

A5. MEASURES STATEMENT

This Appendix lists new policy measures since the 2023 Pre-election Budget Update. It categorises new measures by portfolio, with whole of government measures detailed in the final table. This appendix is not exhaustive, and it does not include non-discretionary adjustments for existing programs and projects, known as Parameter and Technical Adjustments.

Further detail on policy measures can be found in:

- Budget Paper No. 1 *Budget Statement*: Chapter 1 - Budget Overview, Chapter 4 – Revenue and Chapter 5 - Expenditure
- Budget Paper No. 3 *Infrastructure Statement*.

Table A5.1: *New policy measures since the 2023 Pre-election Budget Update*

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Five year
	\$m	Budget \$m	\$m	Forward Estimates \$m	\$m	Total \$m
Grand Total						
Expense	2,713.7	4,851.1	1,601.3	1,036.2	(1,039.9)	9,162.4
Revenue	580.7	321.8	157.7	768.0	254.4	2,082.6
Capital	(407.7)	(247.6)	(204.9)	(1,362.4)	(755.5)	(2,978.0)

(a) the aggregates in this table take into account the net impact of both additional expenses and savings.

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Five year
	\$m	Budget \$m	\$m	Forward Estimates \$m	\$m	Total \$m
The Cabinet Office, all new measures						
Expense	0.0	63.4	89.5	6.4	5.1	164.6
Revenue	0.0	(5.9)	33.8	0.0	0.0	27.9
Capital	0.0	7.1	5.0	2.2	1.1	15.3

Material Measures

- Funding to establish a Special Commission of Inquiry into health funding
- Additional funding for the Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes
- Additional funding for the delivery of the 2024 Local Government elections
- Phase 1 re-baseline of the NSW Electoral Commission funding model to ensure its financial sustainability over the long term
- Funding to modernise the NSW Electoral Commission's election systems prior to the 2027 NSW State Election
- Additional funding to ensure key online statutory services are available to political parties, elected members, candidates, major donors and other participants ahead of future elections
- Increased funding for the Independent Commission Against Corruption. This funding is for the workforce, processes and technology required to manage an increasing volume and complexity of complaints and investigations.

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Five year
	\$m	Budget \$m	\$m	Forward Estimates \$m	\$m	Total \$m
Customer Service, all new measures						
Expense	0.0	145.1	344.9	235.6	71.5	797.1
Revenue	0.0	3.6	8.8	9.4	10.6	32.4
Capital	0.0	5.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1

Material Measures

- Funding to maintain cyber risk management activities and critical baseline security measures to protect the ongoing integrity and security of NSW Government and NSW citizens data
- A new means-tested Active and Creative Kids voucher program to commence from February 2024
- Establish the NSW Building Commission, a single body to oversee the regulation, licensing and oversight of the building construction industry to support high quality housing and protect home buyers
- Establish the NSW Business Bureau to improve small business engagement with government regulation, procurement tendering and grants application processes, as well as engage with overseas markets
- Critical funding to Service NSW to address unfunded activities
- Departmental and agency contributions to whole of Government savings measures, including reductions in advertising, consultant, travel, legal, senior executive and labour hire expenses
- CPI-indexation of regulated fees for NSW Births, Deaths and Marriages services
- A reduction in Revenue NSW's administration expenditure from the closure of First Home Buyer Choice to new applicants
- A reduction to Revenue NSW's administrative budget
- A reduction in budget for Corporate Service Units.

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Five year
	\$m	Budget \$m	\$m	Forward Estimates \$m	\$m	Total \$m
Education, all new measures						
Expense	0.0	113.0	638.0	826.2	72.7	1,650.0
Revenue	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital	(2.5)	50.1	155.1	342.6	483.7	1,029.0

