

ECR-2025-2272

Adass Israel Synagogue rebuild							
Party:	The Coalition						

Summary of proposal:

The proposal would provide up to \$35 million to support the rebuilding of Adass Israel Synagogue and community centre, by providing an additional \$3.8 million in 2025-26, with the rest of the balance to be funded from within existing budget allocation.¹

The proposal would be non-ongoing and start from 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 administered expenses.

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

The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) has not made any assessment as to whether the specified funding would be sufficient to meet the objectives of the proposal.

Table 1: Adass Israel Synagogue rebuild – Financial implications (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

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

¹ 2025-26 Budget Measure: *Supporting Social Cohesion*: The Government will provide \$178.4 million over 5 years from 2024-25 (and \$1.2 million ongoing) to support social cohesion in Australia. Funding includes: \$31.4 million over 4 years from 2024-25 for the restoration of the Adass Israel Synagogue and community centre in Ripponlea, Victoria, the restoration of Torah Scrolls and security upgrades following the December 2024 firebombing. <u>Budget Paper No. 2</u> page 61.

Key assumptions and methodology

The proposal is capped at a fixed amount, distributed in 2025-26. Departmental expenses associated with providing the funding to the Adass Israel Synagogue and community are expected to be small and are assumed to be absorbed within existing resources of the relevant department. Administered expenses are as specified. We assume that no funds allocated to a given year are left unspent.

Financial implications were rounded consistent with the PBO's rounding rules.²

Data sources

Commonwealth of Australia (2025) *2025-26 Budget Measures Budget Paper No.2,* Commonwealth of Australia.

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

² https://www.pbo.gov.au/for-parliamentarians/how-we-analyse/pbo-rounding-rules

Attachment A – Adass Israel Synagogue rebuild – Financial implications

Table A1: Adass Israel Synagogue rebuild – 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													
Total – administered	-3.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.8	-3.8
Total (excluding PDI)	-3.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.8	-3.8

⁽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.

Table A2: Adass Israel Synagogue rebuild – 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	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.7	-2.2
Underlying cash balance	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.7	-2.2

⁽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 glossary.³

Indicates nil.

⁽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.

³ Online budget glossary – Parliamentary Budget Office (pbo.gov.au)