the minister must table a rejection notice in each House of the Parliament.
- Under Section 9 of the NAIF Act the responsible ministers must, by legislative instrument, give directions to the NAIF Board about the performance of the NAIF's functions.
 - the Investment Mandate was finalised and issued in December 2023.
- On 14 December 2023, the minister and Minister for Finance issued the Northern Australia Investment Facility Investment Mandate 2023 (Investment Mandate).
 - the new Investment Mandate was registered in the Federal Register of Legislation on 14 December 2023, commencing the following day and replacing the previous Investment Mandate issued in 2021.
 - the Investment Mandate was tabled in the Parliament on 6 February 2024
- NAIF is not directly appropriated as it is a Corporate Commonwealth Entity. Appropriations are made to the department, which are then paid to NAIF and are considered 'departmental' for all purposes.
 - resourcing from the Government for NAIF in 2023-24 is approximately \$22 million.
 - the Average Staffing Level for NAIF within the Portfolio Budget Statement is 1.0 (representing the CEO).

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SUBJECT: Middle Arm and Regional Logistics Hubs**Talking Points**

- In the October 2022-23 Budget, the Australian Government committed \$1.9 billion in planned equity to support the development of the Middle Arm Sustainable Development Precinct (Middle Arm) and Regional Logistic Hubs along key transport links.
- These projects are led by the Northern Territory (NT) Government, as the project proponent.
 - the NT Government is responsible for project planning including adhering to the Infrastructure Australia (IA) business case process and progressing environmental approvals under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act*.
 - the Australian Government is not in negotiations nor discussions with proponents interested in Middle Arm.
- The government's investment in common-use enabling infrastructure will give all potential users in the market the opportunity to develop, rather than a particular company or industry.
- Government investments into these projects is provisioned in the Contingency Reserve and will remain within the Contingency Reserve until the Government has made a final equity investment decision.
- The government's planned investments will be considered in line with its robust Commonwealth Investment Framework.
- On 5 September 2023, the Senate referred an inquiry into Middle Arm to the Senate Environment and Communications References Committee. On 4 April 2024, the Committee presented a progress report requesting an extension to report from 30 April 2024 to 13 August 2024.
 - public hearings occurred in Darwin on 10 and 11 April 2024.
 - no government agencies were invited to appear at the Darwin Hearings.

Key Issues*Status of the government's planned investments*

- In the October 2022-23 Budget, the government provisioned funding in the Contingency Reserve to make planned equity investments into these projects.
 - this decision does not constitute a final investment decision and the government continues to consider its investment in line with the Commonwealth Investment Framework (RMG308).
 - this process requires the NT Government, as project proponent, to progress the projects via IA Assessment Framework, including detailed explanation of the full

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costs, benefits and risks (including legal risks); and work in partnership with the NT Government to develop a fit-for-purpose governance structure and delivery vehicle to support the implementation of the Australian Government's planned equity investments into these projects.

- During the 2024 Budget Estimates hearings, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts advised that while there was no timeline for resolving this work, it was hoped that it would be resolved before the end of 2023.
 - as key inputs, such as detailed business cases and relevant commercial advice, remain under development by the NT Government, the timing of a final decision by the Australian Government on the nature of the equity investment is not known.

Status of the project planning by the NT Government

- Planning for these projects by the NT Government remains at an early stage.
 - this was confirmed by Chief Minister Lawler during her appearance of 11 April 2024 at the Senate Environment and Communications Committee public hearings into their Middle Arm Inquiry.
- Strategic Environmental Assessments under the NT *Environmental Protection Act 2019* and the Commonwealth *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* is being undertaken.
 - the final assessment is not expected to be completed before 2025.
- The Australian Government anticipates the NT Government's plans for Middle Arm and the Regional Logistics Hubs will continue to evolve as these processes remain ongoing.

NT Government's consultation with Larrakia people

- As the project proponent, engagement with the community including traditional owners is a matter for the NT Government.
- The government notes evidence heard by the Senate Environment and Communications Committee during their public hearings into Middle Arm regarding engagement to date.
 - NT Chief Minister Lawler stated that this work is ongoing .
- Further questions about the engagement and consultation are best directed to the NT Government.

Status of Infrastructure Australia assessment process – Middle Arm

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- In 2020, the NT Government submitted a Stage 1 Business Case for Middle Arm to Infrastructure Australia (IA). The proposal was first added to the Infrastructure Priority List on IA's website as a Stage 1 listing on 26 February 2021.
- In August 2023, the Middle Arm Stage 2 Business Case was assessed by IA.
- These business cases will help provide information required by the government to make an informed final equity investment decision.
 - questions about the Infrastructure Australia Assessment Framework should be referred to Infrastructure Australia.
 - questions about the status of the NT Government's Stage 3 Business Case Submission should be referred to NT Government.

Status of Infrastructure Australia assessment process – Regional Logistics Hubs

- In 2023, the NT Government submitted a Stage 1 Business Case for 'Northern Territory freight rail and logistics capacity improvements' to Infrastructure Australia (IA). The proposal was first added to the Infrastructure Priority List on IA's website as a Stage 1 listing on 26 April 2023.
- According to IA next steps, the NT Government is undertaking an infrastructure audit to support an evidence base and development of potential investment options for Regional Logistics Hubs (Stage 2 of Infrastructure Australia's Assessment Framework).
- These business cases will help provide information required by the government to make an informed final equity investment decision.
 - questions about the Infrastructure Australia Assessment Framework should be referred to Infrastructure Australia.
 - questions about the status of the NT Government's Stage 2 and 3 Business Case Submission should be referred to NT Government.

Public integrity concerns raised about the government's \$1.5B planned investment (Dragoman and 'In Whose Interest?', the Centre for Public Integrity, 11 April 2024)

- Any evidence of corruption should be referred to the National Anti-Corruption Commission.
- The department has previously advised in previous Senate Estimates Hearings that it has not attended meetings with Dragoman Global relating to Middle Arm.

Potential tenants at Middle Arm

- The government has not engaged nor negotiated with any tenants interested in Middle Arm.
- Middle Arm is intended to be a mixed-use precinct. The success of Middle Arm is not predicated on any particular tenant or industry accessing the site.