Material Measures

- Restructuring the pay scale for teachers, making NSW teacher salaries among the most competitive in the country
- The establishment of an ongoing, targeted literacy and numeracy tutoring program.
- Build a new primary school near Sydney Olympic Park (Carter St Precinct)
- Building new high schools in the following areas:
 - Gledswood Hills / Gregory Hills
 - Melrose Park
 - Medowie in Port Stephens
 - Googong
 - Leppington / Denham Court
 - Schofields / Tallawong
 - Jordan Springs
- Upgrade infrastructure for Randwick Boys and Randwick Girls High Schools
- Investing in additional school counsellors in public schools across the State
- Expansion of Jerrabomberra High School to cater for up to 1,000 students
- Hiring an additional 1,000 apprentices and trainees across the NSW Government by 2026
- TAFE to maintain and replace critical assets required to effectively deliver campus services at appropriate levels for student and staff safety
- Funding to support the product development and delivery of key TAFE training packages
- Education funding uplift, in line with the NSW Government's commitment to supporting National School Reform Agreement reforms
- Expanding preschool access for families by building 100 new government preschools co-located with primary schools in the first term of government. Every new primary school project will include a co-located preschool
- Provide funding to build or upgrade preschools on Catholic and Independent school grounds in high need areas
- The Department of Education will reduce teachers' administrative work by five hours per week, through a strategy to remove, reallocate, and reduce the administrative workload within schools
- Funding boost for the NSW Community Languages Schools Program
- Departmental and agency contributions to whole of Government savings measures, including reductions in advertising, consultant, travel, legal, senior executive and labour hire expenses
- Re-prioritisation of program spend in the skills portfolio
- Administrative savings within the Department of Education
- Redirection of "Local Schools, Local Decisions" discretionary funds
- Reduction of spend currently supporting 200 contractors and consultants
- Removal of the duplicative digital learning, communication and change management platforms.

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Five year
	\$m	Budget \$m	\$m	Forward Estimates \$m	\$m	Total \$m
Enterprise, Investment and Trade, all new measures						
Expense	(6.0)	24.3	2.9	7.4	7.9	36.6
Revenue	0.0	19.5	10.0	0.5	1.0	30.9
Capital	0.0	(9.7)	(53.6)	(132.1)	(73.0)	(268.4)

Material Measures

- Providing ongoing funding to the NSW Independent Casino Commission. This will be funded by accessing revenue generated from the Casino Supervisory Levy
- Reprioritisation of the Future Economy Fund to fund 1,000 new apprenticeships
- Funding to secure events including Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardis Gras, regional events such as the Narooma Oyster Festival and providing certainty to Great Southern Nights and UFC events
- Funding to provide free general admission to some of Australia's premier educational and cultural institutions, the Australian Museum and Museums of History
- Cashless Gaming Reforms, including funding for a Gambling Harm Minimisation Fund
- Plan for NSW Music Scene - funding to support contemporary music and establish Sound NSW
- Reprofile the Future Economy Fund
- Departmental and agency contributions to whole of Government savings measures, including reductions in advertising, consultant, travel, legal, senior executive and labour hire expenses
- Portfolio savings as a result of the Comprehensive Expenditure Review, including savings within Destination NSW, efficiency savings within cultural institutions and other DEIT agency savings
- Powerhouse Museum Ultimo heritage revitalisation.

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Five year
	\$m	Budget \$m	\$m	Forward Estimates \$m	\$m	Total \$m
Health, all new measures						
Expense	0.0	(200.2)	(81.9)	159.5	134.1	11.4
Revenue	0.0	(4.5)	(4.7)	(4.8)	(5.0)	(19.0)
Capital	0.0	6.0	199.2	366.5	539.3	1,111.0

Material Measures

- Funding to permanently employ 1,112 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) nurses and midwives, previously funded on a temporary basis
- Fund an additional 500 rural and regional paramedics to address paramedic fatigue and improve wellbeing by reducing excessive overtime currently undertaken across regional and rural New South Wales
- Funding to recruit an additional 1,200 nurses and midwives to implement Safe Staffing Levels (SSLs) in NSW public hospitals, which is intended to deliver better outcomes and experiences for patients
- Expand and upgrade Fairfield Hospital to deliver inpatient services including the addition of medical sub specialties, increase the capacity of the emergency department, enhance outpatient services and community based services.
- Expand and upgrade Canterbury Hospital
- Expand the scope of the new Rouse Hill Hospital to deliver essential health services required to meet the needs of Sydney's fast-growing north-west
- Boost take home pay through salary packaging arrangements for more than 50,000 health workers
- Expand the Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals to increase bed capacity
- Boost the NSW Health workforce by attracting and retaining more skilled frontline workers, by providing study subsidies to 12,000 healthcare students over the next five years. New students will receive scholarships of \$4,000 per year, while existing students will receive one-off payments of \$8,000
- Enable safe and equitable access to voluntary assisted dying for eligible people in New South Wales, including particular focus on equitable access for regional and remote populations
- Additional funding for Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
- Permanently employ 48 FTE staff across the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) and medical and forensic workforce to address acute staff shortages and fill critical gaps in healthcare services for victims of sexual assault across NSW
- Boost funding for Women's Health Centres under the Women's Health Program, which provide a range of health, mental health and social support services for around tens of thousands of women throughout New South Wales every year
- Respond to the Commonwealth Government's decision to include opioid dependence treatment medicines in the Section 100 Highly Specialised Drugs Program
- Deliver specialist mental health Disaster Recovery Clinicians across disaster affected communities in New South Wales. These positions will provide support to communities at all stages of a disaster; including planning, preparation, response, and recovery
- Agency savings as a result of the Comprehensive Expenditure Review, including:
 - Establish a state-wide Savings Leadership Program to drive the planning and delivery of procurement savings,
 - Consolidate corporate and business services and ensure shared services are considered in future infrastructure investment decisions, and
 - Establish a single state-wide operating and business model for the planning, coordination and delivery of ICT services across the New South Wales health system.

