

## Expense Measures

**Table 2: Expense measures since the 2014-15 Budget<sup>(a)</sup>**

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		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
	<b>AGRICULTURE</b>					
	<i>Australian Fisheries Management Authority</i>					
131	More Competitive and Sustainable Fisheries – continuation of the Southern Ocean fisheries compliance programme	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Department of Agriculture</i>					
106	Changes to agricultural production levies(b)	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
130	Drought Recovery Concessional Loans Scheme – establishment	-	9.6	0.3	-	-
131	Smaller Government – Agriculture Portfolio	-	..	-	-	-
	<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
	<b>ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S</b>					
	<i>Administrative Appeals Tribunal</i>					
194	Disability Support Pension – revised assessment process	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
	<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
133	CrimTrac – launch, development and establishment of new systems	-	1.4	-	-	-
133	Establishment of the Book Council of Australia	-	-	2.0	2.0	2.0
	National Security					
135	– additional counter-terrorism funding	-	11.6	7.1	6.4	6.4
136	– enhanced communications capability	-	0.7	1.7	1.7	1.8
137	– Enhanced Protective Security Arrangements	-	..	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse					
137	– extension	-	-11.9	-7.5	90.7	29.0
138	– offsets	-	-3.2	-0.5	-0.5	-9.5
138	Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption – extension	-2.9	3.2	3.1	-	-
139	Smaller Government – Australian Government Solicitor	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Australia Council</i>					
133	Establishment of the Book Council of Australia	-	-	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0
	<i>Australian Crime Commission</i>					
133	CrimTrac – launch, development and establishment of new systems	-	0.2	-	-	-
135	National Security – additional counter- terrorism funding	-	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.3
	<i>Australian Federal Police</i>					
135	National Security – additional counter-terrorism funding	-	17.0	18.3	18.4	18.6

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	<b>ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)</b>					
207	– Australian Parliament House security upgrades(c)	-	18.3	17.5	17.5	17.6
137	– Enhanced Protective Security Arrangements	-	15.7	22.2	23.8	20.6
138	Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption – extension	-	-3.1	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Government Solicitor</i>					
139	Smaller Government – Australian Government Solicitor	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Human Rights Commission</i>					
138	Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse – offsets	-	-	-1.6	-1.7	-1.7
	<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
135	National Security – additional counter-terrorism funding	-	11.2	31.1	45.0	51.7
	<i>Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre</i>					
135	National Security – additional counter-terrorism funding	-	1.0	2.6	3.3	6.5
	<i>CrimTrac Agency</i>					
133	CrimTrac – launch, development and establishment of new systems	-	3.7	-	-	-
	<i>Office of Parliamentary Counsel</i>					
135	National Security – additional counter-terrorism funding	-	0.6	-	-	-
	<i>Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</i>					
135	National Security – additional counter-terrorism funding	-	-	0.9	1.2	1.1
	<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>71.6</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>211.2</b>	<b>147.3</b>
	<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>					
	<i>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</i>					
141	Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Special Broadcasting Service Corporation – additional efficiency savings	-	-	-20.4	-47.7	-55.8
	<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>					
142	Enhancing Online Safety for Children – support	-	1.6	2.2	2.2	2.2
142	Smaller Government – Communications Portfolio	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Department of Communications</i>					
142	Enhancing Online Safety for Children – support	-	-1.6	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2
142	Smaller Government – Communications Portfolio	-	-	-	-	-

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	<b>COMMUNICATIONS (continued)</b>					
	<i>Special Broadcasting Service Corporation</i>					
141	Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Special Broadcasting Service Corporation – additional efficiency savings	-	-	-4.2	-10.3	-13.7
	<b>Portfolio total</b>	-	-	<b>-24.6</b>	<b>-58.0</b>	<b>-69.5</b>
	<b>CROSS PORTFOLIO</b>					
	<i>Various Agencies</i>					
130	Drought Recovery Concessional Loans Scheme – establishment	-	-	-	-	-
144	Humanitarian Programme – additional places from 2017-18	-	-	-	-	46.0
144	Indigenous public sector procurement and employment	-	-	-	-	-
145	Public Sector Superannuation Accumulation Plan Administration Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	Smaller Government					
139	– Attorney-General's Portfolio	-	-	-	-	-
199	– Treasury Portfolio	-	-	-	-	-
145	Strengthening the Constitutional Basis for Commonwealth Spending	-	-7.3	-7.6	-2.0	-2.0
	<b>Portfolio total</b>	-	<b>-7.3</b>	<b>-7.6</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>44.0</b>
	<b>DEFENCE</b>					
	<i>Department of Defence</i>					
146	Operation Accordion – extension	-	63.2	-	-	-
146	Operation Okra	-	260.8	30.9	5.8	-
147	Operation Slipper – Heron Remotely Piloted Aircraft – further extension	-	26.7	-	-	-
147	Smaller Government – Defence Portfolio	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Portfolio total</b>	-	<b>350.7</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>5.8</b>	-
	<b>EDUCATION</b>					
	<i>Department of Education</i>					
149	Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority – reduced funding	-	-	-	-	-0.4
149	Australian Youth Forum – cessation	-	-1.0	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4
149	Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards – contribution	-	-	-	-	-
150	Duke of Edinburgh's International Award – contribution	-	1.4	-	-	-
150	Higher Education – Structural Adjustment Fund – establishment	-	-	26.8	42.3	31.0
151	Higher Education Reforms – amendments	-	425.8	591.0	754.5	913.8
176	Introduction of Temporary Protection Visas and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas	-	-	1.1	2.8	5.0
152	NAPLAN Online – establishment	-	-0.9	-2.0	2.9	-
152	National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education – extension	-	-	1.5	-	-

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<b>EDUCATION (continued)</b>						
153	National School Chaplaincy Programme – National Partnership Agreement	-	-59.1	-61.2	-61.1	-61.0
153	National Trade Cadetships – reduced funding	-	-7.5	-11.7	-12.2	-12.2
154	Science, technology, engineering and mathematics – restoring the focus in schools	-	1.0	3.9	4.0	3.2
154	Smaller Government – Education Portfolio	-	-	-	-	-
155	Students First – Special Assistance Schools – additional funding	-	1.2	2.4	2.3	2.3
155	Travelling Show Children – contribution for schooling	-	0.1	0.1	-	-
	<b>Portfolio total</b>	-	<b>361.0</b>	<b>550.5</b>	<b>733.9</b>	<b>880.3</b>
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>						
<i>Comcare</i>						
157	Smaller Government – Employment Portfolio	-	-	..	..	..
<i>Department of Employment</i>						
194	Disability Support Pension – revised assessment process	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
156	Employment Services 2015	-	-	-	-	-
156	Industry grants to peak bodies – cessation	-	-0.9	-0.4	-	-
176	Introduction of Temporary Protection Visas and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas	-	-	0.2	..	-0.6
157	New Enterprise Incentive Scheme Allowance – duration of maximum payment period – reduction	-	-	-	-	-
191	Reform of the Remote Jobs and Communities Programme	-	0.2	-	-	-
157	Smaller Government – Employment Portfolio	-	-	..	..	..
158	Strengthening the Job Seeker Compliance Framework	-	3.9	0.3	-	-
	<b>Portfolio total</b>	-	<b>3.1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>						
<i>Department of the Environment</i>						
160	Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative – extension	-	0.1	0.5	0.3	-
160	Murray-Darling Basin Joint Programme – reduced contribution	-	-9.8	-	-	-
160	Smaller Government – Environment Portfolio	-	..	..	..	..
	<b>Portfolio total</b>	-	<b>-9.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>FINANCE</b>						
<i>Department of Finance</i>						
199	Global Infrastructure Hub	-	-	-18.7	-	-

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	<b>FINANCE (continued)</b>					
162	Kenbi Land Claim Remediation (Cox Peninsula)	-	31.5	-	-	-
	Smaller Government					
162	– Finance Portfolio	-	-	-	-	-
163	– Intra Government Communications Network (ICON) – scoping study	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>-18.7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE</b>					
	<i>Australian Secret Intelligence Service</i>					
135	National Security – additional counter-terrorism funding	-	14.4	30.1	30.6	31.8
	<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>					
178	Australia-India Strategic Research Fund – continuation	-	-	-	-	-
164	Delay to co-locating diplomatic presence in Baghdad with the UK	-	12.9	-	-	-
164	Kyiv – interim embassy and Operation Bring Them Home	-	8.0	1.7	-	-
164	Official Development Assistance – reprioritised funding	-	-	-1,000.0	-1,350.0	-1,377.0
165	Smaller Government – Australia International Cultural Council – abolition	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>-968.3</b>	<b>-1,319.4</b>	<b>-1,345.2</b>
	<b>HEALTH</b>					
	<i>Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority</i>					
171	Smaller Government – Health Portfolio	-	-	0.1	-0.7	-0.7
	<i>Cancer Australia</i>					
171	Smaller Government – Health Portfolio	-	-	0.1	-0.4	-0.4
	<i>Department of Health</i>					
166	A strong and sustainable Medicare	-	-183.1	375.9	50.9	-248.7
167	Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drugs – establishment	-	-	-	-	-
150	Duke of Edinburgh's International Award – contribution	-	-0.4	-	-	-
195	Family Payment Reform – maintain Family Tax Benefit payment rates – one year extension	-	-	-	-0.2	-2.1
167	Gene Technology Act – amendments	-	-	-	..	..
167	Gold Coast Suns AFL Club – upgrade of Metricon Stadium facilities	-	7.5	7.5	-	-
176	Introduction of Temporary Protection Visas and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas	-	-1.7	-2.4	-4.9	-8.8
168	Medicare Benefits Schedule – new and amended listings	-	-48.5	-73.3	-80.0	-86.1
168	National Immunisation Programme – listing of Trivalent Influenza Vaccine	-	1.4	0.8	0.8	0.8
169	National Partnership Agreement on Improving Health Services in Tasmania – additional elective surgery procedures	-6.6	-12.2	-4.7	-	-

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	<b>HEALTH (continued)</b>					
135	National Security – additional counter-terrorism funding	-	0.2	-	-	-
	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme					
169	– new and amended listings	-	73.9	84.5	73.5	67.5
170	– price amendments	-	-8.9	-25.4	-33.4	-37.4
171	Smaller Government – Health Portfolio	-	..	1.9	-0.1	-0.1
172	South Sydney Rabbitohs Community and High Performance Centre of Excellence – contribution	-	5.0	5.0	-	-
172	Streamlining of Medical Device Certification	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>National Health and Medical Research Council</i>					
171	Smaller Government – Health Portfolio	-	-	0.4	-1.7	-1.7
	<i>Professional Services Review</i>					
171	Smaller Government – Health Portfolio	-	-	..	-0.3	-0.3
	<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>-166.9</b>	<b>370.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>-318.1</b>
	<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>					
	<i>Department of Human Services</i>					
166	A strong and sustainable Medicare	-	2.1	-12.9	-12.7	-11.5
193	Cessation of social security benefits for certain people confined in a psychiatric institution	-	0.5	0.1	0.1	..
	Disability Support Pension					
194	– revised assessment process	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
194	– revised portability arrangements	-	-1.4	-2.2	-1.9	-2.4
156	Employment Services 2015	-	-	-	-	-
195	Family Payment Reform – maintain Family Tax Benefit payment rates – one year extension	-	-	-	1.2	0.4
176	Introduction of Temporary Protection Visas and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas	-	-4.5	-4.1	-3.5	-2.4
195	Maintain eligibility thresholds for Australian Government payments – one year extension	-	-	-	0.1	0.8
168	Medicare Benefits Schedule – new and amended listings	-	0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4
196	National Security – New Counter-Terrorism Measures for a Safer Australia – cancelling welfare payments to extremists	-	-	-	-	-
169	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – new and amended listings	-	7.7	0.5	-3.1	-3.8
191	Reform of the Remote Jobs and Communities Programme	-	1.0	0.7	-1.0	-2.5
107	Repeal of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax and related measures(b)	-	6.8	3.5	3.2	1.4
197	Residential Care – Pre-Entry Leave subsidy – cessation	-	-	-	-	-
173	Smaller Government – Human Services Portfolio	-	-	-	-	-