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- In June 2023, the NT Government announced that they had issued 12-month exclusivity agreements ('Not to Deal' Commitments) with five potential tenants at Middle Arm:
 - TEH2 (green hydrogen production using solar energy);
 - Fortescue Futures Industries (green hydrogen hub, comprised of green hydrogen and green ammonia production);
 - Tivan (vanadium oxide production);
 - Tamboran Resources Limited (natural gas from the Beetaloo Basin); and
 - Avenira (lithium-ferro-phosphate cathode manufacturing, which will manufacture pre-cursor battery cathode materials from critical minerals).
- Before accessing Middle Arm, all tenants will be required to adhere to all commercial and regulatory approval processes.
 - questions about tenants are best directed to NT Government.

Potential Environmental and Health Impacts of Middle Arm

- The department is aware there are community concerns regarding the potential environmental and health impacts of Middle Arm.
- On 31 March 2022, the Minister for the Environment and Water and the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory agreed to undertake a Strategic Assessment of Middle Arm.
 - the Strategic Assessment includes assessment under both the NT Environment Protection Act 2019 and the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.
 - On 12 December 2023, the NT Government announced that the Australian Government had approved the Terms of Reference for the Strategic Assessment, including what must be included in the environmental impact study to ensure the possible impacts of the development are correctly measured and assessed.
 - The department is not a party to this process and questions about environmental approvals should be referred to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW).

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SUBJECT: \$565 Million Common User Upgrades into the Pilbara Ports

Talking Points

- The 2022-23 October Budget included \$565.0 million to support common user port upgrades at Port Lumsden and Dampier in the Pilbara including:
 - additional common user infrastructure at Lumsden Point at the Port of Port Hedland, to support forecast growth in demand for minerals key to the battery and electric vehicle markets and the import of equipment required to grow the hydrogen and renewable industry.
 - upgrades to common user port infrastructure in Dampier which will build capacity for critical mineral and renewables export.
- The Federation Funding Agreement (FFA) – Infrastructure Schedule for the \$565.0 million investment was signed by the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government on 7 December 2023 and counter signed by the Hon David Robert Miles, WA Minister for Ports, on 18 January 2024.
- As at 15 May 2024 the Australian Government has provided \$20.0 million via the FFA Schedule.

Key Issues

- The common user port upgrades will support forecast growth in demand for minerals key to the battery and electric vehicle markets and the import of equipment required to grow the hydrogen and renewable industry, along with increasing capacity for critical mineral and renewables export, helping to position northern Australia to take advantage of these new economic opportunities benefiting communities and industries.
- The initial stages of both projects commenced in 2023 funded by the Western Australian Government, the next phase of development supported by the Australian Government funding is underway at Lumsden Point following construction of the sea walls, bund walls and causeway, with the works at Dampier for the Dampier Cargo Wharf Link Bridge scheduled to begin 2025.
- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts maintain regular contact with WA Government Stakeholders to monitor the progress of implementation.
- As at 15 May 2024 the government has provided \$20.0 million via the FFA Schedule, with the successful completion of the first two milestone payments under the Schedule including:

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- Milestone 1 (\$5.0 million) – government acceptance and approval of: Business Case, and Provision of a project plan that is inclusive of, costings, scope of expenditure and; a defined works schedule; and
- Milestone 2 (\$15.0 million) – government acceptance and approval of: Award of Dredging Tender and; Progress Report.

Progress of Lumsden Point Development

- The development of the Lumsden Point General Cargo Facility, includes common-user infrastructure of an additional two berths on the southern side of the existing port of Port Hedland, with associated landside logistics facilities.
- Works on the Lumsden Point commenced ahead of the finalisation of a funding agreement with the WA Government.
- Pilbara Ports report that the project is progressing well.
- The department visited Lumsden Point on 19 February 2024.

Progress of Dampier Port Upgrades

- The common user upgrades include construction of the Dampier Cargo Wharf Link Bridge connecting the Dampier Bulk Handling Facility to the Dampier Cargo Wharf and major upgrade works on the Dampier Cargo Wharf.
- The related works on the Dampier Bulk Handling Facility are underway, Pilbara Ports have advised implementation is progressing ahead of schedule.
- The department visited Dampier on 19 February 2024.

Background

- Pilbara Ports, who are responsible for meeting the milestones, is a WA Government Trading Enterprise; therefore, the WA Government have existing arrangements to facilitate the pass-through of the government funding.
- In October 2023, Infrastructure Australia (IA) evaluated the business case for the Lumsden Point development as a funded proposal in accordance with IA's Statement of Expectations, which requires IA to evaluate where \$250 million or more in government funding is committed.
 - the proposal was first added to the *Infrastructure Priority List* as an Early stage proposal, *Port Hedland port capacity*, in 2020. It was updated in February 2021 to *Pilbara ports capacity* recognising the capacity constraints across the network of ports in the Pilbara, based on a WA Government submission. The proposal has now been removed from the *Infrastructure Priority List* as it is considered fully funded.

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- The government's commitment in the Pilbara reflects previous commitments under the former Energy Security and Regional Development Plan (announced but not legislated as part of the March 2022-23 Budget).
 - A bund wall is enclosure around oil and chemical tanks or drums that provide emergency containment in the event of failure of the tank or drum.
 - General questions regarding Lumsden Point or Dampier Ports are covered under Outcome 2 (Program 2.1).

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Financial Information as at 15 May 2024

Program/Project Start Date:	2023-24					
Program/Project End Date:	2028-29					
	2022- 23 \$m	2023- 24 \$m	2024- 25 \$m	2025- 26 \$m	2026- 27 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Appropriation Budget	0	0	0	0	0	0
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 15 May 2024	0	20				
Total Committed Funds at 15 May 2024	0	69.3	202.8	167.9	0	440
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Committed funds relate to funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient.