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Five year
	\$m	Budget \$m	\$m	Forward Estimates \$m	\$m	Total \$m
The Legislature, all new measures						
Expense	0.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	15.0
Revenue	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Material Measures

- Implementation of the Independent Broderick Review of Bullying, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct in NSW Parliamentary Workplaces.

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Five year
	\$m	Budget \$m	\$m	Forward Estimates \$m	\$m	Total \$m
Planning and Environment, all new measures						
Expense	64.5	352.6	106.5	20.0	(21.7)	521.8
Revenue	0.0	(17.7)	(13.1)	(17.9)	(17.9)	(66.6)
Capital	0.0	154.0	106.0	91.8	74.1	426.0

This table includes departmental and agency contributions to whole-of-government savings measures.

Material Measures

- Delivering biodiversity conservation statutory functions, including biodiversity credit market services, wildlife licensing, land use compliance and other core statutory commitments to support biodiversity in New South Wales together with a critical digital upgrade for the Biodiversity Offset Scheme
- Provide for the continuation of the Lord Howe Island marine freight service and upgrade of its waste management facility to meet essential community needs and biosecurity and regulatory standards for the World Heritage listed site
- Continue to provide culturally appropriate service coordination, support and capacity building for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and families experiencing vulnerability through the Services Our Way program
- Continue delivering biodiversity offsets in Western Sydney through the Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan
- Construct koala-friendly crossings across Appin Road to ensure the sustainability of koalas in South-Western Sydney
- Transfer identified publicly owned lands, between Appin and Long Point, to the National Parks and Wildlife Service to establish a Georges River Koala National Park
- Deliver critical replacement and renewal of existing visitor infrastructure across national parks in New South Wales
- Additional funding for critical maintenance of the Property NSW asset portfolio
- Assess and establish the Great Koala National Park on the Mid-North Coast to preserve large tracts of koala habitat
- Funding for Landcom to deliver build-to-rent pilot projects on the South Coast and in the Northern Rivers
- Additional funding for critical maintenance of State-owned social homes
- Additional funding for the Disaster Relief Account for natural disaster assistance measures
- Funding to enable the NSW Reconstruction Authority to ensure NSW is prepared for anticipated larger and more destructive disasters
- Deliver new Aboriginal housing through the Commonwealth funded Social Housing Accelerator Agreement, in partnership with community housing providers
- Deliver the Commonwealth funded Northern Rivers Recovery and Resilience Program, which aims to improve flood resilience in the Northern Rivers region through tranches of projects to mitigate the impact of disasters identified by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
- Departmental and agency contributions to whole of Government savings measures, including reductions in advertising, consultant, travel, legal, senior executive and labour hire expenses
- Not proceeding with the construction of the new Dungowan Dam
- Reduce land transfer costs in Planning Ministerial Corporation
- Savings associated with a restructuring of the Greater Cities Commission and Western Parkland City Authority to reduce overlap and duplication between planning agencies
- Administrative savings in the Department of Planning and Environment.

	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 Budget \$m	2024-25 \$m	2025-26 Forward Estimates \$m	2026-27 \$m	Five year Total \$m
Premier's Department, all new measures						
Expense	0.0	59.3	15.4	12.8	12.1	99.6
Revenue	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0

Material Measures

- Funding for the Local Small Commitments Allocation to provide grants of \$400,000 in 2023-24 for fair distribution in each of the 93 New South Wales electorates
- Funding for a twelve month consultation with Aboriginal communities on Treaty
- Additional funding for the Stolen Generations Keeping Places program
- Departmental and agency contributions to whole of Government savings measures, including reductions in advertising, consultant, travel, legal, senior executive and labour hire expenses.