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	<b>HUMAN SERVICES (continued)</b>					
158	Strengthening the Job Seeker Compliance Framework	-	2.2	29.2	27.1	25.9
200	Superannuation – Small Business Superannuation Clearing House	-	-0.9	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6
	<b>Portfolio total</b>	-	<b>13.6</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>5.0</b>
	<b>IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION</b>					
	<i>Australian Customs and Border Protection Service</i>					
174	Anti-people smuggling strategic communications campaigns	-	8.1	-	-	-
177	Maintaining the response capability for Illegal Maritime Arrivals	-	31.7	16.9	16.2	16.3
135	National Security – additional counter-terrorism funding	-	6.5	18.7	18.1	18.5
	<i>Department of Immigration and Border Protection</i>					
174	Enhancing Passenger Processing Systems in Regional Countries	-15.7	13.7	2.0	-	-
175	Illegal Maritime Arrivals – Managing the Legacy Caseload in Australia	-	-383.5	-226.3	99.1	99.1
176	Introduction of Temporary Protection Visas and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas	-	52.9	-3.3	281.9	61.2
135	National Security – additional counter-terrorism funding	-	11.5	11.9	9.7	9.4
177	Reforming temporary skilled migration and enhancing investor visas	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-15.7</b>	<b>-259.1</b>	<b>-180.1</b>	<b>424.9</b>	<b>204.5</b>
	<b>INDUSTRY</b>					
	<i>Department of Industry</i>					
178	Anti-dumping and countervailing system – strengthening	-	0.1	0.8	1.0	1.0
178	Australia-India Strategic Research Fund – continuation	-	-	2.1	3.2	2.9
179	Australian Apprenticeships Management System – information technology	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
179	Australian Apprenticeships Support Services – continuation	-	0.8	-10.7	-10.4	-10.0
181	Charities Maritime and Aviation Support Programme – extension	-	-	-	-	-
181	Holden and Toyota – act of grace payments	-	*	*	*	*
181	Industry Counsellor in New Delhi – establishment	-	0.5	0.8	0.8	1.0
182	Industry Innovation and Competitiveness Agenda – Industry Growth Centres – establishment	-	-23.5	-11.9	4.0	31.4
183	Industry Skills Fund – Training for Employment Scholarships and Youth Employment Pathways – establishment	-	5.8	34.4	3.1	-

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<b>INDUSTRY (continued)</b>						
183	National Construction Code – online provision	-	-	-	-	-
184	National Training System Commonwealth Own Purpose Expenditure – reduction	-	-20.3	-20.2	-14.4	-13.8
115	Reintroduction of fuel excise indexation – change to the start date(b)	-	-0.4	-	-	-
184	Skills for Education and Employment – reduction	-	-14.9	-13.5	-10.2	-5.2
Smaller Government						
184	– Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency	-	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9
185	– Industry Portfolio	-	-	-	-	-
186	Support for Adult Australian Apprenticeships – payments to apprentices – cessation	-	-	-8.3	-28.8	-29.0
<i>National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Australian Skills Quality Authority)</i>						
180	Australian Skills Quality Authority – revised regulatory model	-	3.4	3.2	1.8	0.1
<b>Portfolio total</b>		-	<b>-49.4</b>	<b>-24.2</b>	<b>-50.7</b>	<b>-22.4</b>
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>						
<i>Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development</i>						
149	Australian Youth Forum – cessation	-	..	..	..	..
187	Concessional Loan to the Australian Capital Territory Government – Mr Fluffy loose-fill asbestos remediation	-	21.1	6.5	-	-
199	Global Infrastructure Hub	-	-	-11.3	-	-
187	Infrastructure Investment Programme – reduced funding	-	-	-	-	-
188	Northern Australia Sustainable Futures Programme – reduced funding	-	-1.0	-	-	-
188	Smaller Government – Infrastructure and Regional Development Portfolio	-	-	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
<i>National Capital Authority</i>						
188	Paid parking on national land in the suburbs of Parkes, Barton, Russell and Acton (ACT) – revised implementation arrangements	-	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.5
<b>Portfolio total</b>		-	<b>23.4</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>PARLIAMENT</b>						
<i>Department of Parliamentary Services</i>						
207	National Security – Australian Parliament House security upgrades(c)	-	3.9	5.6	5.4	3.8
<b>Portfolio total</b>		-	<b>3.9</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET</b>						
<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>						
149	Australian Youth Forum – cessation	-	-	-	-	-



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	<b>PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET (continued)</b>					
190	Municipal and Essential Services – transition arrangements	-	-	-	-	-
191	Reform of the Remote Jobs and Communities Programme	-	-25.3	-51.2	-14.0	-0.4
191	Smaller Government – Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio	-	-	..	..	..
	<i>National Australia Day Council Limited</i>					
149	Australian Youth Forum – cessation	-	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
	<i>Office of National Assessments</i>					
135	National Security – additional counter-terrorism funding	-	1.0	1.7	1.6	1.6
	<i>Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security</i>					
135	National Security – additional counter-terrorism funding	-	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
	<i>Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General</i>					
190	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General – additional funding	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Portfolio total</b>	-	<b>-23.2</b>	<b>-48.4</b>	<b>-11.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>
	<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>					
	<i>Department of Social Services</i>					
193	Cessation of social security benefits for certain people confined in a psychiatric institution	-	0.1	-8.6	-10.1	-11.6
193	Dementia and Severe Behaviours Supplement – cessation	-	-	-10.9	-11.4	-12.0
	Disability Support Pension					
194	– revised assessment process	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
194	– revised portability arrangements	-	-0.5	6.0	9.0	9.3
156	Employment Services 2015	-	-	-	-	-
195	Family Payment Reform – maintain Family Tax Benefit payment rates – one year extension	-	-	-	-383.3	-384.4
176	Introduction of Temporary Protection Visas and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas	-	-51.1	-58.3	-42.3	-35.5
195	Maintain eligibility thresholds for Australian Government payments – one year extension	-	-	-	-	-109.9
196	Masters By Coursework – not proceed with extending income support	-	-	-	-34.1	-69.8
196	National Security – New Counter-Terrorism Measures for a Safer Australia – cancelling welfare payments to extremists	-	-	-	-	-
191	Reform of the Remote Jobs and Communities Programme	-	16.8	64.3	63.5	39.8

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	<b>SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)</b>					
107	Repeal of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax and related measures(b)	-	1,420.8	1,414.3	168.1	-
197	Residential Care – Pre-Entry Leave subsidy – cessation	-	-	-3.2	-3.3	-3.5
137	Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse – extension	-	-	-	12.6	12.9
197	Smaller Government – Social Services Portfolio	-	-	-	-	-
158	Strengthening the Job Seeker Compliance Framework	-	-	-58.9	-59.6	-57.7
	<i>National Disability Insurance Agency</i>					
196	National Disability Insurance Scheme – extension of the Australian Capital Territory trial	-	-9.1	-10.4	0.1	-0.8
	<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,376.8</b>	<b>1,334.2</b>	<b>-290.6</b>	<b>-623.5</b>
	<b>TREASURY</b>					
	<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>					
210	Enhanced Public Register of Financial Advisers – establishment(c)	-	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.4
	<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>					
151	Higher Education Reforms – amendments	-	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.4
112	Industry Innovation and Competitiveness Agenda – Employee Share Schemes(b)	-	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.1
210	New Commonwealth Building in Gosford, New South Wales(c)	-	-	-	1.2	-13.7
	Reintroduction of fuel excise indexation					
115	– change to the start date(b)	-	-30.0	-	-	-
115	– rounding of excise rates(b)	-	-	10.0	5.0	10.0
107	Repeal of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax and related measures(b)	960.6	937.9	935.5	922.2	25.8
	Superannuation					
200	– Small Business Superannuation Clearing House	-	-	-	-	-
116	– Superannuation Guarantee Charge(b)	-	-	0.9	-26.1	-27.7
	<i>Department of the Treasury</i>					
199	Global Infrastructure Hub	-	4.1	8.0	7.1	7.1
160	Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative – extension	-	3.0	6.0	6.0	-
112	Indirect Tax Concession Scheme – diplomatic and consular concessions(b)	..	-5.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
187	Infrastructure Investment Programme – reduced funding	-	-1.0	-4.3	-	-
176	Introduction of Temporary Protection Visas and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas	-	-	2.3	4.8	7.6
168	National Immunisation Programme – listing of Trivalent Influenza Vaccine	-	..	..	..	..

**Table 2: Expense measures since the 2014-15 Budget<sup>(a)</sup> (continued)**

Page		2013-14 \$m	2014-15 \$m	2015-16 \$m	2016-17 \$m	2017-18 \$m
<b>TREASURY (continued)</b>						
169	National Partnership Agreement on Improving Health Services in Tasmania – additional elective surgery procedures	6.6	12.2	4.7	-	-
152	National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education – extension	-	3.2	165.0	-	-
153	National School Chaplaincy Programme – National Partnership Agreement	-	60.6	60.6	60.6	60.6
115	Reintroduction of fuel excise indexation – change to the start date(b)	-	-2.0	-	-	-
<b>Portfolio total</b>		<b>967.2</b>	<b>984.2</b>	<b>1,189.8</b>	<b>980.8</b>	<b>69.7</b>
<b>VETERANS' AFFAIRS</b>						
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>						
166	A strong and sustainable Medicare	-	-3.5	-9.2	-20.5	-30.6
193	Dementia and Severe Behaviours Supplement – cessation	-	-	-1.8	-1.9	-2.0
168	Medicare Benefits Schedule – new and amended listings	-	-1.1	-1.7	-1.8	-1.9
	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme					
169	– new and amended listings	-	0.1	-0.7	-1.2	-1.5
170	– price amendments	-	-2.6	-4.9	-5.5	-6.4
201	Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – new listings and price amendments	-	..	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
107	Repeal of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax and related measures(b)	-	0.2	0.2	0.1	-
197	Residential Care – Pre-Entry Leave subsidy – cessation	-	-	-0.5	-0.5	-0.6
	Smaller Government					
147	– Defence Portfolio	-	-	-	-	-
201	– Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Portfolio total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-6.9</b>	<b>-18.6</b>	<b>-31.4</b>	<b>-43.2</b>
<b>Decisions taken but not yet announced</b>		<b>-30.0</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>-17.1</b>	<b>-362.3</b>	<b>-356.4</b>
<b>Depreciation expense</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Total impact of expense measures(d)</b>		<b>912.0</b>	<b>2,802.3</b>	<b>2,287.5</b>	<b>252.9</b>	<b>-1,417.8</b>

\* The nature of the measure is such that a reliable estimate cannot be provided.

.. Not zero, but rounded to zero.

- Nil.

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

(b) These measures can also be found in the revenue measures summary table.

(c) These measures can also be found in the capital measures summary table.

(d) Measures may not add due to rounding.

## AGRICULTURE

### Drought Recovery Concessional Loans Scheme — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Agriculture	-	9.6	0.3	-	-
Various Agencies	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total — Expense</b>	-	9.6	0.3	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
Department of Agriculture	-	1.1	3.3	3.4	3.4
Various Agencies	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total — Revenue</b>	-	1.1	3.3	3.4	3.4

The Government will provide concessional loans funding totalling up to \$100.0 million in 2014-15 to establish a Drought Recovery Concessional Loans Scheme. Loans of up to \$1 million or 50 per cent of the farm business's debt, whichever is lower, will be available to eligible primary production businesses in Queensland and New South Wales. The loans will be available to businesses that are experiencing financial difficulties resulting from the impacts of severe and prolonged drought conditions, or as a result of the combined effects of drought and the mid-2011 disruption to live cattle exports to Indonesia, and will be provided for drought recovery activities such as planting, restocking, and associated expenses.

Loans will be issued for a maximum term of ten years at the concessional rate, with interest-only repayments during the first five years, and principal and interest repayments in the remaining five years. At the end of the loan term recipients will be required to either repay the remaining principal or refinance the loan with a commercial lender.

The \$100.0 million in funding for the concessional loans will be partially met by redirecting \$10.0 million in unallocated funding from the Drought Concessional Loans Scheme announced as part of the *Support to Drought Affected Farmers* package in the 2014-15 Budget.

Further information can be found in the press release of 4 December 2014 issued by the Minister for Agriculture.

**More Competitive and Sustainable Fisheries — continuation of the Southern Ocean fisheries compliance programme**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Australian Fisheries Management Authority	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will continue to provide, as required, funding for the caretaking and disposal of foreign illegal fishing vessels apprehended in Australia’s Southern Ocean fisheries. This will assist officers of the Australian Fisheries Management Authority on patrols in the Southern Ocean (including the Heard and McDonald Islands Exclusive Economic Zone) to detect and apprehend illegal foreign vessels fishing in Australian territorial waters.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Australian Fisheries Management Authority.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment.

**Smaller Government — Agriculture Portfolio**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Agriculture	-	..	-	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$28,000 in 2014-15 by merging the Vertebrate Pests Committee with the Invasive Plants and Animals Committee, and by abolishing the Benchmarks Working Group once it has completed its terms of reference.

The Government will also abolish the following bodies, with any ongoing functions to be performed by the Department of Agriculture: the National Surveillance and Diagnostics Working Group; the Rabies Preparedness Working Group; the Live Animal Export Division – Industry Government Implementation Group; the Forestry and Forest Products Committee; and the HT-J Technical Working Group.

The Government will rationalise laboratory related standard-setting bodies and bring more technical expertise into the Department, resulting in the abolition of the Australian and New Zealand Standard Diagnostic Procedures Working Group; the Laboratories for Emergency Animal Disease Diagnosis and Response Working Group; the National Strategies Working Group; the New Test Evaluation Working Group; and the Sub-Committee on Animal Health Laboratory Standards.