* This FE profile is the outcome of recent to MoF request and subject to agreement with DOF and WA Government – it is part of the \$698.1m measure in budget paper 2 for port infrastructure in the Pilbara, Port of Newcastle and Port of Bundaberg - the measure in Budget paper 2 is part of an aggregate profile for all new regional programs and does not include the \$1.9 billion planned equity investment for Northern Territory that has been allocated CR (\$1.5 billion for Marine Infrastructure and \$440 m for Regional Logistics Hubs). (PBS 2022-23 - Budget Related Paper No. 1.12 DITRDCA Table 2.3.3 Program components for outcome 3 - Page 59)

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SB24-000071

SUBJECT: Central Australia Plan – Community Infrastructure Package

Talking Points

- The 2023-24 Budget provided \$50.0 million for a Community Infrastructure Package (the Package) under the *A Better, Safer Future for Central Australia* initiative.
- The Package is supporting the construction of new, or upgrades to existing, community infrastructure that fills an identified need for the community or for projects that provide economic and social benefits by improving community amenity and liveability in Central Australia.
- The Package has been developed in partnership with the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA), the Office of the Central Australia Regional Controller (OCARC), and the Northern Territory (NT) Government.
- Its design is based on advice received from the Central Australia Plan Aboriginal Leadership Group (ALG).
- On 8 March 2024, the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government and the Hon Chansey Paech, Deputy Chief Minister of the NT announced the first 9 projects (representing \$5.2 million) under the Package.
- The second tranche of projects is anticipated to be announced in July 2024.

Key Issues

Package implementation

- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts is delivering the Package in partnership with the NT Government Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, through a Schedule to the *Federation Funding Agreement (FFA) – Infrastructure*.
- The FFA Schedule was signed by Minister King on 19 December 2023 and by the NT Deputy Chief Minister on 15 January 2024.
- The FFA Schedule makes funding available to the NT Government at two different milestones. The first payment is 50% of the approved funding when Projects Plans are approved by NT Government and the Australian Government, and the second is the remainder of the approved funding, paid when a Project Completion Report is accepted and approved by a government official.

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- As at 15 May 2024 the government has paid \$2,632,675 (of the \$5.2 million for agreed projects) under the FFA Schedule to the NT Government.

Package design

- On 9 May 2023, the government committed to 'listen to Central Australian Communities and work with them to identify priority projects' via the establishment of an ALG to 'work alongside existing community leadership and governance arrangements across the region to provide advice on the next steps'.
- Since then the department has been working closely with the ALG to understand community infrastructure needs and considerations.

Funding is only available to communities outside of Alice Springs and only makes funding available to local governments

- The ALG advised the government of their preference that this funding be made available to communities outside of Alice Springs, noting the significant existing and planned infrastructure investments into the Alice Springs Regional Council area.
- In consultation with the NT Government, it was determined that providing funding to the local governments via an existing NT Government mechanism would provide the most efficient approach to getting projects delivered in the community.
- The program is designed to allow the Councils to partner with other asset owners in the development of projects.
- The government will continue to work with the ALG to ensure the Package is fit for purpose and continues to meet the needs of the Central Australia Community.

Tranche 1 projects

- The projects include:
 - A playground upgrade in Atitjere
 - A new playground in Engawala
 - Oval lights (for the training field) in Laramba
 - A new play system in Nturiya
 - Change rooms in Pmara Jutunta
 - Oval lights in Ti Tree
 - A half basketball court in Wilora
 - Oval lights in Kintore
 - Oval lights in Titjikala

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- In early 2023, the NIAA, OCARC and the NT Government undertook extensive consultation across the Central Australia region to identify community needs.
- This process developed a robust list of potential infrastructure priorities.
- MacDonnell Regional Council and Central Desert Regional Council were invited to identify potential 'investment ready' projects from these priorities.
- The department worked closely with the ALG to seek their input to ensure the identified projects remained community priorities or were unable to be funded through other mechanisms.

Status of identifying Tranche 2 projects

- Tranche 2 of the Package makes \$30.0 million available in 2024-25 and 2025-26.
- The ministers media release of 8 March 2024 noted that:
 - the second tranche of projects is anticipated to be announced in May 2024.
- Tranche 2 projects will be a decision of the Australian and NT governments; it is anticipated that the list of projects for Tranche 2 will be announced in July 2024.

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Financial Information as at 31 March 2023

The FFA Schedule commits a maximum of \$50 million over four financial years under three tranches:

- an initial tranche (approximately \$5 million) of specified projects;
- a second tranche (approximately \$30 million) of projects to be determined in 2024;
- a third tranche (approximately \$15 million) of projects to be determined in 2026.

	2023-24 (\$m)	2024-25 (\$m)	2026-27 (\$m)	2027-28 (\$m)	Total (\$m)
Original profile – 2023/24 Budget	0.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	50
Revised agreed profile – MYEFO	5	15	15	15	50
Revised agreed profile – 31 March 2024	2.6	17.4	15	15	50

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SB24-000072

SUBJECT: Northern Australia Agenda**Talking Points**

- Developing Northern Australia is critical to the prosperity, security and future of our nation as a whole. The Australian Government is committed to delivering sustainable and resilient growth in the North.
- In the 2023-24 Budget, the government announced a refresh of the *2015 Our North, Our Future: White Paper on Developing Northern Australia* (the White Paper) and the development of the Northern Australia Action Plan (Action Plan) to be delivered in 2024.
- The Northern Australia Action Plan will update the government's northern Australia agenda and respond to contemporary economic, social and environmental challenges and opportunities, including: the government's new Future Made in Australia strategy, commitment to transition to net zero and the ongoing commitment to working with our First Nations people.
- A review of the Northern Australia Indigenous Development Accord (the Accord) was delivered to government in early 2024 (refer **SB24-000073**). Outcomes of the Accord Review will inform the development of the Action Plan.
- Stakeholder engagement on the White Paper refresh and Accord was ran from September 2023 to March 2024, with stakeholders across northern Australia engaged through various forums, meetings and a survey to understand the issues and priorities.

Key IssuesRole of the Office of Northern Australia (ONA)

- ONA is the government's coordination and expertise hub for northern Australia development issues and provides advice across government to support sustainable economic and social development in the north and ensure policy development considers the unique challenges and opportunities of the north.
- ONA is undertaking the White Paper Refresh and development of the Action Plan.
- ONA provides secretariat support to Northern Australia Ministerial Forum (NAMF) and the Northern Australia Indigenous Reference Group (IRG) which are our primary governance mechanisms to support government engagement in northern Australia.
- ONA works closely across the rest of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts and across other portfolios to ensure that new policies and programs consider the unique opportunities and challenges of the north.