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Five year
	\$m	Budget \$m	\$m	Forward Estimates \$m	\$m	Total \$m
Regional NSW, all new measures						
Expense	425.0	(173.4)	(94.7)	(23.0)	(69.6)	64.3
Revenue	0.0	24.0	19.9	2.4	0.0	46.3
Capital	0.0	(0.2)	(63.4)	(76.2)	(23.5)	(163.3)

Material Measures

- The NSW Sheep and Goat Electronic Identification Program introduces a mandatory sheep and goat tagging system to provide traceability in the event of a biosecurity risk or disease outbreak
- Emergency management responses under the *Biosecurity Act 2015* to address outbreaks of Varroa Mites, Red Imported Fire Ants, and White Spot Disease
- Additional funding for grants to Primary Producers and Rural Landholders to provide recovery assistance in response to recent flooding events
- Funding for the repair of essential public assets and additional clean-up assistance in the Northern Rivers following the February-March 2022 flood event
- Funding for the Regional Development Trust Fund to invest in the future needs of regional communities, including modernising the *Regional Development Act 2004* and governance arrangements associated with the Trust Fund
- Funding to support Landcare groups across New South Wales to address environmental degradation and to improve and sustain agricultural productivity
- Additional funding to transform Parkes into a national freight and logistics hub, with an additional \$50 million from the Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund for water infrastructure, and to unlock key strategic land for development
- Departmental and agency contributions to whole of Government savings measures, including reductions in advertising, consultant, travel and legal expenses
- Reduction in operating costs for the Department of Regional NSW
- The Regional Growth Fund redirected to fund other Government priorities and election commitments
- Savings applied to uncommitted funds from the Regional Investment Attraction Program, Critical Minerals Activation Fund and the Coal Innovation Fund.

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Five year
	\$m	Budget \$m	\$m	Forward Estimates \$m	\$m	Total \$m
Communities and Justice, all new measures						
Expense	(9.3)	497.2	96.9	57.9	(20.8)	621.8
Revenue	0.0	1.6	1.2	(4.6)	3.9	2.1
Capital	0.0	1.2	9.4	5.2	3.7	19.5

Material Measures

- Multicultural Capital Partnership Fund to deliver community infrastructure projects, partnering with multicultural organisations
- Additional funding for Out of Home Care in 2023-24 to provide permanency services and post-care support for the most vulnerable children and young people in NSW
- Commonwealth Social Housing Accelerator Agreement to deliver additional social housing dwellings across New South Wales
- Critical Police radio network infrastructure for improved technology and connectivity across the south, southwest and far west regions of New South Wales
- Improved police infrastructure, facilities, technology and equipment to respond appropriately to crime and ensure community safety
- Enhancing the Forensic Analytical Science Service delivered by NSW Health, to allow Police officers timely access to DNA analysis to support criminal investigations
- Funding for the Level the Playing Field Grant Program to increase female participation in sports at the grass roots level
- Reprioritisation of unallocated funds related to the Centre of Excellence program
- Departmental and agency contributions to whole of Government savings measures, including reductions in advertising, consultant, travel, legal, senior executive and labour hire expenses
- Reduction of operating costs across the Department of Communities and Justice.

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Five year
	\$m	Budget \$m	\$m	Forward Estimates \$m	\$m	Total \$m
Transport and Infrastructure, all new measures						
Expense	2,123.7	1,626.6	(255.8)	(727.2)	(1,237.3)	1,530.0
Revenue	(330.6)	(204.6)	(1,022.2)	(684.0)	(410.8)	(2,652.2)
Capital	0.0	209.9	(800.6)	(1,149.0)	(1,068.8)	(2,808.5)