The National Rural Advisory Council will merge with the Agricultural Industry Advisory Council.

The Australian Landcare Council will be transferred to community ownership and control, as it better suits establishment as a representational forum.

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The Government has already abolished the following bodies with no financial impact: the Animal Welfare Committee; the Biosecurity Advisory Council; the Food Policy Working Group; the High-Level Group on Drought; the National Biosecurity Committee Stakeholder Engagement Consultative Group; the Primary Industries Standing Committee; the Productivity and Regulatory Reform Committee; the Research, Development and Extension Working Group; and the Taskforce on National Uniform Standards for the Voluntary Microchipping of Horses.

This measure is part of the third phase of the Smaller Government reforms which reduce the size and complexity of government.

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## ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S

### CrimTrac — launch, development and establishment of new systems

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
CrimTrac Agency	-	3.7	-	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	1.4	-	-	-
Australian Crime Commission	-	0.2	-	-	-
<b>Total — Expense</b>	-	<b>5.3</b>	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
CrimTrac Agency	-	1.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.8 million in 2014-15 from the CrimTrac Special Account for three new systems including:

- \$1.6 million to support the launch of the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN). ACORN is a joint project between the Attorney-General's Department, CrimTrac, the Australian Crime Commission and all Australian law enforcement agencies;
- \$1.7 million to support the development of a business case for a Multi-Modal Biometric Identification Service which would replace CrimTrac's National Automated Fingerprint Identification System; and
- \$3.5 million for the replacement of CrimTrac's existing Wide Area Network with an Improved Network Capability to support the services of Australian law enforcement agencies.

CrimTrac delivers and maintains national information-sharing systems for Australia's police and law enforcement agencies.

### Establishment of the Book Council of Australia

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	2.0	2.0	2.0
Australia Council	-	-	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0
<b>Total — Expense</b>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.0 million over three years to establish the Book Council of Australia (the Council), as part of the broader restructuring of government bodies within the Arts Ministry. The Council will support and promote the contribution that Australian literature and history makes to the nation's cultural and intellectual life.

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The cost of this measure will be met through a reduction in funding from the Australia Council.

Further information can be found in the Prime Minister's speech at the presentation of the 2014 Prime Minister's Literary Awards on 8 December 2014.



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**National Security — additional counter-terrorism funding**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Australian Federal Police	-	17.0	18.3	18.4	18.6
Australian Secret Intelligence Service	-	14.4	30.1	30.6	31.8
Attorney-General's Department	-	11.6	7.1	6.4	6.4
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	-	11.5	11.9	9.7	9.4
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	-	11.2	31.1	45.0	51.7
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service	-	6.5	18.7	18.1	18.5
Australian Crime Commission	-	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.3
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	-	1.0	2.6	3.3	6.5
Office of National Assessments	-	1.0	1.7	1.6	1.6
Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	-	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Office of Parliamentary Counsel	-	0.6	-	-	-
Department of Health	-	0.2	-	-	-
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	-	-	0.9	1.2	1.1
<b>Total — Expense</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81.0</b>	<b>128.2</b>	<b>140.4</b>	<b>151.7</b>
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	-	0.7	5.0	6.2	6.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service	-	16.5	19.8	1.5	..
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	-	15.7	13.8	14.1	13.5
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	-	7.0	2.6	2.0	1.0
Australian Secret Intelligence Service	-	7.0	5.8	3.5	3.1
Attorney-General's Department	-	6.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Australian Federal Police	-	4.9	0.1	-	-
Australian Crime Commission	-	3.4	-	-	-
Office of National Assessments	-	0.1	0.1	..	..
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	-	-	3.0	3.6	-
<b>Total — Capital</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60.5</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>17.8</b>

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The Government will provide additional funding of \$649.9 million over four years for a range of counter-terrorism activities, providing security and intelligence agencies with resources and legislative powers to combat the terrorist threat. The additional funding provided to agencies will extend beyond the forward estimates, forming part of agencies' ongoing base funding.

The additional funding will strengthen monitoring and disruption activities in Australia and overseas; increase intelligence collection and threat assessment capabilities; enhance border protection; improve technical capabilities; and provide resources to engage those at risk of radicalisation.

These counter-terrorism activities will be complemented by legislation that will strengthen the counter-terrorism legislative framework, with the changes focused on the prevention and disruption of domestic terrorist threats.

The Government has also increased the resources of the independent Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security to oversight these powers and protect the individual rights of Australians.

Further information can be found in the joint media releases of 5 August 2014 and 26 August 2014 issued by the Prime Minister and the Attorney-General.

These national security measures underline the Government's commitment to a safe and secure Australia.

**National Security — enhanced communications capability**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Attorney-General's Department	-	0.7	1.7	1.7	1.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>	-	1.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$7.3 million (including \$1.4 million in capital funding) over four years to the Attorney-General's Department to enhance the ASNet deployable secure communications system.

These national security measures underline the Government's commitment to a safe and secure Australia.

**National Security — Enhanced Protective Security Arrangements**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Australian Federal Police	-	15.7	22.2	23.8	20.6
Attorney-General's Department	-	..	0.1	0.1	0.1
<b>Total — Expense</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>20.7</b>
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Federal Police	-	4.1	0.7	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	0.9	-	-	-
<b>Total — Capital</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

The Government will provide \$88.3 million over four years to enhance security arrangements at Commonwealth Parliament Offices and to enhance Close Personal Protection capacity.

The enhancements include security related capital improvements at Commonwealth Parliament Offices, additional Australian Federal Police presence at Commonwealth Parliament Offices and increased Close Personal Protection services for Commonwealth office holders and foreign dignitaries.

These national security measures underline the Government's commitment to a safe and secure Australia.

**Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse — extension**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	12.6	12.9
Attorney-General's Department	-	-11.9	-7.5	90.7	29.0
<b>Total — Expense</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-11.9</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>41.9</b>

The Government will provide \$125.8 million over four years to extend the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse by two years to 31 December 2017.

The extension will allow the Commission to offer an additional 3,000 private sessions, conduct an additional 30 public hearings, and consult more thoroughly with stakeholders before handing down its final report.

The Commission released an interim report on 30 June 2014, and its final report is expected to be delivered by December 2017.

This measure extends the 2013-14 Budget measure titled *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse – establishment*.

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Further information can be found in the press release of 2 September 2014 issued by the Attorney-General and Minister for Social Services.

See also the related savings measure titled *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse – offsets* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

**Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse — offsets**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Australian Human Rights Commission	-	-	-1.6	-1.7	-1.7
Attorney-General's Department	-	-3.2	-0.5	-0.5	-9.5
Total — Expense	-	-3.2	-2.1	-2.2	-11.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>	-	-	-2.0	-2.3	-2.3

The Government will save \$25.2 million over four years to offset the cost of extending the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Savings will be achieved through a number of temporary reductions in programme, departmental and capital funding within the Attorney-General's Portfolio. Programme funding reductions are not expected to impact on services.

**Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption — extension**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Attorney-General's Department	-2.9	3.2	3.1	-	-
Australian Federal Police	-	-3.1	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-2.9	0.1	3.1	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>	-	0.6	-	-	-

The Government will extend the reporting date of the Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption by 12 months to 31 December 2015. The extension will enable the Commission to further investigate evidence of criminal conduct, and deal with dimensions of this conduct not covered by its original terms of reference. The cost of the extension will be met through a reallocation of the resources originally provided.

As part of this measure, the Government will provide \$6.9 million over two years to establish a joint investigative taskforce involving the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and State police agencies. The AFP will meet the cost of its participation from within existing resources and provide \$3.1 million towards the cost of the taskforce.

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This measure extends the 2014-15 Budget measure titled *Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption – establishment*.

Further information can be found in the Attorney-General's announcement of 7 October 2014 and the Prime Minister's press release of 31 October 2014.

**Smaller Government — Attorney-General's Portfolio**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Various Agencies	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will further reduce the number of government bodies by abolishing the Artbank Advisory Committee (with residual responsibilities to be managed by Artbank and the Attorney-General's Department); and the Committee on Taxation Incentives for the Arts (with residual responsibilities to be managed by the Attorney-General's Department and the Australian Taxation Office). Additionally, the Information Advisory Committee and Privacy Advisory Committee will be abolished as a consequence of Budget 2014-15 reforms. The Business Government Advisory Group on National Security will be replaced by the Attorney-General's Industry Consultation on National Security. The Intercountry Adoption Harmonisation Working Group has also been abolished with functions moved to the agencies responsible for Intercountry Adoption. The Government will also merge the National Government Advisory Group on Chemicals with the National Industry Reference Group on Chemicals.

This measure is part of the third phase of the Smaller Government reforms which reduce the size and complexity of government.

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**Smaller Government — Australian Government Solicitor**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Australian Government Solicitor	-	-	-	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will achieve efficiencies by absorbing the Australian Government Solicitor within the Attorney-General's Department. Following the amalgamation, the Government will conduct a review of legal services to identify efficiencies that can be gained in government legal costs.

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## COMMUNICATIONS

### Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Special Broadcasting Service Corporation — additional efficiency savings

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Special Broadcasting Service Corporation	-	-	-4.2	-10.3	-13.7
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	-	-	-20.4	-47.7	-55.8
<b>Total — Expense</b>	-	-	-24.6	-58.0	-69.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	-	-	-	-14.0	-

The Government will achieve efficiency savings of \$250.0 million over five years from 2014-15 (including \$83.9 million in 2018-19) from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and the Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS).

These savings follow a study of the efficiency of the operations of the ABC and the SBS by the Department of Communications that demonstrated the national broadcasters could realise savings in their back office operations without significantly affecting the funding available for investing in content.

The precise efficiency measures to be adopted by the national broadcasters to achieve these savings are the responsibility of the ABC and the SBS Boards.

The Government will also legislate to enable the SBS to raise additional revenue by allowing a maximum of 10 minutes per hour (up from five minutes) of advertising without increasing the total amount of advertising in a 24 hour period (capped at 120 minutes).

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

Further information can be found in the press releases of 31 January 2014, 13 May 2014 and 19 November 2014 issued by the Minister for Communications.

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**Enhancing Online Safety for Children — support**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	1.6	2.2	2.2	2.2
Department of Communications	-	-1.6	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2
<b>Total — Expense</b>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$37.4 million over four years to support the functions of a Children’s e-Safety Commissioner (the Commissioner) and establish the Commissioner as an ongoing, independent statutory office within the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA).

As part of providing a national leadership role improving online safety for Australian children, the Commissioner will administer a two-tiered scheme for the rapid removal of cyber-bullying material from large social media sites and a civil notice regime, under which a person who posts cyber-bullying material targeted at an Australian child will be issued with a civil notice by the Commissioner.

Funding to support the functions of the Commissioner will be met from consolidating and reprioritising funding from other online safety programmes within the Communications portfolio, with \$8.2 million over four years transferring to the Commissioner from the Department of Communications and \$29.2 million over four years from within the ACMA.

This measure extends the 2014-15 Budget measure titled *Enhancing Online Safety for Children* and further delivers on the Government’s election commitment.

Further information can be found in the *Coalition’s Policy to Enhance Online Safety for Children*.

**Smaller Government — Communications Portfolio**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Communications	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total — Expense</b>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will increase the efficiency of organisations within the Communications portfolio by abolishing the Telework Advisory Panel and the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) Protection Zone Committees.



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The functions of the ceasing bodies will continue, as required, within the organisations responsible for each activity (the Department of Communications and ACMA respectively).

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## CROSS PORTFOLIO

### Humanitarian Programme — additional places from 2017-18

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Various Agencies	-	-	-	-	46.0

The Government will provide \$140.0 million over two years (\$46 million in 2017-18 and \$94 million in 2018-19) to increase the Humanitarian Programme by 2,500 in 2017-18 and 5,000 in 2018-19. The increase will take the total Humanitarian Programme to 18,750 in 2018-19.

The increase in places will be focused on those overseas applicants in most need of resettlement.

The impact on the Budget of this measure is as a result of outcomes from negotiations with the Senate. The Government is committed to putting the Budget on a sustainable trajectory.

Further information can be found in the transcript of the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection's press conference of 3 December 2014.

### Indigenous public sector procurement and employment

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Various Agencies	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will increase Indigenous employment and procurement across the public sector following the recommendations of the Forrest Review — Creating Parity report.

The Government will set a target of three per cent of the total number of Commonwealth procurement contracts to be awarded to Indigenous suppliers by 2020.

In addition, the Government will aim to increase Indigenous employment in the Commonwealth public sector to three percent by 2018.

Agencies will be responsible for achieving these targets from within existing resources.