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Governance*Northern Australia Ministerial Forum (NAMF) (refer EC24-000511)*

- NAMF brings together ministers from the government and northern jurisdictions (Queensland, Western Australia, and Northern Territory) to develop shared government priorities for liveable, safe, sustainable and healthy communities in the north.
- Current NAMF members are as follows:
 - Hon Madeleine King MP, Minister for Northern Australia (Chair)
 - Hon Linda Burney MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians
 - Hon Glenn Butcher MP, Minister for Regional Development (Queensland)
 - Hon Don Punch MLA, Minister for Regional Development (Western Australia)
 - Hon Eva Lawler MP, Northern Territory Chief Minister, Minister for Territory Development (Northern Territory)
- NAMF has agreed on 14 priorities based around the themes of human capital, enabling infrastructure, and economic development and diversification.

Northern Australia Indigenous Reference Group (IRG)

- The Northern Australia IRG advises the government on maximising benefits and implementation outcomes for Indigenous Australians in its Northern Australia agenda.
- The IRG has identified seven priority areas requiring further exploration to practically improve Indigenous economic development in Northern Australia (refer SB24-000073).

Refresh of the White Paper (refer EC24-000511)

- The 2023-24 Budget included the government's commitment to a refresh of the White Paper and the development of a new Action Plan to be delivered in 2024. The White Paper refresh is an opportunity to realign efforts to the agreed NAMF priorities and focus delivery for the next 5 years.
- The White Paper remains the cornerstone document in the government's developing Northern Australia agenda.
- The refresh has been endorsed by NAMF and is a collaborative effort between the government and northern jurisdictions. ONA has undertaken targeted stakeholder engagement to identify the contemporary the issues and priorities for northern Australia. This engagement is informing the Action Plan.

Outcomes of the Budget 2024-25 (refer EC23-005334)

- For northern Australia, the 2024-25 Budget included measures to support the resources sector; housing in the Northern Territory; critical road upgrades; upgrades for Defence

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bases in North Queensland; a new medical school in Darwin; measures through the Central Australia Plan and countering illegal foreign fishing in north Western Australia.

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SB24-000073

SUBJECT: Northern Australia Indigenous Reference Group**Talking Points**

- Improving the prosperity of First Nations people and communities is central to the success of the northern Australia agenda, which aligns with the Australian Government's commitment to Closing the Gap.
- The Northern Australia Indigenous Reference Group (IRG) advises the Minister for Northern Australia, the Hon Madeleine King MP and the Minister for Indigenous Australians, the Hon Linda Burney MP on practical actions to enhance the economic and social prosperity of First Nations people in northern Australia.
- A review of the Northern Australia Indigenous Development Accord (the Accord) commenced in October 2023, which included stakeholder engagement with key First Nations organisations and individuals across northern Australia
- Outcomes of the Accord Review will inform the development of the Northern Australia Action Plan (due to be released later in 2024).

Key Points*Northern Australia Indigenous Reference Group*

- The IRG has identified seven priority areas to practically improve Indigenous economic development in northern Australia. These are:
 - Indigenous businesses have financial sustainability, factoring in unique northern Australia circumstances;
 - Indigenous businesses and communities in the north are connected, and thriving;
 - clear economic participation pathways to meet people where they are at in northern Australia;
 - regional and remote Indigenous businesses and communities have the connectivity to compete in the broader economy;
 - Indigenous people's basic needs are met in northern Australia through improved social infrastructure;
 - local economic opportunities are maximised to support Indigenous economic development; and
 - strong Indigenous economic leadership in northern Australia.
- The Minister for Northern Australia last met the IRG in Mount Isa in February 2024, and has met with the group 5 times since coming to office. The IRG meet quarterly. The next meeting is scheduled for 22 and 23 May 2024 in Alice Springs.
- The IRG have met with Ministers and key government officials to discuss their perspectives on the identified priority areas. They have tendered submissions to nine

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government inquiries, commented on draft government grant guidelines and attended a public hearing.

Review of the Northern Australia Indigenous Development Accord

- The Accord is an intergovernmental agreement focused on progressing Indigenous economic development in northern Australia.
- The Accord review found that there had been significant progress at both levels of government to address the Accord outcomes, however, further pan-northern collaboration and government attention on Indigenous economic development is required.
- Further detail on the Accord Review consultations and outcomes are at **EC24-000565**.

Background

- IRG members are accomplished First Nations Australians from the north. Their selection is considered against geographic spread, gender diversity and industry representation.
- IRG members were initially appointed for a period of two years to December 2023. The Minister for Northern Australia recently extended the tenure of the group for 12 months to December 2024.
- The minister approved two recent appointments to the membership of the IRG. Ms Mills from Western Australia in December 2023 and Ms Warrior from the Torres Strait Islands in February 2024.
- The IRG consists of 8 members:

Members	Key Industry Experience
Mr Colin Saltmere (Chair) (QLD)	Civil construction. Hospitality, Catering, Labour hire and Training
Mr Jerome Cubillo (NT)	Not-for-profit, Government, Business networks
Ms Tara Craigie (NT)	Agriculture
Mr Troy Fraser (QLD)	Local and State government
Mr Peter Jeffries (WA)	Mining, Consulting Indigenous Engagement
Ms Gillian Mailman (QLD)	Electrical and Telecommunications
Ms Ninielia Mills (WA)	Indigenous Organisations
Ms Flora Warrior (TSI)	Aquaculture, Micro-Finance

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SB24-000074

SUBJECT: National Urban Policy**Talking Points**

- In the 2023-24 Budget, the Australian Government announced the *National Approach for Sustainable Urban Development*, including establishing a Cities and Suburbs Unit (CSU) to deliver a new National Urban Policy (Policy).
- The government has a key role to play in bringing together all levels of government to act to address urban challenges in a coordinated way.
- The Policy will present a shared government vision for the sustainable growth of our cities, as tasked by National Cabinet to Planning Ministers Meeting in 2023.
- The Policy aims to progress 5 key government goals: that our cities and suburbs are more liveable, equitable, productive, sustainable and resilient.
- On 26 May 2023, the Minister of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP appointed members to the Urban Policy Forum to inform development of the National Urban Policy.
- The CSU has undertaken targeted engagement with a range of stakeholders to inform the development of the draft Policy. This includes:
 - relevant government agencies;
 - state and territory governments, via the Planning Ministers' Meeting and Heads of Planning Group;
 - local governments, via direct engagement with the Australian Local Government Association and the Council of Capital Cities Lord Mayors; and
 - Urban Policy Forum and a broader group of urban and industry experts, via an Urban Policy Network.
- Public consultation on the draft Policy commenced on 23 May 2024 and closes on 4 July 2024.
 - this will provide an opportunity for all interested stakeholders to have a say on the roles that governments, industry and the community have to play in improving our cities and suburbs.
- Timing for the release of the final Policy is a matter for government.

