



Maintain Australian Border Force presence at Hobart Airport	
Party:	The Coalition
<p>Summary of proposal:</p> <p>The proposal would maintain the presence of the Australian Border Force at Hobart Airport within the existing footprint until at least 2029.</p> <p>The proposal would start on 1 July 2025 and cease on 31 December 2029.</p>	

Costing overview

The proposal would be expected to decrease the fiscal and underlying cash balances by around \$21.1 million over the 2025-26 Budget forward estimates period (see Table 1). This impact reflects an increase in departmental expenses.

The proposal would 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.

Table 1: Maintain Australian Border Force presence at Hobart Airport – Financial implications (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total to 2028-29
Fiscal balance	-	-6.9	-7.0	-7.2	-21.1
Underlying cash balance	-	-6.9	-7.0	-7.2	-21.1

(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.

Key assumptions and methodology

The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) has made the following assumption in costing this proposal.

- The 2025-26 Budget estimates for the Australian Border Force associated with the Hobart International Airport would be extended and grown in line with Wage Cost Index 3 until 31 December 2029.

Financial implications were rounded consistent with the PBO's rounding rules.¹

¹ <https://www.pbo.gov.au/for-parliamentarians/how-we-analyse/pbo-rounding-rules>

Data sources

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

The Department of Home Affairs provided the information on the current Australian Border Force funding for the Hobart International Airport in the Budget estimates.

Attachment A – Maintain Australian Border Force presence at Hobart Airport – Financial implications

Table A1: Maintain Australian Border Force presence at Hobart Airport – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)^(a)

	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
Expenses													
<i>Departmental expenses</i>	-	-6.9	-7.0	-7.2	-3.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-21.1	-24.8
Total – expenses	-	-6.9	-7.0	-7.2	-3.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-21.1	-24.8
Total (excluding PDI)	-	-6.9	-7.0	-7.2	-3.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-21.1	-24.8

- (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: Maintain Australian Border Force presence at Hobart Airport – Memorandum item: Public Debt Interest (PDI) impacts – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

	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
Fiscal balance	-	-0.2	-0.5	-0.8	-1.1	-1.2	-1.3	-1.3	-1.4	-1.4	-1.5	-1.5	-10.7
Underlying cash balance	-	-0.1	-0.4	-0.7	-1.0	-1.2	-1.2	-1.3	-1.4	-1.4	-1.5	-1.2	-10.2

- (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 glossary².
- (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.
- Indicates nil.

² [Online budget glossary – Parliamentary Budget Office \(pbo.gov.au\)](https://pbo.gov.au/online-budget-glossary)