**Public Sector Superannuation Accumulation Plan administration fees**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Various Agencies	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$26.8 million over four years from 2015-16 by requiring Public Sector Superannuation Accumulation Plan (PSSAP) members to pay administration fees. The PSSAP administration fees are the costs of administering PSSAP, other than investment management expenses, and will be deducted from PSSAP members' superannuation accounts. Until now, the Government has covered the costs of administering the PSSAP for its members.

The new arrangements will bring PSSAP into line with private sector superannuation funds where members pay for the administration of their accounts. The PSSAP administration fees will be determined by the PSSAP trustee: the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation.

Savings for this measure were included as a 'decision taken but not yet announced' in the 2014-15 Budget.

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

**Strengthening the Constitutional basis for Commonwealth spending**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Various Agencies	-	-7.3	-7.6	-2.0	-2.0

This measure makes programme adjustments and cessations having regard to general developments in the law and the Government's policy objectives. The following programmes will be affected:

- *Health Programme Grants;*
- *National Oral Health Promotion Plan; and*
- *National Urban Water and Desalination Plan.*

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

## DEFENCE

### Operation Accordion — extension

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Defence	-	63.2	-	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-3.9	-4.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$63.2 million for the six month period to 30 June 2015 for the net additional cost (including remediation costs) to extend Operation Accordion. This operation undertakes a range of activities to support the Australian Defence Force's broader activities in the Middle East Area of Operations and Australia's continuing military contribution to international stabilisation and counter-terrorism efforts, including Operation Manitou and Operation Okra.

The Government will provide a full income tax exemption for the pay and allowances of Australian Defence Force personnel deployed on Operation Accordion, leading to an expected reduction in revenue of \$7.9 million over two years. This income tax exemption will be backdated to have effect from 1 July 2014, and will remain in effect until 30 June 2015.

### Operation Okra

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Defence	-	260.8	30.9	5.8	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-4.8	-4.1	-	-

The Government will provide \$297.5 million over three years for the net additional cost (including remediation costs) of conducting Operation Okra in 2014-15. Operation Okra is the Australian Defence Force's contribution to the international effort to disrupt and degrade the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) threat in Iraq. An Air Task Group will conduct air combat and support operations in Iraq and a Special Operations Task Group will advise and assist Iraqi and other security forces in their operations against ISIL in Iraq.

This measure is also expected to lead to a reduction in revenue of \$8.9 million over two years as a result of the tax treatment of the income and benefits received by Australian Defence Force personnel deployed overseas.

**Operation Slipper — Heron Remotely Piloted Aircraft — further extension**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Defence	-	26.7	-	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	-0.3	-0.1	-	-

The Government will provide \$26.7 million in 2014-15 for the net additional cost to extend the deployment to Afghanistan of Australia's Heron Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) until 31 December 2014. Heron RPA provide surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities to enhance force protection in Afghanistan.

This measure is also expected to lead to a reduction in revenue of \$0.4 million over two years as a result of the tax treatment of the income and benefits received by Australian Defence Force personnel deployed overseas.

**Smaller Government — Defence Portfolio**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$0.9 million over four years by further reducing the number of government bodies in the Defence portfolio.

All savings from this measure will be reinvested in Defence capability, resulting in no impact on overall Defence funding.

The measure includes:

- abolishing the Forces Entertainment Board and incorporating its functions into the Department of Defence;
- abolishing the Australian Defence Force Financial Services Consumer Council and incorporating this service into the Department of Defence; and
- merging the Australian Defence Human Research Ethics Committee with the Department of Veterans' Affairs Human Research Ethics Committee.

Additionally several bodies will be sunset including:

- Rizzo Reform Implementation Committee (2014);
- Defence Materiel Organisation Diversity Advisory Group (2015), with diversity strategies to be managed across the portfolio by the Department of Defence; and

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- Defence Materiel Organisation CEO Roundtable (2019), with further industry engagement to be considered in the Defence White Paper and First Principles Review.

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## EDUCATION

### Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority — reduced funding

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Education	-	-	-	-	-0.4

The Government will achieve savings of \$0.4 million in 2017-18 by building on the efficiencies announced in the 2014-15 Budget measure titled *Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority – reduced funding*.

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

### Australian Youth Forum — cessation

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
National Australia Day Council Limited	-	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	..	..	..	..
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Education	-	-1.0	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4
Total — Expense	-	-0.7	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0

The Government will achieve savings of \$3.7 million over four years from 2014-15 by ceasing the Australian Youth Forum. The Government will continue to support the Young Australian of the Year Award (\$1.5 million over four years from 2014-15) and the National Awards for Local Government (\$64,000 over four years from 2014-15) with responsibility for these awards transferred to the Australia Day Council and the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development respectively.

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

### Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Education	-	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$50,000 in 2013-14 as a contribution to the Dorothea Mackellar Memorial Society for the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards. The awards, which were presented in August 2014, aim to inspire students across Australia to express their thoughts through poetry and, by so doing, support the legacy of Dorothea Mackellar.

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**Duke of Edinburgh's International Award — contribution**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Education	-	1.4	-	-	-
Department of Health	-	-0.4	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	1.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.4 million in 2014-15 to the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award in Australia. The Award enables young people aged 14 to 24 years to learn practical skills which support their personal and professional development. The Award encourages young people to volunteer time in their communities, participate in sport and recreational activities, and develop social skills.

The cost of this measure will be met from existing programmes within the Department of Education and the Department of Health.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 6 November 2014 issued by the Minister for Education and the Minister for Health.

**Higher Education — Structural Adjustment Fund — establishment**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Education	-	-	26.8	42.3	31.0

The Government will provide \$100.0 million over three years from 2015-16 to establish a Structural Adjustment Fund to assist higher education providers to adapt to the introduction of the higher education reforms announced in the 2014-15 Budget.

The impact on the Budget of this measure is as a result of outcomes from negotiations with the Senate. The Government is committed to putting the Budget on a sustainable trajectory.



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**Higher Education Reforms — amendments**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Education	-	425.8	591.0	754.5	913.8
Australian Taxation Office	-	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.4
<b>Total — Expense</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>426.1</b>	<b>591.8</b>	<b>754.9</b>	<b>914.2</b>
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
Department of Education	-	12.5	-116.5	-159.3	-217.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	0.6	-	-	-

The Government has announced changes to the higher education reforms announced in the 2014-15 Budget resulting in revised net savings of \$642.4 million over four years from 2014-15 by:

- reinstating the Consumer Price Index as the annual indexation applied to Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP) debts;
- pausing indexation on HELP debts for people who earn below the minimum HELP repayment threshold and have primary care of a child under five years of age;
- amending the Commonwealth Grant Scheme subsidies for non-university higher education providers and for sub-bachelor courses delivered by universities;
- funding an information campaign to better inform students and all Australians about the current higher education system, the funding available to students and to provide prospective students with information to help guide their decision making; and
- establishing a scholarship fund within the Higher Education Participation Programme (HEPP) with a focus on allocating funding to universities with high proportions of students from low socio-economic status backgrounds.

The Government's higher education reforms expand opportunities for students, and will ensure Australia is not left behind in global competition at a time of rising performance of universities internationally.

The impact on the Budget of this measure is as a result of outcomes from negotiations with the Senate. The Government is committed to putting the Budget on a sustainable trajectory.

See also the related measure titled *Higher Education – Structural Adjustment Fund – establishment*.

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**NAPLAN Online — establishment**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Education	-	-0.9	-2.0	2.9	-

The Government will provide up to \$21.1 million over three years from 2014-15 to Education Services Australia (ESA) to establish a national online assessment platform that will deliver faster National Assessment Programme – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results to parents and teachers. It will also ensure greater consistency and quality in the delivery of NAPLAN. This funding builds on \$3.6 million of existing Commonwealth funding to ESA which will be reprioritised to deliver this measure.

The Government will also provide funding of \$2.2 million per annum from 2018-19 as the Commonwealth's contribution to maintain the platform, with ESA reprioritising a further \$4.4 million over two years from 2016-17. Ongoing costs for the maintenance and operation of the platform will be shared by the Commonwealth and the states and territories.

Funding for the development of the platform was included as a 'decision taken but not yet announced' in the 2014-15 Budget. The Commonwealth's contribution to maintain the platform will be partially met through a reduction of \$0.3 million per annum from 2018-19 in funding for the Framework for Open Learning Programme.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 25 and 31 October 2014 issued by the Minister for Education.

**National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education — extension**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of the Treasury	-	3.2	165.0	-	-
Department of Education	-	-	1.5	-	-
Total — Expense	-	3.2	166.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$406.0 million over two years from 2014-15 to extend the National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education for the 2015 calendar year. To provide certainty to parents and pre-schools this funding will give a further cohort of pre-school children the opportunity to participate in early childhood education and care through accredited pre-school programmes. This measure includes \$1.5 million in 2015-16 for the Department of Education to undertake review and data development activities.

Funding of \$236.3 million for this measure was included as a 'decision taken but not yet announced' in the 2014-15 Budget.

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Further information can be found in the press release of 5 September 2014 issued by the Assistant Minister for Education.

**National School Chaplaincy Programme — National Partnership Agreement**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of the Treasury	-	60.6	60.6	60.6	60.6
Department of Education	-	-59.1	-61.2	-61.1	-61.0
Total — Expense	-	1.5	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4

The Government will provide \$242.3 million over four years from 2014-15 to the states and territories to deliver the *National School Chaplaincy Programme* (NSCP), announced in the 2014-15 Budget, through a National Partnership Agreement.

Under the NSCP, schools will be eligible to receive a base grant of \$20,000 per annum (and an additional \$4,000 per annum for schools in remote areas) to help engage school chaplains of any faith.

The cost of this measure will be met from the 2014-15 Budget measure titled *National School Chaplaincy Programme – continuation*, with efficiencies as a result of revised implementation arrangements being returned to the Budget.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Further information can be found in the press release of 26 September 2014 issued by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education.

**National Trade Cadetships — reduced funding**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Education	-	-7.5	-11.7	-12.2	-12.2

The Government will achieve savings of \$43.7 million over four years from 2014-15 by returning uncommitted funding for the *National Trade Cadetships* programme to the Budget. Funding of \$2.8 million over two years will remain to meet existing commitments.

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

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**Science, technology, engineering and mathematics — restoring the focus in schools**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Education	-	1.0	3.9	4.0	3.2

The Government will provide \$12.0 million over four years from 2014-15 to implement the following initiatives as part of its commitment to restore a focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects in schools:

- \$7.4 million over four years from 2014-15 for the *Mathematics by inquiry* initiative to develop innovative mathematics curriculum resources for primary and secondary school students;
- \$3.5 million over four years from 2014-15 for the *Coding across the curriculum* initiative to support the introduction of computer coding in Australian schools;
- \$0.6 million over two years from 2015-16 for the *Summer schools for STEM* initiative to support female, disadvantaged, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander school students to attend national science and mathematics summer schools; and
- \$0.5 million over two years from 2015-16 as seed funding to pilot an education facility based on the United States' *Pathways in Technology Early College High School* (P-TECH). P-TECH aims to align secondary school STEM learning with associate degrees in applied science.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 14 October 2014 issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Industry and the Minister for Education.

**Smaller Government — Education Portfolio**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Education	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will merge the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Advisory Council with the Higher Education Standards Panel. The Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood Joint Working Group to Provide Advice on Students with Disability will be sunset after completion of the current terms of reference (subject to state and territory agreement).

The Government has already ceased: the International Education Advisory Council; the Strategic Cross-sectoral Data Committee for Early Childhood; the Y20 Planning Group; the Australian Qualifications Framework Council; and the Education Investment Fund Advisory Board.

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**Students First — Special Assistance Schools — additional funding**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Education	-	1.2	2.4	2.3	2.3

The Government will provide \$8.2 million over four years from 2014-15 to a number of independent special schools and special assistance schools to assist with their transition to the schooling resource standard, consistent with other schools under the *Australian Education Act 2013*.

This measure contributes to the Government's *Students First* policy and addresses a shortfall in the former Government's funding arrangements by giving funding certainty to those schools which would otherwise have experienced a drop in funding from 2015.

Further information can be found in the press release of 25 September 2014 issued by the Minister for Education.

**Travelling Show Children — contribution for schooling**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Education	-	0.1	0.1	-	-

The Government will provide \$200,000 over two years from 2014-15 to the New South Wales government as a contribution to the cost of on-site supervision for travelling show children when they are participating in schooling in public areas such as showgrounds.

Along with funding contributions from the New South Wales, Victorian and Queensland governments, this measure will support travelling show children who receive instruction through the Dubbo School of Distance Education.

## EMPLOYMENT

### Employment Services 2015

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Employment	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Human Services	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total — Expense</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Human Services	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Employment	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total — Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will implement a new employment services system from 1 July 2015 with total funding of \$5.1 billion over four years from 2014-15.

The new system will better deliver employment outcomes by emphasising payments to providers based on outcomes rather than process.

It will end the problem of training for training's sake and remove the incentives for providers to churn job seekers through the system.