Key Issues

- The Policy includes five key goals for our urban places. The goals were based on the three from the 2011 National Urban Policy (productivity, sustainability, liveability), with the addition of equity and resilience following targeted stakeholder discussions.

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- The Policy seeks to provide an urban lens, to view future government policies, programs and investment, and ensure they are supporting sustainable growth in urban places.
- This will be facilitated by cross-portfolio engagement on urban policy matters at the government level.
- The Policy recognises the respective roles that all levels of government and industry have to play in improving urban planning policy and delivery.
- It will cover topics raised during the targeted consultations and considered by the government as useful to present for broader public feedback, such as urban planning, housing, infrastructure, jobs and skills, and the environment.
- The Policy will complement a broad range of strategies, policies, reports and frameworks, including the government's Regional Investment Framework and Infrastructure Policy Statement.
- Whether the Policy will include specific funding commitments is a matter for government.
- Programs such as Thriving Suburbs and urban Precincts and Partnerships are part of the implementation of National Urban Policy through investment in urban infrastructure that connects people and communities to services and opportunities to improve liveability and inclusion.

Stakeholder consultation

- The Policy was discussed at the 27 July 2023 and 22 February 2024 Planning Ministers' Meetings.
- Through the Heads of Planning officials-level group and a newly established Interjurisdictional Working Group, state and territory governments have been invited to provide feedback on the scope of the Policy, as well as relevant case studies and data.
- Ongoing consultation has also occurred with local government representatives, including engagement with the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and Council of Capital City Lord Mayors. ALGA also participates in the Interjurisdictional Working Group.
- The Urban Policy Forum (UPF) met to discuss the Policy on 4 August, 21 September, 21 November 2023, 7 March, 21 March, 29 April and 20 May 2024. The next meeting will be held in July 2024.
 - The Urban Policy Forum comprises 13 members, appointed by the minister, with urban policy expertise. Membership includes representation from academia, local government, industry and the non-profit sector (see Attachment C to EC24-000504 for a full membership list).

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- The Urban Policy Network held its first meeting to discuss the National Urban Policy on 20 September 2023. The Network met again on 15 May 2024 (see Attachment C to **EC24-000504** for a full membership list).
- A wide range of government agencies have also assisted in development of the draft Policy, which has been facilitated through a National Urban Policy Commonwealth Advisory Group, as well as regular engagement at the officials' level.

Public consultation

- The process for public consultation will include a 'Have Your Say' portal on the Department for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts website, with the closing date of 4 July 2024.
- The draft Policy will also be made available in hardcopy for those who need it, and hardcopy submissions can be provided to the department.
- The department is considering if submissions will be published, however respondents will be able to indicate if they want their submission to be confidential.

Background

- The government's intention to deliver a Policy was first announced by the now Prime Minister on 10 March 2021, in an address to the Australian Financial Review Business Summit on the Future of Cities.
- The government's urban agenda was re-affirmed in the Prime Minister's Bradfield Oration, delivered by Minister Catherine King on 6 December 2022.

Financial Information as at 31 March 2024

- The 2023–24 Budget committed \$11.0 million over four years to deliver the functions of the Cities and Suburbs Unit (CSU) from 1 July 2023. This equates to 10 staff over four years.

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Attachment A

- On 22 February 2024, Sen. Janet Rice asked the following in writing:
 - *In April 2023 National Cabinet agreed to develop a National Urban Policy. Can the Department provide a progress update?*
 - *In last year's budget the Cities and Suburbs Unit was established to provide a 'State of the Cities' report. When can we expect the first of these reports?*
 - *Can you detail what other work the Cities and Suburbs Unit is doing?*
- See Committee Question Number 115 (SQ24-000222) from the 2023-24 Additional Estimates hearing for final response.

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SB24-000075

SUBJECT: Precincts and Partnerships Programs (rPPP and uPPP)**Talking Points**

- The regional Precincts and Partnership Program (rPPP) and urban Precincts and Partnerships Program (uPPP) will support transformative investment across Australia.
- The programs aim to support investment in locally identified priorities of regional and urban communities and support productivity, equity and resilience through the development of precincts.
- The programs will bring together governments and communities to fund both precinct design and development and precinct delivery.
- Together the uPPP and rPPP programs geographically cover the nation, with the uPPP available to areas within the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Greater Capital City Statistical Areas (GCCSA) and the rPPP available to areas outside of the GCCSA.

regional Precincts and Partnerships Program

- The rPPP was announced in the October 2022-23 Budget, with funding of \$400.0 million over 3 years from 2023-24.
- The rPPP opened to applications on 24 August 2023, with the Guidelines available on the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts's website, GrantConnect and business.gov.au.
- The assessment of the first batch of applications, received as at 31 October 2023, commenced in late 2023.
- Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP approved 6 recommended projects on 13 May 2024 for total funding of \$35.17 million. This first batch of funded projects includes one Stream Two project (precinct delivery) and five Stream One projects (precinct development and design). This includes:
 - \$26,361,852 to the Shire of Broome, Western Australia, for the Walmanyjun/Cable Beach Foreshore Redevelopment (Stages 2 & 3) (Stream Two);
 - \$2,813,500 to the Croydon Shire Council, Queensland, for the Croydon Precinct Growth Plan project (Stream One);
 - \$2,143,249 to the Mareeba Shire Council, Queensland, for the Mareeba CBD Revitalisation project (Stream One);