Material Measures

- Additional funding for State and local council road restoration works, due to the impact of natural disasters
- Providing additional funding and combining the existing Transport Access Program with the existing Commuter Car Parking Program to deliver accessibility and safety upgrades and commuter car park projects, including
 - Upgrading Moss Vale Station to improve accessibility for customers
 - Installing device charging stations in non-ticketed areas at 15 stations across the Sydney rail network
- Establishing a new \$390 million Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund over the next two years to improve roads in regional NSW
- A \$60 weekly toll cap for private motorists from 1 January 2024, to ease the cost of living
- A 33 per cent reduction in the truck toll multiplier on the M5 East and M8 to ease the financial burden on the freight industry and return local streets to communities
- Doubling funding for active transport infrastructure, through the establishment of the Active Transport Fund
- Measures arising from updates to the Transport Asset Holding Entity's (TAHE) operating model:
 - Adjustment for conversion of equity injections to TAHE to grants from Transport for NSW
 - Adjustment to funding sources for TAHE from Consolidated Fund to cash
 - Redistribution of Access and License Fees from TAHE to Sydney Trains and NSW Trains
 - Increase in grant expenditure provided to TAHE to compensate for interest revenue foregone due to the utilisation of TAHE's cash balances
- Additional funding and reprofiling adjustments for Sydney Metro City and Southwest
- Establishing the Urban Roads Fund to build major roads in metropolitan areas, improvements to key corridors in Heathcote and Riverstone, and smaller road projects for local communities. This includes upgrading Pitt Town Bypass to provide a more direct route for through traffic and reduce the volume of heavy vehicles passing through residential areas
- Establishing the Regional Roads Fund to build new roads and restore damaged roads in rural and regional areas, upgrade timber bridges, duplicate roadways and upgrade key routes to improve driver safety
- Returning Freshwater-class ferries to the Circular Quay-Manly route
- Departmental and agency contributions to whole of Government savings measures, including reductions in advertising, consultant, travel, legal, senior executive and labour hire expenses
- Savings through a reduction in the number of senior executives within Transport for NSW in non-frontline roles
- Deferring the existing road reclassification program to fund the new Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund
- Reprioritising the Metropolitan Roads Package towards other Government priorities
- Projects not proceeding or deferred as identified in the Strategic Infrastructure Review:
 - Faster Rail Sydney to Canberra
 - Faster Rail Sydney to Newcastle
 - Faster Rail Sydney to Central West
 - Inland Rail Grade Separation Program
 - Faster Rail Sydney to Bomaderry
- Projects deferred as identified in the Strategic Infrastructure Review:
 - Great Western Highway Upgrade Program
 - New Line Road Upgrade, from Old Northern Road to Castle Hill Road
 - Mona Vale Road Upgrade, from McCarrs Creek Road to Powder Works Road
- Portfolio specific revenue indexation adjustments including for tolls and opal fares
- Other portfolio specific savings measures

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	\$m	Budget \$m	\$m	Forward Estimates \$m	\$m	Total \$m
Treasury, all new measures						
Expense	314.0	1,448.2	93.2	(67.5)	(157.3)	1,630.5
Revenue	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital	0.0	138.0	666.0	0.0	0.0	804.0

Material Measures

- Energy Bill Relief payments are co-funded by the Australian and NSW Governments, and are targeted and temporary payments to help ease the rising cost of electricity bills:
 - Eligible low-income households, pensioners, self-funded retirees, families and carers will receive a one-off \$500 bill relief payment towards their electricity bills
 - Eligible small businesses using less than 100 megawatt hours of electricity per year will receive a one-off \$650 bill relief payment towards their electricity bills
- Additional capital expenditure for the Transmission Acceleration Facility to address cost and schedule risks associated with the Central-West Orana Development Project and maintain critical path for the delivery of the Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap
- Additional funding to the energy affordability package:
 - An increase to existing energy rebates values in 2024-25, including:
 - o Increasing the Low-Income Household Rebate and Medical Energy Rebate to \$350
 - o Increasing the Seniors Energy Rebate to \$250
 - o Family Energy Rebate with the full rate increased to \$250 and partial rate to \$30
 - o Life Support Rebate by increasing the value for each equipment type up to \$1,639
- Departmental and agency contributions to whole of Government savings measures, including reductions in advertising, consultant, travel, legal, senior executive and labour hire expenses.

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Five year
	\$m	Budget \$m	\$m	Forward Estimates \$m	\$m	Total \$m
Whole of Government, all new measures						
Expense	(198.2)	890.1	642.4	525.1	160.3	2,019.8
Revenue	911.3	505.9	1,124.0	1,467.1	672.6	4,680.9
Capital	(405.2)	(810.1)	(427.9)	(813.5)	(692.1)	(3,148.8)

Material Measures

- Establishing the Essential Services Fund
- Freezing pay for two years for senior executives and Members of Parliament ahead of allocation to agencies
- Funding which is being centrally held for Northern Rivers Disaster Relief
- Funding for the Electric Vehicle Strategy Review
- Release of centrally held funds for:
 - Digital Restart Fund
 - Restart NSW fund
 - WestInvest
 - Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund
- Not proceeding with the new Dungowan Dam
- Increased coal royalty rates
- Expansion of the First Home Buyer Assistance Scheme and closing off access to the First Home Buyers Choice Scheme
- Revenue integrity and tax compliance measures
- Removal of stamp duty exemptions and rebates for the purchase of electric vehicles
- Corrections to the operation of the land tax thresholds system
- Revisions to the casino duty tax rates previously announced in December 2022
- Health departmental contributions to whole of Government savings measures, including reductions in advertising, consultant, travel, legal, senior executive and labour hire expenses
- A downward adjustment to projections for redundancies (Government-wide measure)
- Reallocations and offsetting measures related to early childhood:
 - 100 government preschools
 - 50 new and expanded preschools at non-government schools
 - Universal preschool re-profiling
- Temporary suspension of contributions into the NSW Generations Fund.