The new model will incorporate the *Stronger Participation Incentives for Job Seekers under 30* measure and the *Restart – boosting the wage subsidy for mature age job seekers* measure announced in the 2014-15 Budget.

Provision for this measure has already been included in the forward estimates.

A tender process to select employment service providers is currently underway. Further information can be found in the joint press release of 7 October 2014 issued by the Minister for Employment and the Assistant Minister for Employment.

### Industry grants to peak bodies — cessation

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Employment	-	-0.9	-0.4	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$1.4 million over two years from 2014-15 by ceasing grants to non-government members of Safe Work Australia, the Australian Council of Trade Unions, the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Australian Industry Group.

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

**New Enterprise Incentive Scheme Allowance — duration of maximum payment period — reduction**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Employment	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will achieve estimated savings of \$57.3 million over four years from 2014-15 by reducing the maximum payment period for the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS) Allowance and Rental Allowance to nine months.

From 1 July 2014, new participants in the NEIS programme will receive the NEIS Allowance and Rental Allowance for up to nine months. Participants who commenced before 1 July 2014 will not be affected. All other elements of the programme will remain unchanged.

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

The savings from this measure were included as a 'decision taken but not yet announced' in the 2014-15 Budget. Further information can be found in the press release of 30 June 2014 issued by the Assistant Minister for Employment.

**Smaller Government — Employment Portfolio**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Comcare	-	-	..	..	..
Department of Employment	-	-	..	..	..
Total — Expense	-	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1

The Government will achieve savings of \$0.2 million over three years from 2015-16 by further reducing the number of government bodies in the Employment portfolio. The Government will abolish the:

- Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate Advisory Board and the position of the Independent Assessor — Special Building Industry Powers, funded through the Department of Employment; and
- Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority (Seacare Authority) funded through Comcare. The statutory functions and responsibilities of the Seacare Authority will be transferred to the Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission.

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In addition, the COAG Select Council on Workplace Relations has been ceased by agreement of members of the Council of Australian Governments.

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**Strengthening the Job Seeker Compliance Framework**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Employment	-	3.9	0.3	-	-
Department of Human Services	-	2.2	29.2	27.1	25.9
Department of Social Services	-	-	-58.9	-59.6	-57.7
Total — Expense	-	6.1	-29.5	-32.6	-31.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Employment</i>	-	0.9	-	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$86.9 million over four years from 2014-15 by strengthening the job seeker compliance framework and making the financial consequences of non-compliance more immediate. In 2013-14, 4.5 million appointments with employment service providers (35 per cent of scheduled appointments) were not attended by job seekers.

This measure will be implemented in two stages:

- From 1 January 2015, job seekers who fail to attend an appointment with their employment service provider without giving prior notice of a valid reason will have their payment suspended, from when they receive notice of failure to attend, and reinstated (with back pay) only when they attend a rescheduled appointment.
- From 1 July 2015, job seekers who fail to attend an appointment with their employment service provider will have their payment suspended, as soon as they are notified of their non-attendance, and will not receive back pay for the period between their failure to attend and their attendance at a rescheduled appointment.

Under this measure, the payment suspension period will end immediately if an employment service provider cannot offer a job seeker a subsequent appointment within two business days of a request.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

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



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Further information can be found in the press release of 29 June 2014 issued by the Assistant Minister for Employment.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative — extension

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of the Treasury	-	3.0	6.0	6.0	-
Department of the Environment	-	0.1	0.5	0.3	-
Total — Expense	-	3.1	6.5	6.3	-

The Government will provide \$15.9 million over three years from 2014-15 to extend the *Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative*. The programme provides funding for the repair of uncontrolled artesian bores and the replacement of open bore drains with piped reticulation systems in New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia.

The measure also includes the development and implementation of governance and financial arrangements to continue restoration of the Great Artesian Basin beyond 2016-17 without further Commonwealth support.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 16 October 2014 issued by the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment.

### Murray-Darling Basin Joint Programme — reduced contribution

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of the Environment	-	-9.8	-	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$9.8 million in 2014-15 by reducing its contribution to the *Murray-Darling Basin Joint Programme* to \$11.3 million. The savings will be achieved by prioritising expenditure and not proceeding with a number of non-critical infrastructure projects in 2014-15.

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

### Smaller Government — Environment Portfolio

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of the Environment	-	..	..	..	..

The Government will achieve savings of \$76,000 over six years from 2014-15 by further reducing the number of government bodies in the Environment portfolio to increase efficiency in how public funds are used to deliver services to the community.

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The following government bodies will be abolished, with any ongoing functions to be performed by the Department of the Environment: Antarctic Research Assessment Committee; Australian Antarctic Names and Medals Committee; Australian Biological Resources Study Advisory Committee; Biological Diversity Advisory Committee; Climate Adaptation Outlook Independent Expert Group; Expert Panel on a Declared Commercial Fishing Activity; Land Sector Carbon and Biodiversity Board; Oil Stewardship Advisory Council; Product Stewardship Advisory Group; and World Parks Congress National Steering Committee. In addition, the Domestic Offsets Integrity Committee will be ceased and replaced by the Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee.

The Government has also abolished the Antarctic Science Advisory Committee; Bureau of Meteorology Water Accounting Standards Board; COAG Standing Council on Environment and Water; Commonwealth Environmental Water Stakeholder Reference Panel; Emissions-Intensive Trade-Exposed Expert Advisory Committee; Fuel Standards Consultative Committee; Iconic Sites Taskforce; Indigenous Water Advisory Committee; National Landscapes Reference Committee; National Marine Mammal Advisory Committee; and National Marine Mammal Scientific Committee.

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## FINANCE

### Kenbi land claim remediation (Cox Peninsula)

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Finance	-	31.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$31.5 million in 2014-15 to fund the remediation of contaminated land and waste management on Sections 32, 34 and 41 of the Cox Peninsula in the Northern Territory, which form part of the Kenbi land claim.

The cost of this measure will be offset against a provision in the Contingency Reserve.

This measure extends the 2012-13 Budget measure titled *Cox Peninsula remediation work – second pass business case*.

### Smaller Government — Finance Portfolio

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Finance	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will further reduce the number of government bodies in the Finance portfolio by abolishing:

- the Authentication Governance Committee;
- the Comcover Advisory Council;
- the Secretaries' Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) Governance Board; and
- the Cross Jurisdictional Chief Information Officers Committee.

The Chief Information Officer Committee and the Chief Information Officer Forum will also be merged.

The Department of Finance will take direct responsibility for ensuring that government bodies have appropriate input into whole of government ICT policy and will support the management of cross-jurisdictional ICT issues.

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**Smaller Government — Intra Government Communications Network (ICON) — scoping study**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Finance	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will undertake a scoping study, in 2014-15, on options for the future management, operations and ownership of the Intra Government Communications Network (ICON). The cost of the scoping study will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Finance. The study will assess the likely sale environment for this business operation and seek to ascertain the optimal method and timing of any sale.

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## FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

### Delay to co-locating diplomatic presence in Baghdad with the UK

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	12.9	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$12.9 million in 2014-15 to continue operations of the Australian embassy in Baghdad due to the delays in co-location with the United Kingdom's embassy to Iraq.

This measure extends the 2014-15 Budget measure titled *Baghdad Embassy – relocation*.

### Kyiv — interim embassy and Operation Bring Them Home

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	8.0	1.7	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>	-	2.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$12.5 million over two years from 2014-15 to establish an interim embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine, until September 2015, and to meet costs associated with the repatriation of the victims of the Malaysia Airlines MH17 tragedy and support to families. These costs include enabling next of kin to accompany victims on their repatriation to Australia and assisting families to attend the memorial service in Melbourne. The interim embassy will provide diplomatic and consular services and support Australian Federal Police officers in Ukraine who are investigating the downing of MH17.

### Official Development Assistance — reprioritised funding

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	-1,000.0	-1,350.0	-1,377.0

The Government will achieve savings of \$3.7 billion over three years from 2015-16 by returning the level of Official Development Assistance (ODA) spending in real terms to the levels that applied when ODA was last funded from budget surpluses rather than debt. ODA will then continue to grow in line with the Consumer Price Index.

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

**Smaller Government — Australia International Cultural Council — abolition**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will abolish the Australia International Cultural Council within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and replace it with a streamlined advisory body within the Ministry for the Arts to advise the Government on international cultural diplomacy.

This measure is part of the third phase of the Smaller Government reforms which reduce the size and complexity of government.

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## HEALTH

### A strong and sustainable Medicare

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Human Services	-	2.1	-12.9	-12.7	-11.5
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-3.5	-9.2	-20.5	-30.6
Department of Health	-	-183.1	375.9	50.9	-248.7
Total — Expense	-	-184.5	353.8	17.6	-290.8

The Government will introduce optional co-payments for non-concessional patients, ensure Medicare items more accurately reflect the time a GP spends with a patient, and extend the pause on indexation of Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) fees. This will replace the *Medicare Benefits Schedule – introducing patient contributions for general practitioner, pathology and diagnostic imaging services* measure, which was announced in the 2014-15 Budget.

From 1 July 2015, MBS rebates will be reduced by \$5 for common GP consultations and after-hours services for non-concessional patients aged 16 and over. Doctors may choose to recoup the \$5 reduction through an optional co-payment or to continue to bulk bill non-concessional patients over the age of 16. The reduced rebate will not apply to GP services provided to concession card holders, children under 16 years of age, residents of aged care facilities and veterans, nor to pathology and diagnostic imaging services, health assessments and GP mental health and management plans.

To improve quality and encourage more comprehensive patient care, the Government will make changes to standard GP consultation items. From 19 January 2015, Level A consultation items will be redefined to cover attendances of less than 10 minutes and Level B consultation items will be for attendances from 10 to less than 20 minutes.

To further support the sustainability of Medicare, MBS fees for all services provided by GPs, medical specialists, allied health and other health practitioners will remain at their current level until July 2018.

The savings from this measure will be invested by the Government in the *Medical Research Future Fund*.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 9 December 2014 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Health.



**Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drugs — establishment**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Health	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will replace the Australian National Council on Drugs with a new Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drugs which will continue to provide independent, strategic advice to government on priorities for alcohol and drug policy development.

This measure will improve the cost effectiveness of the Council through changes to its structural, operational and governance arrangements, including: ceasing activities duplicated by other organisations, providing advice on selected international issues when required, reducing the size of the Council, and streamlining reporting requirements.

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

**Gene Technology Act — amendments**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Health	-	-	-	..	..

The Government will achieve savings of \$19,000 over two years from 2016-17 by amending the *Gene Technology Act 2000* to provide clearer, more efficient and more effective regulation. The *Gene Technology Act 2000* protects the health and safety of people and the environment by addressing risks posed by, or occurring as a result of, gene technology.

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

**Gold Coast Suns AFL Club — upgrade of Metricon Stadium facilities**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Health	-	7.5	7.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over two years towards the construction of multi-purpose facilities for the Gold Coast Football Club at Metricon Stadium. This project will form part of broader upgrades being planned for Metricon Stadium in the lead up to the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast.

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**Medicare Benefits Schedule — new and amended listings**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Human Services	-	0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-1.1	-1.7	-1.8	-1.9
Department of Health	-	-48.5	-73.3	-80.0	-86.1
Total — Expense	-	-49.4	-75.2	-82.1	-88.4

The Government will amend the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) and Veterans' Benefits for new and amended items listed since the 2014-15 Budget, at a net saving of \$295.1 million over four years.

The amendments to the MBS include:

- adding two new Magnetic Resonance Imaging items for the evaluation of Crohn's disease;
- extending the use of HbA1C testing to the diagnosis of diabetes in addition to the management of established diabetes;
- splitting existing Vitamin D items to provide different schedule fees for routine and more complex testing; and
- introducing revised eligibility criteria for new Cone Beam Computed Tomography items.

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

Further information will be available in the summary of changes included in the MBS issued by the Department of Health when the amendments take effect.

**National Immunisation Programme — listing of Trivalent Influenza Vaccine**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Health	-	1.4	0.8	0.8	0.8
Department of the Treasury	-	..	..	..	..
Total — Expense	-	1.4	0.9	0.9	0.8

The Government will provide \$3.9 million over four years to deliver the Trivalent Influenza Vaccine to Indigenous children aged between six months and five years. The funding includes vaccine supply, communications and safety costs and facilitation and reward funding to the States and Territories. Vaccinations will commence from 1 January 2015 and be delivered free of charge through the National Immunisation Programme.

**National Partnership Agreement on Improving Health Services in Tasmania — additional elective surgery procedures**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of the Treasury	6.6	12.2	4.7	-	-
Department of Health	-6.6	-12.2	-4.7	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$23.4 million over three years from 2013-14 to increase the number of elective surgery procedures in Tasmania through the *National Partnership Agreement on Improving Health Services in Tasmania*.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing uncommitted funding of the Tasmanian Health Assistance Package in the Department of Health.

**Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — new and amended listings**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Health	-	73.9	84.5	73.5	67.5
Department of Human Services	-	7.7	0.5	-3.1	-3.8
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.1	-0.7	-1.2	-1.5
Total — Expense	-	81.6	84.3	69.2	62.2
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
Department of Health	-	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Department of Human Services	-	1.7	1.1	-	-
Department of Health	-	0.4	..	-	-
Total — Capital	-	2.1	1.1	-	-

The Government will provide \$300.5 million over four years for a number of new and amended listings on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

New and amended listings since the 2014-15 Budget include:

- Abraxane® (paclitaxel) for the treatment of pancreatic cancer from 1 November 2014;
- Soliris® (eculizumab) for the treatment of atypical Haemolytic Uraemic Syndrome (aHUS) from 1 December 2014;
- Kalydeco® (ivacaftor) for the treatment of cystic fibrosis from 1 December 2014; and
- Improved access to HIV antiretroviral therapies in the community from 1 July 2015.

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The costs of some of these medicines are reduced by the revenue from pricing agreements negotiated between the Government and the pharmaceutical manufacturers. Details of this revenue are not for publication due to commercial sensitivity.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 7 July 2014, 16 September 2014 and 26 October 2014 issued by the Minister for Health and on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme website ([www.pbs.gov.au](http://www.pbs.gov.au)).

**Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — price amendments**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-2.6	-4.9	-5.5	-6.4
Department of Health	-	-8.9	-25.4	-33.4	-37.4
Total — Expense	-	-11.6	-30.3	-38.9	-43.8

The Government will save \$124.6 million over four years from price amendments for certain medicines currently listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Price amendments since the 2014-15 Budget include:

- Benzylpenicillin for the treatment of infection from 1 August 2014;
- Cyclophosphamide for the treatment of lymphomas and prevention of transplant rejection from 1 August 2014;
- Paracetamol for pain relief from 1 December 2014; and
- Tiotropium for the treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) from 1 December 2014.

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

Further information can be found on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme website ([www.pbs.gov.au](http://www.pbs.gov.au)).

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**Smaller Government — Health Portfolio**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
National Health and Medical Research Council	-	-	0.4	-1.7	-1.7
Cancer Australia	-	-	0.1	-0.4	-0.4
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority	-	-	0.1	-0.7	-0.7
Professional Services Review	-	-	..	-0.3	-0.3
Department of Health	-	..	1.9	-0.1	-0.1
Total — Expense	-	..	2.6	-3.3	-3.3

The Government will achieve savings of \$4.0 million over four years from 2014-15 by further reducing the number of government bodies in the Health portfolio.

The Government will abolish the following advisory bodies with any residual responsibilities to be managed by the Department of Health and its supporting agencies: the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Advisory Group; the Diabetes Advisory Group; the Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Treatment Advisory Committee; the Expert Panel to review Elective Surgery and Emergency Access Targets in the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services; the Health and Hospitals Fund Advisory Board; and the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC). The responsibilities of the NIDAC will be taken up by the Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drugs. The Government has also abolished the Anti-Doping Research Panel. The Government will repeal the General Practice Recognition Appeal Committee and the General Practice Recognition Eligibility Committee.

Further savings and efficiencies will be achieved by sharing the Department of Health's corporate services across the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority; Cancer Australia; the National Health and Medical Research Council; and the Professional Services Review.

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

This measure is part of the third phase of the Smaller Government reforms which reduce the size and complexity of government.

The Smaller Government reforms are eliminating duplication and waste, streamlining services and reducing the cost of government administration.

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**South Sydney Rabbitohs Community and High Performance Centre of Excellence — contribution**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Health	-	5.0	5.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.0 million over two years as a contribution towards the construction of the South Sydney Rabbitohs Community and High Performance Centre of Excellence at Heffron Park, Maroubra, New South Wales. The Centre of Excellence will enable Souths Cares, a not-for-profit organisation established to support the local community and address social needs across the South Sydney region, to expand its community-based initiatives and enable the local and regional community to access a number of facilities to support health, education and Indigenous employment programmes.

**Streamlining of medical device certification**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Health	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will reduce red tape and boost the competitiveness of Australian manufacturers of medium to high risk medical devices and in vitro diagnostic medical devices by allowing them to choose to have their conformity assessment certification provided by either the Therapeutic Goods Administration or a European Union assessment body. This will align certification requirements of domestic manufacturers with those of international competitors and reduce the time and costs to bring Australian manufactured products to market.

This measure forms part of the Government's Industry, Innovation and Competitiveness Agenda.

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

## HUMAN SERVICES

### Smaller Government — Human Services Portfolio

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Human Services	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will abolish the Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service (CRS) Australia and the National Student Services Partnership Group. Any residual responsibilities of the CRS Australia will be managed by the Department of Human Services.

The Government has also abolished the Department of Human Services Council on Strategy and Innovation; the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex Working Group; and the National Place-Based Advisory Group.

This measure is part of the third phase of the Smaller Government reforms which reduce the size and complexity of government.

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## IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION

### Anti-people smuggling strategic communications campaigns

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service	-	8.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$8.1 million in 2014-15 to continue and expand anti-people smuggling strategic communications campaigns for an additional six months to 30 June 2015. Funding will be provided for domestic campaigns as well as those in source and transit countries.

This measure aims to deter people smuggling by alerting potential illegal immigrants to the dangers of people smuggling ventures and educating them about Australia's immigration policy.

This measure expands on the 2013-14 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook measure titled *Operation Sovereign Borders – community engagement and strategic communications campaigns*.

The cost of this measure will be met from the measure *Illegal Maritime Arrivals – Managing the Legacy Caseload in Australia*.

### Enhancing passenger processing systems in regional countries

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	-15.7	13.7	2.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$15.7 million over two years to enhance passenger processing systems in Indonesia and Malaysia.

The passenger processing system provides these countries with the capability to prevent travel, in particular to Australia, by persons without an entitlement or posing a risk to the community.

The cost of this measure is funded by redirecting 2013-14 funding provided through the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2013-14 measure *Enhancing Border Controls and Improving Identity Management*.



**Illegal Maritime Arrivals — managing the legacy caseload in Australia**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	-	-383.5	-226.3	99.1	99.1

The Government will achieve savings of \$411.7 million over four years from 2014-15 by managing the legacy caseload of illegal maritime arrivals (IMAs) within Australia in the community rather than in detention centres, wherever possible, while an IMA's protection status is being resolved.

The Government will also amend the effective date for mandatory transfer of IMAs to offshore processing centres (OPCs) from 19 July 2013 to 1 January 2014, and will provide additional support to IMA families with children under the age of 10 who are released from detention centres.

IMAs already transferred to OPCs will remain subject to the offshore processing policy, and all new IMAs will continue to be transferred to OPCs for processing and resettlement.

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

Further information can be found in the transcript of the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection's press conference of 5 December 2014.

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**Introduction of Temporary Protection Visas and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	-	52.9	-3.3	281.9	61.2
Department of the Treasury	-	-	2.3	4.8	7.6
Department of Education	-	-	1.1	2.8	5.0
Department of Employment	-	-	0.2	..	-0.6
Department of Health	-	-1.7	-2.4	-4.9	-8.8
Department of Human Services	-	-4.5	-4.1	-3.5	-2.4
Department of Social Services	-	-51.1	-58.3	-42.3	-35.5
<b>Total — Expense</b>	-	-4.5	-64.4	238.8	26.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Immigration and Border Protection</i>	-	0.8	2.2	-	-
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Department of Employment</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Department of Education</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Department of Social Services</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Department of Human Services</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Department of Health</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total — Capital</b>	-	0.8	2.2	-	-

The Government will provide \$199.4 million over four years from 2014-15 (including \$3.0 million in capital), for costs resulting from the delay in the passage through the Senate of legislation relating to the implementation of the 2014-15 Budget measure *Support Services and Mutual Obligations Arrangements for Illegal Maritime Arrivals*.

This measure includes costs for the re-introduction of Temporary Protection Visas and the introduction of Safe Haven Enterprise Visas for illegal maritime arrivals who are found to engage Australia's protection obligations.

Temporary Protection Visas will be available for up to three years. Safe Haven Enterprise Visas will be available for up to five years, where holders work or study in a designated self-nominated regional area to assist in addressing regional labour shortages. The impact on the Budget of this measure is as a result of outcomes from negotiations with the Senate. The Government is committed to putting the Budget on a sustainable trajectory.

Further information can be found in the transcript of the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection's press conference of 5 December 2014.

### Maintaining the response capability for Illegal Maritime Arrivals

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service	-	31.7	16.9	16.2	16.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service	-	11.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$92.9 million over four years from 2014-15 (including \$11.8 million in capital funding in 2014-15) to:

- repurpose and transition ownership of the Australian Defence Vessel *Ocean Shield* from the Department of Defence to the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service from 1 July 2014, two years ahead of schedule; and
- extend the lease for the ACV *Triton* for an additional six months to 30 June 2015.

The vessels will be used to support maritime operations in Australia's northern waters in response to maritime people smuggling.

### Reforming temporary skilled migration and enhancing investor visas

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will reform the Temporary Skilled (subclass 457) Visa programme for skilled migrants, while maintaining strong safeguards against abuse, by re-establishing the Ministerial Advisory Council on Skilled Migration, simplifying sponsorship arrangements, changing English language requirements and reforming the Employer Nomination and Regional Migration Schemes.

The Government will also introduce a new Premium Investor Visa (PIV) scheme and enhance the existing Significant Investor Visa (SIV) scheme.

The PIV will be available to individuals who invest a minimum of \$15 million in Australia and will offer a 12 month pathway to permanent residency. Austrade will align complying investment policy with Australia's national investment priorities by designing a compliance eligibility framework.

The costs of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection and Austrade.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 October 2014 issued by the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.

## INDUSTRY

### Anti-dumping and countervailing system — strengthening

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Industry	-	0.1	0.8	1.0	1.0
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Industry</i>	-	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2

The Government will provide \$3.0 million over four years from 2014-15 to strengthen Australia's anti-dumping and countervailing system to further assist Australian manufacturers and primary producers seeking relief from the dumping of low priced imports. The changes place a greater onus on overseas producers to cooperate with investigations and include more stringent and rigorous enforcement of deadlines. The existing merits based review of decisions will also be strengthened by raising the legal threshold for applications, limiting the range of decisions that can be appealed and introducing an application fee. The application fee is estimated to offset the cost by \$0.6 million over four years.

The existing International Trade Remedies Forum will be replaced with a streamlined Anti-Dumping Industry Board. Funding will also be provided to improve the support, assistance and information available to Australian industries seeking anti-dumping or countervailing measures. The *Import Data Financial Assistance Programme* will be discontinued due to a limited take-up by business.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

### Australia-India Strategic Research Fund — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Industry	-	-	2.1	3.2	2.9
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	2.1	3.2	2.9

The Government will provide \$20.0 million over four years from 2015-16 to continue the Australia-India Strategic Research Fund which supports collaboration between Australian and Indian researchers. The measure includes:

- \$16.0 million over four years for collaborative research projects, up to a maximum of \$1.5 million per project;
- \$0.5 million over two years for targeted workshops bringing together leading researchers from Australia and India to focus on issues of mutual interest;

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- \$0.4 million over three years for fellowships of up to \$55,000 each, enabling researchers who are Australian citizens or permanent residents with less than 15 years postdoctoral experience to undertake research in India for up to 12 months;
- \$0.4 million over four years for a science adviser, based in New Delhi; and
- \$2.8 million over four years for the Department of Industry to administer the Fund.

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

Further information can be found in the press release of 5 September 2014 issued by the Prime Minister.

**Australian Apprenticeships Management System — information technology**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Industry	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Industry</i>	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will introduce the Australian Apprenticeships Management System (AAMS). The system will provide a modern information technology platform to support the provision of Australian Apprenticeships Support Services.

This measure includes not proceeding with the self-service information technology model under the *Development of an e-Business Platform for Integration of Information and Payments for the Australian Apprenticeships System* measure published in the 2013 Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook.

The financial implications of this measure are not for publication as the AAMS will be subject to a competitive tender process.

**Australian Apprenticeships Support Services — continuation**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Industry	-	0.8	-10.7	-10.4	-10.0

The Government will provide \$602.0 million over four years from 2014-15 for Australian Apprenticeships Centres to deliver apprenticeship support services for three years from 1 July 2015, when the current contracts expire.

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The new contracts will require Australian Apprenticeships Centres to deliver a range of support services to apprentices and their employers. These include the administration of the *Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Programme* and a number of pre-commencement and training support services designed to make it easier for employers, particularly small to medium enterprises, to recruit, train and retain apprentices.

This measure achieves net savings of \$30.3 million over four years by streamlining activities under the new contracts and provides \$0.8 million in 2014-15 for the Department of Industry to conduct a competitive tender process for the new contracts.