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- \$2,017,576 to the Colac Otway Shire Council, Victoria, for the Colac Otway Adaptable Precincts project (Stream One);
- \$1,181,537 to the Bendigo Kangan Institute, Victoria, for the Bendigo East Urban Renewal Precinct project (Stream One); and
- \$650,000 to the Swan Hill Rural City Council, Victoria, for the Transforming the Heart of Swan Hill Precinct project (Stream One).
- The Australian Government will provide project proponents with advice on next steps in terms of funding agreements in due course.
- Following the minister's rPPP announcements, \$364.83 million of the \$400 million program allocation remains over the length of the program to 2025-26.
- A second batch of applications is now under assessment and further recommended projects will be announced following that assessment and recommendations being agreed by the minister.
- To facilitate timely assessment of all submitted applications, the minister is appointing additional members to the Independent Expert Panel.

urban Precincts and Partnerships Program

- The urban Precincts and Partnerships Program (uPPP) was announced in the 2023-24 Budget, with \$150 million over three years allocated to the program, commencing from 2024-25.
- Consultation on the program (undertaken in October 2023) and further consultation on the National Urban Policy has informed the program design.
- The uPPP Forecast Funding Opportunity was released on the department's website on 16 May 2024.
- The uPPP Forecast Funding Opportunity provides advance notice of this upcoming funding opportunity to potential project proponents, ahead of the government finalising Guidelines and opening the program.
- The uPPP Forecast Funding Opportunity is available on the infrastructure.gov.au website, enabling interested parties to consider potential partnerships and prepare projects.

Key Issuesregional Precincts and Partnerships Program

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- Assessment of the initial batch of rPPP applications was undertaken in accordance with the assessment process outlined in the Guidelines, which includes assessment by an Independent Expert Panel.
- Recommendations were provided to the Minister for decision on 6 May 2024. The minister signed off on 6 projects on 13 May 2024.
- The minister is the final decision maker on successful projects.
- As outlined in the program Guidelines, the minister's decision-making considers the Independent Expert Panel's assessment, advice from the department, available funding and where appropriate, advice from relevant Ministers for proposals relevant to their specific portfolio responsibilities.

urban Precincts and Partnerships Program

- The department has received enquiries regarding the timing for the release of the uPPP Guidelines. Stakeholder demand for the uPPP is high.
- The uPPP Forecast Funding Opportunity was released on the Department's website on 16 May 2024.
 - the department is working towards opening the program.
 - the funding appropriation for the uPPP commences from 1 July 2024.
 - the minister will decide on appropriate timing for the opening of the program once Guidelines are finalised.
 - it is intended the assessment process for the uPPP will mirror the rPPP.

Background

- The Precincts and Partnerships Programs deliver on the government's objective of delivering funding opportunities for projects proposed from regions and urban areas across Australia, to be delivered via partnerships across government and community organisations.
- Precincts or 'places of purpose' are user-defined geographic areas with a specific shared need or theme and can exist at a variety of scales. The programs do not limit the type of precinct that can be considered for funding.
- Eligible applicants are encouraged to partner with key community groups to jointly deliver the project, such as First Nations groups, private enterprise, Regional Development Australia committees and community organisations.
- These programs are designed to support initiatives at various stages of readiness, and adaptively leverage investments in new and existing precincts while bringing together a range of partners to deliver shared outcomes.

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regional Precincts and Partnerships Program

- The department has engaged the Business Grants Hub as part of the Department of Industry, Science and Resources to administer the program.
- The rPPP is an open, non-competitive funding process that supports both the development and delivery of precincts through two streams:
 - Stream 1: \$500,000 to \$5.0 million for precinct development and planning proposals.
 - Stream 2: \$5.0 million to \$50.0 million for precinct delivery projects.

Batch One Assessment process

- A total of 18 eligible applications were included in the first batch of assessments taken as at 31 October 2023. The Independent Expert Panel assessed 13 Stream One and 2 Stream Two proposals as meritorious.
- In line with the process outlined in the program Guidelines, the department undertook a policy analysis of the meritorious proposals, taking into consideration: the Panel's assessment; government's approach to regional investment as outlined in the Regional Investment Framework; alignment with government's priorities; available funding; balance of projects between each Stream; geographic spread; and precinct type.
- The department identified 9 applications that best aligned with these requirements, to be considered for future funding. The Minister agreed to proceed with 6 projects.

urban Precincts and Partnerships Program

- The department undertook consultation on the program on 9 and 10 October 2023, seeking the views of state, territory and local governments and other organisations in building the partnership approach model.
- The uPPP will be delivered through an open, non-competitive merit-based process and is expected to provide funding in two streams:
 - Stream 1: up to \$5 million for the development and planning of precincts, to activate partnerships and deliver investment-ready precinct plans.
 - Stream 2: up to \$50 million for precinct delivery, to realise a specified project or projects as part of a precinct.

Financial Information as at 15 April 2024

- Administered funding of \$400.0 million over three years has been appropriated for the rPPP from 1 July 2023.
- The minister approved \$35.17 million in funding towards batch one projects on 13 May 2024. Of the \$400 million, \$364.83 million remains unallocated.

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- No funding has been paid to projects at this time. Funding will be provided to proponents following the execution of funding agreements.
- Departmental funding of \$8.24 million has been allocated to the rPPP from 2022-23 to 2026-27. Funding supports ASL within the department (\$4.21 million – including independent assessment costs), and Business Grants Hub (\$4.04 million).
- Administered funding of \$150.0 million over 3 years has been appropriated for the uPPP from 1 July 2024.
- Departmental funding of \$6.8 million has been allocated to the uPPP from 2023-24 to 2025-26. Funding supports ASL within the department (\$3.93 million), and the Business Grants Hub (\$2.87 million).

Budget information at 15 April 2024 (regional Precincts and Partnerships Program)

Program/Project Start Date:	2023-24					
Program/Project End Date:	2025-26					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	0	100	150	150	0	400
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 30 November 2023	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Committed Funds at 30 November 2023	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	100	150	150	0	400

Note: Committed funds relate to funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient.

