



### Deliver a National Gas Plan – implement consistent reporting requirements across the east coast gas market

Party: The Coalition

#### Summary of proposal:

The proposal would mandate the implementation of consistent reporting requirements across the east coast gas market.

The proposal would start on 1 July 2025.

### Costing overview

The proposal would be expected to decrease the fiscal and underlying cash balances by around \$3.8 million over the 2025-26 Budget forward estimates period (see Table 1). This impact reflects an increase in departmental expenses.

The proposal would not be expected to have an impact beyond the 2025-26 Budget forward estimates period. A breakdown of the financial implications (including separate public debt interest (PDI) tables) over the period to 2035-36 is provided at Attachment A.

Under current arrangements, gas market data is collected by the Department of Infrastructure, Science and Resources (DISR), the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC), the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) and the Australian Energy Regulator (AER). The proposal would enhance data sharing and shared data analysis for data products (AEMO's Gas statement of Opportunity<sup>1</sup>, ACCC's gas enquiry<sup>2</sup>) or in their role as market regulator.

**Table 1: Deliver a National Gas Plan – implement consistent reporting requirements across the east coast gas market – Financial implications (\$m)<sup>(a)(b)</sup>**

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total to 2028-29
Fiscal balance	-1.9	-1.9	-	-	-3.8
Underlying cash balance	-1.9	-1.9	-	-	-3.8

(a) A positive number represents an increase in the relevant budget balance; a negative number represents a decrease.

(b) PDI impacts are not included in the totals.

- Indicates nil.

### Methodology and key assumptions

The departmental effort required to complete the objective of the policy proposal have been estimated based on Budget measures of similar programs. The additional staffing costs were grown in

<sup>1</sup> [AEMO | Gas Statement of Opportunities](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Gas inquiry 2017-30 reports | ACCC](#)

line with the Wage Cost Index 3 (WCI 3) using the PBO's departmental calculator over the medium term.

Financial implications were rounded consistent with the PBO's rounding rules.<sup>3</sup>

## Data sources

The Department of Infrastructure, Science and Resources provided information on current gas market reporting arrangements as at 2 May 2025.

Departmental expenses were estimated based on the cost of administering similar programs.

Commonwealth of Australia (2025) *Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2025*, Commonwealth of Australia.

Commonwealth of Australia (2020) *2020-21 Budget*, Commonwealth of Australia.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.pbo.gov.au/for-parliamentarians/how-we-analyse/pbo-rounding-rules>

## Attachment A – Deliver a National Gas Plan – implement consistent reporting requirements across the east coast gas market – Financial implications

**Table A1: Deliver a National Gas Plan – implement consistent reporting requirements across the east coast gas market – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)<sup>(a)</sup>**

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36	Total to 2028-29	Total to 2035-36
<b>Expenses</b>													
<i>Departmental</i>													
<i>Deliver a National Gas Plan - Additional resourcing to implement consistent east coast gas market reporting requirements</i>	-1.9	-1.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.8	-3.8
<b>Total – departmental</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-3.8</b>	<b>-3.8</b>
<b>Total (excluding PDI)</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-3.8</b>	<b>-3.8</b>

(a) A positive number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A negative number for the fiscal balance indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A positive number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in receipts or a decrease in payments or net capital investment in cash terms. A negative number for the underlying cash balance indicates a decrease in receipts or an increase in payments or net capital investment in cash terms.

- Indicates nil.

**Table A2: Deliver a National Gas Plan – implement consistent reporting requirements across the east coast gas market – Memorandum item: Public Debt Interest (PDI) impacts – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)<sup>(a)(b)</sup>**

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36	Total to 2028-29	Total to 2035-36
<b>Fiscal balance</b>	..	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-1.9
<b>Underlying cash balance</b>	..	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-1.9

(a) As this table is presented as a memorandum item, these figures are not reflected in the totals above. This is consistent with the approach taken in the budget where the budget impact of most measures is presented excluding the impact on PDI. If the reader would like a complete picture of the total aggregate, then these figures would need to be added to the figures above. For further information on government borrowing and financing please refer to the PBO's online budget glossary<sup>4</sup>.

(b) A positive number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A negative number for the fiscal balance indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A positive number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in receipts or a decrease in payments or net capital investment in cash terms. A negative number for the underlying cash balance indicates a decrease in receipts or an increase in payments or net capital investment in cash terms.

.. Not zero but rounded to zero.

<sup>4</sup> [Online budget glossary – Parliamentary Budget Office \(pbo.gov.au\)](https://pbo.gov.au)