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

Further information can be found in the press release of 8 September 2014 issued by the Minister for Industry.

**Australian Skills Quality Authority — revised regulatory model**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Australian Skills Quality Authority)	-	3.4	3.2	1.8	0.1
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Australian Skills Quality Authority)	-	-14.5	-14.9	-12.5	-13.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Australian Skills Quality Authority)	-	2.4	2.1	0.1	0.5

The Government will provide \$13.6 million over four years from 2014-15 for the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) to introduce a revised regulatory model which supports a more targeted approach to auditing activities, with a focus on identifying and auditing high risk training providers.

The measure includes capital funding of \$5.1 million for ASQA, including to upgrade its information and communication technology system.

The measure also includes a reduction in revenue of \$55.1 million over four years as a result of the targeted reduction in the number of registration and compliance audits, which are subject to cost recovery arrangements.

See also the related savings measure titled *National Training System Commonwealth Own Purpose Expenditure – reduction*.

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**Charities Maritime and Aviation Support Programme — extension**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Industry	-	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$21,000 in 2014-15 to extend the Charities Maritime and Aviation Support Programme from 1 July 2014 until the repeal of the carbon tax on 17 July 2014.

The cost of this measure was met from within the existing resources of the Department of Industry.

**Holden and Toyota — act of grace payments**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Industry	-	*	*	*	*

The Government will provide act of grace payments of up to \$15.8 million each to General Motors Holden (Holden) and Toyota Motor Corporation Australia (Toyota) equivalent to the Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) liabilities incurred by the companies in providing training to employees through the *Skills and Training Programme* component of the Government's *Growth Fund*.

The *Growth Fund* supports new jobs, investment and economic growth in South Australia and Victoria following announcements by Holden and Toyota that they will cease vehicle manufacturing in Australia by the end of 2017. The *Skills and Training Programme* aims to transition automotive workers into new jobs through skills recognition and training. The FBT liabilities will arise for Holden and Toyota when their employees receive training under the programme.

The precise amount and timing of the act of grace payments cannot be reliably estimated.

**Industry Counsellor in New Delhi — establishment**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Industry	-	0.5	0.8	0.8	1.0

The Government will provide \$3.0 million over four years from 2014-15 to establish an Industry Counsellor in New Delhi, India. The Counsellor will promote strategic cooperation, trade and investment in energy, resources, science and vocational education and training.

**Industry Innovation and Competitiveness Agenda — Industry Growth Centres — establishment**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Industry	-	-23.5	-11.9	4.0	31.4

As part of the Government’s Industry Innovation and Competitiveness Agenda, the Government will provide \$188.5 million over four years from 2014-15 (\$7.6 million in 2014-15, \$36.9 million in 2015-16, \$56.5 million in 2016-17 and \$87.5 million in 2017-18) to establish Industry Growth Centres. The Centres will bring together expertise from business and industry, the scientific and research communities and the university sector.

Initially, the Centres will be established in five industry sectors: food and agribusiness; mining equipment, technology and services; oil, gas and energy resources; medical technologies and pharmaceuticals; and advanced manufacturing.

The Centres will be required to develop a plan to become self-sustaining after four years.

This measure includes:

- \$63.0 million over four years for the Centres to develop and deliver large-scale collaborative projects to build the capability and competitiveness of their sectors;
- \$60.0 million over four years to address sector-wide impediments to access to early stage finance through grants of up to \$1.0 million, to be matched by recipients, to support projects to commercialise new ideas. This element will be delivered through the *Entrepreneurs’ Infrastructure Programme* announced in the 2014-15 Budget; and
- \$54.5 million over four years (up to \$3.5 million per annum for each Centre) for operating and administration costs, and a further \$11.0 million over four years to support connections between businesses and the Centres.

While a provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates, this measure has a year-on-year impact.

The Government’s Industry Innovation and Competitiveness Agenda focuses on Australia’s strengths, lowering business costs to foster economic growth and future prosperity.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 14 October 2014 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry.



**Industry Skills Fund — Training for Employment Scholarships and Youth Employment Pathways — establishment**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Industry	-	5.8	34.4	3.1	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Industry</i>	-	0.3	0.1	..	-

The Government will provide \$43.8 million over three years from 2014-15 to establish two pilot programmes to assist young people in regional areas and areas of high youth unemployment to transition into employment, education or training. The pilots will start on 1 March 2015 and will be evaluated in 2016 to assess their effectiveness.

The *Training for Employment Scholarships* pilot programme will provide \$37.6 million over three years for 7,500 training vouchers for up to 26 weeks of accredited or non-accredited training. The vouchers will be available to eligible employers who employ a young person aged 18 to 24 years for a period of at least 12 months and for at least 25 hours per week. The vouchers will provide up to \$7,500 depending on training needs.

The *Youth Employment Pathways* pilot programme will provide \$6.2 million over three years for 3,000 vouchers for community service organisations to purchase or provide services to address non-vocational barriers to employment for young people aged 15 to 18 years not participating in school, education or employment. The vouchers will provide up to \$2,000 per person depending on training needs and the outcomes achieved.

Further information can be found in the press release of 8 September 2014 issued by the Minister for Industry.

**National Construction Code — online provision**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Industry	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.0 million over four years from 2014-15 to make the National Construction Code (the Code) available online free of charge. The Code, currently updated yearly, will also change to a three-year update cycle.

Providing the Code online for free will reduce costs for businesses and extend the reach of the Code from about 12,000 registered users to approximately 200,000 participants in the building and plumbing industry, as well as to consumers who have an interest in building and plumbing regulations.

Funding for this measure was included as a 'decision taken but not yet announced' in the 2014-15 Budget.

Further information can be found in the press release of 30 May 2014 issued by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry.

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**National Training System Commonwealth Own Purpose Expenditure — reduction**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Industry	-	-20.3	-20.2	-14.4	-13.8

The Government will achieve savings of \$68.7 million over four years from 2014-15 by reducing funding for the National Training System Commonwealth Own Purpose Expenditure (NTS-COPE). Funding of \$121.3 million over four years will remain available under the NTS-COPE to continue to support the operation and management of the national training system.

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

See also the related expense measure titled *Australian Skills Quality Authority – revised regulatory model*.

**Skills for Education and Employment — reduction**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Industry	-	-14.9	-13.5	-10.2	-5.2

The Government will achieve savings of \$43.8 million over four years from 2014-15 by reducing the number of training places under the *Skills for Education and Employment* programme by 3,000 places in 2014-15, 2,700 in 2015-16, 2,010 in 2016-17 and 1,000 in 2017-18. The programme will continue to support over 110,000 places over the four years.

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

**Smaller Government — Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Industry	-	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9

The Government will achieve savings of \$3.6 million over four years from 2014-15 by abolishing the Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency. Advice to the Government on skills and workforce development needs will be provided by the Department of Industry.

This measure is part of the third phase of the Smaller Government reforms which reduce the size and complexity of government.

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**Smaller Government — Industry portfolio**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Industry	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will further reduce the number of government bodies in the Industry portfolio, to increase efficiency in how public funds are used to deliver services to the community.

The following government bodies will be abolished, with any ongoing functions to be performed by the Department of Industry: Central Trades Committee; Innovation Australia – Commercialisation Australia Board; National Precincts Board; Pharmaceutical Industry Working Group; and Bureau of Resources and Energy Economics Advisory Board. In addition, the Advisory Council on Intellectual Property and the Plant Breeder’s Rights Advisory Committee will merge with IP Australia. The Business Design Reference Group will be merged into the Business Online Services Management Committee.

The Government has abolished: the CSIRO Australia Telescope National Facility Steering Committee; Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Multi-Stakeholder Group; Flexible Learning Advisory Group; Innovation Australia – Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment Committee; Innovation Australia – Clean Technology Innovation Committee; Innovation Australia – Clean Technology Investment Committee; Innovation Australia – Innovation Grants Committee; Innovation Australia – R&D Tax Incentive Advisory Committee; Innovation Australia – Venture Capital Committee; Manufacturing Leaders Group; National Advisory for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment; National Senior Officials Committee; National Skills Standards Council; National VET Equity Advisory Council; Services Leaders Group; Smart Grid Smart City – Strategic Policy and Regulatory Steering Committee; Study on the Eastern Australian Domestic Gas Market – Industry Reference Group; and Technical Advisory Committee for the Coal Mining Abatement Technology Support Package.

This measure is part of the third phase of the Smaller Government reforms which reduce the size and complexity of government.

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**Support for Adult Australian Apprenticeships — payments to apprentices — cessation**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Industry	-	-	-8.3	-28.8	-29.0

The Government will achieve savings of \$66.1 million over three years from 2015-16 by ceasing payments to apprentices under Support for Adult Australian Apprenticeships (SAAA) from 1 July 2015. The SAAA is a component of the *Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Programme* and provides a wage subsidy payable directly to apprentices earning below the National Minimum Wage or to their employers if the wage is above the National Minimum Wage. The Government will continue to provide SAAA payments to employers.

Financial support to assist apprentices with the costs of undertaking an apprenticeship will be provided under the *Trade Support Loans Programme* announced in the 2014-15 Budget.

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

## INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Concessional Loan to the Australian Capital Territory Government — Mr Fluffy loose-fill asbestos remediation

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	21.1	6.5	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development</i>	-	15.3	41.4	41.6	36.5

The Government will provide a concessional loan of up to \$1 billion over ten years to the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Government to assist in administering its proposed loose-fill asbestos remediation programme for houses affected by Mr Fluffy loose-fill asbestos. The loan recognises the unique circumstances associated with the scale and cost of the remedial programme relative to the ACT Government's annual budget. Under the terms of the loan, the final cost of the programme will be borne entirely by the ACT Government.

The interest revenue accruing on the loan will be offset by the increased public debt interest which is accounted for separately in the financial statements.

Further information can be found in the press release of 28 October 2014 issued by the Minister for Employment.

### Infrastructure Investment Programme — reduced funding

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-1.0	-4.3	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-1.0	-4.3	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$5.3 million over two years from the Infrastructure Investment Programme (IIP). Savings from the Moreton Bay Rail Link project, which would otherwise have been reallocated within the IIP, will instead be returned to the Budget.

The savings from this measure will be redirected to offset the *Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative – extension* measure.

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**Northern Australia Sustainable Futures Programme — reduced funding**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	-1.0	-	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$1.0 million in 2014-15 from the *Northern Australia Sustainable Futures programme*.

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

**Paid parking on national land in the suburbs of Parkes, Barton, Russell and Acton (ACT) — revised implementation arrangements**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
National Capital Authority	-	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.5
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>National Capital Authority</i>	-	-2.9	4.3	5.7	4.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>National Capital Authority</i>	-	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.1

The Government will provide an additional \$17.3 million over four years to assist with the implementation and enforcement of paid parking on Government owned car parks on national land in the ACT suburbs of Parkes, Barton, Russell and Acton. This additional funding includes capital of \$3.9 million over four years for maintenance of selected car parks.

The revised implementation arrangements are also estimated to provide net additional revenue of \$11.8 million over four years, with increased revenue as a result of changes to the original fee schedule, partially offset by a loss of revenue arising from the delay in implementation from 1 July 2014 to 1 October 2014.

This measure builds on the 2013-14 Budget measure titled *Paid parking on National Land in the suburbs of Parkes, Barton, Russell and Acton (ACT)*.

**Smaller Government — Infrastructure and Regional Development Portfolio**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	-	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5

The Government will further reduce the number of government bodies in the Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio.

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The Government will abolish the following advisory bodies with any ongoing functions to be performed by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development: the Inter-Jurisdictional Working Group; the Local Government Ministers' Forum; the Urban Policy Forum; the Australian Council of Local Government and the National Disaster Recovery Taskforce. The Reconstruction Inspectorate will also be abolished with residual functions to be consolidated into Emergency Management Australia and the Attorney-General's Department. The Accessible Public Transport National Advisory Committee and the Accessible Public Transport Jurisdictional Committee will merge.

The Government has already abolished: the Infrastructure Coordinator; the Northern Australia Indigenous Experts Forum on Sustainable Economic Development; the Expert Advisory Panel on Northern Australia; the Marine Council; the Northern Australia Ministerial Forum and the Regional Australia Standing Council.

The Inspector of Transport Security will be appointed on a retainer basis, supported by a panel of pre-qualified professional experts that can be drawn upon when the Minister initiates a review of a security incident, and specialist support staff for the Inspector will be consolidated into the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. These reforms will remove overheads associated with a full-time office supporting the Inspector.

This measure is part of the third phase of the Smaller Government reforms which reduce the size and complexity of government.

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## PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

### Municipal and Essential Services — transition arrangements

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$46.3 million in 2014-15 to allow the Commonwealth to continue delivering municipal and essential services to remote Indigenous communities while negotiating the transition of responsibility to state governments.