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Program/Project Start Date:	2024-25					
Program/Project End Date:	2026-27					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Appropriation Budget	0	0	50	50	50	150
Less:						
Actual Expenditure YTD at 30 November 2023	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Committed Funds at 30 November 2023	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Uncommitted Funds (balance)	0	0	50	50	50	150

Note: Committed funds relate to funds committed under a Funding Agreement, Contract or Program of Works where the Project, Profile and Conditions have been agreed to, or a formal offer has been made pending agreement, by the recipient.

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SUBJECT: Housing Support**Talking Points**

- The \$1.5 billion Housing Support Program (HSP) supports the delivery of increased housing supply by funding projects that seek to deliver enabling infrastructure, provide amenities to support new housing development or improve building planning capability.
- Funding is available over 2023-24 to 2024-25, with 3 streams of funding. Eligibility requirements for each stream of the HSP is determined by the Australian Government.
- **Stream 1** of the HSP, which supports projects that build planning capability, opened for applications on 27 March 2024 and closed on 29 April 2024.
 - states, territories and local government authorities were eligible to apply under this stream through a competitive, merit-based process.
 - applications for stream 1 are currently being assessed against criteria outlined in the Program Guidelines, with the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP to make the final decision as to which projects are funded.
- As part of the 2024-25 Federal Budget, an additional \$1.0 billion was announced for a **'priority works stream'** for the HSP.
 - the priority works stream will allow the states and territories to fund significant enabling infrastructure and social housing that addresses urgent housing priorities identified by jurisdictions to expedite housing development.
 - it is designed for larger-scale, shovel ready projects that address significant infrastructure barriers in delivering housing supply and projects which could not be implemented without the leadership of a state/territory.
- **Stream 2** is expected to open for applications late May 2024.
 - this stream will support enabling infrastructure and community amenity projects.
 - program guidelines and eligibility requirements for this stream are currently being finalised.
- Funding for the HSP will be delivered to states and territories through schedules to the Federation Funding Agreement (FFA) - 'Affordable Housing, Community Services and Other'.

Key Issues

- The HSP forms part of the government's commitment to support jurisdictions achieve the National Housing Accord targets, of building 1.2 million well-located homes by mid-2029.

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- A lack of alignment between current infrastructure development and housing delivery has been identified as one of the issues constraining new housing supply.
- While state and territory and local governments are primarily responsible for the delivery of housing, the Australian Government supports this through a range of programs to increase housing supply.

Priority work stream

- The priority work stream was designed in response to issues raised by jurisdictions.
- Funding under the priority work stream is available to states and territories who are parties to the National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness and the New Homes Bonus Federation Funding Agreement.
- This recognises that a joined-up approach is required by the government and states and territories to address Australia's housing crisis, while acknowledging the states and territories are best placed to identify urgent housing priorities within their respective jurisdictions.

Consultation

- Consultation on the design of both streams 1 and 2 has taken place, with a range of stakeholders including the states and territories, local governments and other experts. States and territories have been consulted on the priority works stream.
- Some stakeholders have raised concerns with the short program timeframes for the HSP, with community-based projects to conclude 30 June 2025. Any extension is a matter for government.

Stream 1:

- Breakdown of applications received across states and territories for stream 1 (as at 15 May 2024):

State/territory	Number	Amount requested
Australian Capital Territory	1	\$5,000,000
New South Wales	96	\$80,367,119
Northern Territory	1	\$5,000,000
Queensland	53	\$33,469,640
South Australia	19	\$6,541,304
Tasmania	18	\$7,609,778
Victoria	51	\$26,219,092

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State/territory	Number	Amount requested
Western Australia	23	\$17,112,861
Total	262	\$181,319,794

Background

- On 16 August 2023, National Cabinet announced a range of housing initiatives to support the government's new national target to build 1.2 million new well-located homes over 5 years from 1 July 2024, including a new \$500 million Housing Support Program (HSP).
- A part of the 2024-25 Federal Budget, a further \$1.0 billion was announced for the HSP, to fund significant enabling infrastructure and social housing that addresses urgent housing priorities identified by jurisdictions to expedite housing development.
- Funding is provided via 3 streams:
 - Stream 1 of the program is focussed on building planning capacity, and is designed to increase planning capability in order to reduce the time required for planning decisions so that housing construction can commence sooner.
 - The priority work stream funds significant enabling infrastructure and social housing that addresses urgent housing priorities as identified by the states and territories to expedite housing development.
 - Stream 2 (due to open late May 2024) will focus on infrastructure projects that support new housing, and is designed to remove barriers to housing construction by ensuring enabling infrastructure and community amenities are in place.

Financial Information

- The \$1.5 billion will be distributed across 2023-24 and 2024-2025, with the program concluding 30 June 2026.

Stream	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$	Total \$
HSP 1/HSP 2	50.0	450.0	500.0
Priority work stream	1000.0	0.0	\$1000.0

Attachments

- A:** Prime Minister of Australia - Meeting of National Cabinet - Working together to deliver better housing outcomes, 16 August 2023
- B:** Minister King and Minister Collins - joint media release - Applications open for \$500 million Housing Support Program, 27 March 2024
- C:** 2024-25 Budget Announcement

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Attachment A

Meeting of National Cabinet on housing

Media statement

Saturday 11 May 2024



The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Prime Minister of Australia

National Cabinet met today to discuss housing reforms and agree practical measures to deliver secure and affordable housing to Australians.

First Ministers have bolstered their commitment to critical housing reform measures, by agreeing to sign the new five-year National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness, which will commence on 1 July 2024. The agreement reflects a shared commitment to improving social housing and addressing homelessness for Australians.

In addition, the Commonwealth will provide a further \$1 billion in upfront funding to states and territories for enabling infrastructure in order to expedite housing development, and new social housing supply.

National Cabinet also acknowledged the importance of safe and accessible accommodation for women and children fleeing family and domestic violence.

The Commonwealth will target \$1 billion in funding under the National Housing Infrastructure Facility towards crisis and transitional accommodation for women and children fleeing family and domestic violence and for young people. State and territory governments will work in partnership with the community housing sector to ensure this funding reaches those who need it most.

Australians expect all levels of government to take action to address housing supply and affordability challenges. The Commonwealth, States and Territories are working together to build more homes that are safe and affordable for Australians.

Final details of the agreement will be worked through over the coming weeks.

This media statement has been agreed by First Ministers and serves as a record of meeting outcomes.