Additionally, funding of \$120.9 million was redirected from within the existing resourcing of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for a transition fund to assist the governments of Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia to take on full responsibility for municipal and essential services in Indigenous communities.

Funding for this measure was included as a 'decision taken but not yet announced' in the 2014-15 Budget pending the outcome of negotiations.

Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania have all agreed to assume responsibility from 1 October 2014. Western Australia has agreed to assume responsibility from 1 July 2015.

Municipal and essential services are a state and territory responsibility and include the operation and maintenance of power, water and sewage services, garbage collection and disposal, roads, landscaping and dust control, and animal and environmental health programmes.

Further information can be found in the press release of 24 September 2014 issued by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

### Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.1 million over four years to the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General to support the Governor-General in his official activities.

Funding for this measure was included as a 'decision taken but not yet announced' in the 2014-15 Budget.



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**Reform of the Remote Jobs and Communities Programme**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Social Services	-	16.8	64.3	63.5	39.8
Department of Human Services	-	1.0	0.7	-1.0	-2.5
Department of Employment	-	0.2	-	-	-
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-25.3	-51.2	-14.0	-0.4
<b>Total — Expense</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-7.4</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>36.8</b>
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Employment</i>	-	3.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$94.9 million, and redirect existing funding of \$1.5 billion over four years from 2014-15, to reform the *Remote Jobs and Communities Programme* (RJCP) to implement work for the dole in remote communities. The additional investment will contribute toward the provision of meaningful work-like experience for job seekers, such as house painting and maintenance of community facilities, to aid transition into employment.

All adults aged between 18 and 49 living in remote Australia, not in work or study, with a capacity to work and in receipt of income support will be required to participate in work for the dole activities for up to 25 hours per week, throughout the year.

The Government is also reforming outcome payments for employment service providers to facilitate the creation of a demand driven remote employment service that rewards employment outcomes, and reduces incentives to refer job seekers to training not linked to a job.

This delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Further information can be found in the press release of 6 December 2014 issued by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

**Smaller Government — Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	..	..	..

The Government will further reduce the number of government bodies by abolishing the Australia in the Asian Century Advisory Board and the Official Establishments Trust.

The Government has also abolished the First Peoples' Education Advisory Group and has ceased the Indigenous Development Effectiveness Initiative Steering Committee, recognising that it has completed its work programme.

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## SOCIAL SERVICES

### Cessation of social security benefits for certain people confined in a psychiatric institution

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Human Services	-	0.5	0.1	0.1	..
Department of Social Services	-	0.1	-8.6	-10.1	-11.6
Total — Expense	-	0.6	-8.5	-10.0	-11.6

The Government will achieve savings of \$29.5 million over four years from 2014-15 by ceasing payment of social security benefits to people who are incarcerated or confined in a psychiatric institution under state or territory law due to serious criminal charges because they were considered unfit to stand trial or were not convicted due to mental impairment. This will ensure the same social security treatment of people in the criminal justice system whether they reside in a psychiatric or penal institution.

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

### Dementia and Severe Behaviours Supplement — cessation

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-1.8	-1.9	-2.0
Department of Social Services	-	-	-10.9	-11.4	-12.0
Total — Expense	-	-	-12.7	-13.2	-13.9

The Government achieved savings of \$39.8 million over three years by ceasing the *Dementia and Severe Behaviours Supplement* from 31 July 2014.

The Government will consider, in consultation with the aged care sector, alternative arrangements to support people with severe behaviours and psychological symptoms of dementia in aged care facilities.

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**Disability Support Pension — revised assessment process**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Social Services	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of Employment	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of Human Services	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<b>Total — Expense</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Human Services</i>	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Department of Employment</i>	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<b>Total — Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

From 1 January 2015, a revised assessment process will be introduced for the Disability Support Pension (DSP) and a treating doctor's report will no longer be required on application.

Following an assessment by a Job Capacity Assessor (JCA), a Government Contracted Doctor (GCD) will assess the DSP applicant's impairment rating. The GCD or JCA will review the claimant's medical records and may contact their treating doctor for further information.

The expenditure for this measure is not for publication to protect the integrity of the tender process.

**Disability Support Pension — revised portability arrangements**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Social Services	-	-0.5	6.0	9.0	9.3
Department of Human Services	-	-1.4	-2.2	-1.9	-2.4
<b>Total — Expense</b>	-	-2.0	3.8	7.1	6.9

The Government has amended the portability arrangements announced in the 2014-15 Budget titled *Disability Support Pension – reduced portability* at a net cost of \$15.9 million over four years.

Commencing 1 January 2015, Disability Support Pension (DSP) recipients will still receive DSP for a maximum of four weeks in a 12 month period should they travel overseas. However, following an absence of four weeks overseas, DSP recipients would now have 14 days to return to Australia before their payment is cancelled.

Portability extension and exception provisions, which allow a longer or unlimited portability period under special circumstances, will continue to apply.

**Family Payment Reform — maintain Family Tax Benefit payment rates — one year extension**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Human Services	-	-	-	1.2	0.4
Department of Health	-	-	-	-0.2	-2.1
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-383.3	-384.4
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-382.3	-386.0

The Government will achieve savings of \$768.3 million over two years by maintaining the current Family Tax Benefit (FTB) payment rates until 1 July 2017.

Under this measure, indexation of the maximum and base rates of FTB Part A, and the rate of FTB Part B, will be maintained for an additional year from 1 July 2016 to 1 July 2017.

This measure preserves the intent of the 2014-15 Budget measure titled *Family Payment Reform – maintain Family Tax Benefit payment rates for two years* as legislation was not passed in time for the start date outlined in the Budget.

**Maintain eligibility thresholds for Australian Government payments — one year extension**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Human Services	-	-	-	0.1	0.8
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-109.9
Total — Expense	-	-	-	0.1	-109.1

The Government will achieve savings of \$109.0 million by maintaining eligibility thresholds for certain Australian Government payments for one additional year from 1 July 2017 to 1 July 2018.

Affected payments include Family Tax Benefit, Newstart Allowance and Parenting Payments.

Eligibility thresholds for pension and pension related payments, and the Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate will not be affected by this measure.

This measure preserves the intent of the 2014-15 Budget measure titled *Maintain eligibility thresholds for Australian Government payments for three years* as legislation was not passed in time for the start date outlined in the Budget.

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**Masters By Coursework — not proceed with extending income support**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-34.1	-69.8

The Government will achieve savings of \$103.9 million over two years from 2016-17 by not extending student income support, including Youth Allowance (student) and Austudy, to all students undertaking a Masters degree by coursework.

Income support will continue to be available for those students undertaking a Masters degree by coursework deemed to be the fastest or only pathway for gaining professional employment.

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

**National Disability Insurance Scheme — extension of the Australian Capital Territory trial**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
National Disability Insurance Agency	-	-9.1	-10.4	0.1	-0.8

The Government has agreed with the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Government to amend the participant intake schedule and extend the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) trial in the ACT by three months to September 2016, at which time the ACT will become the first jurisdiction to reach full rollout of the NDIS.

These changes are at the request of the ACT Government, and utilise trial experience to date to optimise the NDIS rollout in the ACT.

**National Security — New Counter-Terrorism Measures for a Safer Australia — cancelling welfare payments to extremists**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Human Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.5 million over four years to ensure people engaged in terrorist activities are not receiving Australian Government welfare payments.

Under this measure relevant agencies will work more closely together to share information on issues of national security where it relates to cancelling welfare to people who are assessed as a threat.

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

These national security measures underline the Government's commitment to a safe and secure Australia.

Further information can be found in the press release of 16 August 2014 jointly issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Social Services.

**Residential Care — Pre-Entry Leave subsidy — cessation**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Human Services	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-0.5	-0.5	-0.6
Department of Social Services	-	-	-3.2	-3.3	-3.5
Total — Expense	-	-	-3.7	-3.9	-4.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Department of Human Services	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of \$11.6 million over three years from 1 July 2015 by ceasing the pre-entry leave subsidy to residential aged care providers for holding a place for up to seven days prior to a resident entering care in a residential care facility.

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

**Smaller Government — Social Services Portfolio**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-

The Government has reduced the number of government bodies in the Social Services portfolio.

The Government has abolished the following bodies with ongoing functions to be performed by the Department of Social Services: the Aged Care Planning Advisory Committee; the Aged Care Reform Implementation Council; the Healthy Life Better Ageing Committee; the National Children and Family Roundtable; and the National People with Disabilities and Carer Council.

The Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Ltd has been ceased with its ongoing functions now performed by the Australian Aged Care Quality Agency.

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The Minister's Dementia Advisory Group has also been ceased, with issues now dealt with through the Aged Care Sector Committee and the time-limited Dementia Advisory Forum.

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## TREASURY

### Global Infrastructure Hub

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of the Treasury	-	4.1	8.0	7.1	7.1
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	-	-	-11.3	-	-
Department of Finance	-	-	-18.7	-	-
Total — Expense	-	4.1	-22.0	7.1	7.1

On 16 November 2014, G20 Leaders agreed to establish a Global Infrastructure Hub in Sydney to help implement the G20 multi-year infrastructure initiative. The Hub will work internationally to leverage greater private sector involvement in infrastructure. It will do this through information development, knowledge sharing, training and the implementation of leading practices. The Government will contribute \$30 million to the establishment and operation of the Hub until 2018. Additional financial contributions, and in-kind resourcing, are also expected from other governments, international organisations, development banks and the private sector.

Funding for the Hub will be provided from the unallocated funding within the Infrastructure Investment Programme (\$11.3 million) and the Moorebank Units Relocation contingency (\$18.7 million) over the forward estimates period.

Further information about the details of the Hub can be found on the G20 website [www.g20australia.org](http://www.g20australia.org).

### Smaller Government — Treasury Portfolio

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Various Agencies	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will abolish the *Development Allowance Authority* and will consolidate its functions into the Australian Taxation Office. In addition, the Australian Office of Financial Management will consolidate its back office functions with the Department of the Treasury. The Government has also abolished the National Injury Insurance Scheme Advisory Group and the Australian Financial Centre Taskforce.

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**Superannuation — Small Business Superannuation Clearing House**

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Human Services	-	-0.9	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6
Total — Expense	-	-0.9	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6

From 1 July 2015, the Government will expand access to the Small Business Superannuation Clearing House (SBSCH) for small businesses with annual aggregated turnover below the annual small business entity turnover threshold, currently set at \$2 million. Currently, small businesses that employ more than 19 employees are not eligible to use the service.

The Government will not proceed with the former Government's plan to extend the SBSCH to medium sized businesses, as announced in the press release of 26 November 2014 issued by the Minister for Small Business. This measure is estimated to have a net saving of \$2.6 million over the forward estimates period.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment to reduce the superannuation compliance burden for small business by ensuring that all small businesses are provided with a cost free solution to help them meet their superannuation obligations.

## VETERANS' AFFAIRS

### Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — new listings and price amendments

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	..	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1

The Government will achieve savings of \$0.3 million over four years, by agreeing to a number of new listings on the Repatriation Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits (the Schedule) from 1 December 2014. The new listings have been recommended by the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Reference Committee, which advises on the clinical appropriateness of items to be made available under the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS).

Savings will be achieved primarily due to the cost of new items being less than comparable items already listed.

The Government has also agreed to price changes for suppliers from 1 December 2014 on a range of items already listed on the Schedule.

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

### Smaller Government — Veterans' Affairs

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will further reduce the number of bodies in the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) as part of the third phase of the Smaller Government reforms.

The Government will abolish the following bodies with any residual responsibilities to be managed by the Department of Veterans' Affairs: the Australian National Memorial New Zealand Advisory Panel; the Community Nursing Clinical Advisory Committee; the eHealth Technical Advisory Group; the Gulf War Study Advisory Committee; the Peacekeepers Study Advisory Committee; the Research Working Group; the Vietnam Veterans Education Centre Advisory Panel; the Vietnam Veterans Family Study Consultative Forum; and the Anzac Centenary Public Fund Board (to sunset in 2019).

*Appendix A: Policy decisions taken since the 2014-15 Budget*

The Government will merge the Dental Advisory Committee, the Optical Advisory Committee and the Rehabilitation Appliances Program Reference Committee into the Allied Health Advisory Committee. The Government will also merge the DVA Human Research Ethics Committee with the Department of Defence's Australian Defence Human Research Ethics Committee (in 2017) and the Local Medical Officer Advisory Committee with the Health Innovation Clinical Reference Group. Also the three Medicines Advice and Therapeutic Education Services Groups (the Practitioner Reference Group; Veterans Reference Group; and Writing Group) will merge into a new arrangement which will be informed by an independent review.

The Government has already ceased the Current and Former Members of the Australian Defence Force Emerging Issues Forum; the National Health, Aged and Community Care Forum; and the Operational Working Party.

This measure is part of the third phase of the Smaller Government reforms which reduce the size and complexity of government.

The Smaller Government reforms are eliminating duplication and waste, streamlining services and reducing the cost of government administration.