Attachment B

27 March 2024

Applications now open for \$500 million Housing Support Program

**Joint media release with
The Hon Catherine King MP
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government**

The Australian Government's \$500 million Housing Support Program is now open for applications from state, territory and local governments for projects that will boost the planning required to increase housing supply.

Stream 1 is for projects that aim to build the planning workforce and capability to improve the efficiency of the planning process so that housing construction can start sooner.

These could be new pathways for planners and related professions to enter the industry, or tools to streamline planning systems and improve decision-making efficiency.

Projects could also look at sharing resources between local governments or supporting master planning and planning reform.

Projects must demonstrate how they will align with planning, zoning and regulatory reforms agreed through National Cabinet's National Planning Reform Blueprint, land-use planning for disaster resilience and the aims of the National Housing Accord.

The National Housing Accord with states and territories sets out a shared ambition to build 1.2 million new well-located homes over 5 years from 1 July 2024.

Homes would be close to jobs, schools, transport and other amenities to support improved productivity and liveability.

The Commonwealth has also committed \$3 billion for the New Homes Bonus to boost housing supply and federal funding to deliver 40,000 new affordable rental homes.

Applications for stream 1 of the \$500 million Housing Support Program will be open from Wednesday 27 March 2024 until 12:00 pm AEST Monday 29 April 2024.

Stream 2 will provide funding for projects that provide enabling infrastructure and amenities such as footpaths, roads and parks to support new housing. This stream will open for applications May 2024.

For further information visit [Housing Support Program](#).

Quotes attributable to Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Catherine King MP:

“Through the Housing Support Program, we’ll be helping to turbocharge planning so we can deliver more homes for more Australians.

“Strengthening planning capability through the program will help kick-start housing supply from local, state and territory governments.

“It’s a critical part of plan to work with states and territories and help them meet the ambitious national target to build 1.2 million well-located new homes.”

Quotes attributable to Minister for Housing, Homelessness and Small Business, Julie Collins MP:

“Our Government has a broad and ambitious housing agenda to help address Australia’s housing challenges, and the Housing Support Program is a critical part of that agenda.

“I urge all councils and state and territory governments to submit their projects so we can work together to get more homes on the ground, faster.

“Our ambitious housing reform agenda is working across the board – more help for renters, more help for homebuyers and more help for Australians needing a safe place for the night.”

Attachment C

Budget Statement 2024-25

Help to build, rent and buy

Addressing housing pressures

This Budget invests a further \$6.2 billion in specific housing initiatives, taking the Government's total new investment since 2022 to \$32 billion.

This investment expands on initiatives already being delivered through the National Housing Accord, Housing Australia Future Fund and Social Housing Accelerator.

Supporting more homes

The Government is making available a further \$1 billion to states and territories to deliver new housing – including for connecting essential services such as water, power, sewerage and roads.

This investment expands on the \$500 million already committed through the Housing Support Program to support enabling infrastructure to unlock more homes.

More help for renters

A \$1.9 billion investment will increase the maximum rates of Commonwealth Rent Assistance by a further 10 per cent to further alleviate rental stress.

This builds on the 15 per cent increase already made in September 2023, taking the increase to Commonwealth Rent Assistance maximum rates to over 40 per cent since May 2022 including indexation. Nearly 1 million households receiving the maximum rate of Commonwealth Rent Assistance, around one quarter of all renters, will be better off.

More housing for students

To deliver more accommodation for students and to reduce pressure on the private rental market, the Government will work with the higher education sector to develop regulations requiring universities to increase their supply of student accommodation.

More housing support for vulnerable Australians

The Budget includes funding for a new five-year, \$9.3 billion National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness with states and territories. This represents an increase of \$423 million.

Under the agreement, the Commonwealth will double its dedicated funding for homelessness services to \$400 million a year – funding that states and territories must match.

The Government is targeting the \$1 billion increase to the National Housing Infrastructure Facility to better support housing for women and children experiencing domestic violence and for youth. The funding is being rebalanced to provide more up-front grants to support states and territories and community housing providers to deliver more housing for these cohorts.

Other measures to support housing

The Government is:

- Providing \$88.8 million for 20,000 new fee-free TAFE places, including increased access to pre-apprenticeship programs, in courses relevant to the construction sector.
- Providing an additional \$1.9 billion in concessional loans to community housing providers and other charities to support delivery of new social and affordable homes under the Housing Australia Future Fund and National Housing Accord.
- Making a landmark \$4 billion joint investment with the Northern Territory Government to improve conditions and address overcrowding in remote housing in the Northern Territory.
- Allowing foreign investors to purchase established Build to Rent developments with a lower foreign investment fee, conditional on the property continuing to be operated as a Build to Rent development.

Better transport for cities, regions and suburbs

Investing in infrastructure

The Government is committed to investing in the infrastructure Australia needs by providing \$9.5 billion over the forward estimates, and \$16.5 billion over 10 years, for projects that improve productivity, liveability, and sustainability. All while maintaining focus on ensuring the deliverability of the over \$120 billion, ten-year infrastructure investment pipeline.

For a breakdown of state-by-state infrastructure investments, refer to pages 24 and 25 of the [Budget overview](#).

Better transport for Western Sydney

The Government is committed to unlocking the potential of Western Sydney, investing \$2 billion into planning and delivering more efficient regional transport networks that will transform the way communities live and move within Western Sydney and connect people to jobs in the region. This includes:

- \$1.9 billion to plan and build roads and rail
- \$100 million for rapid bus infrastructure and \$20 million additional funding for planning to extend the rail line from the Aerotropolis to Macarthur
- \$302.6 million to enable operations for Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport

Meeting the infrastructure needs of South East Queensland

The Government is investing \$2.2 billion in well-planned infrastructure to better integrate the South East Queensland region, accommodate future growth, and support economic development. This includes:

- \$1.4 billion to enhance rail connectivity between Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast
- \$431.7 million for the Coomera Connector Stage 1 project and \$39.4 million for the relocation of the Loganlea Station

Better connections for regional and remote communities

A further \$101.9 million is committed to upgrade regional airports and remote airstrips, delivering better connections and more resilient infrastructure for communities. A further \$40 million will be invested to support the roll-out of additional community wi-fi in remote and regional Australia.