



Indigenous Advancement Strategy – reallocations	
Party:	The Coalition
<p>Summary of proposal:</p> <p>The proposal would reallocate funding from the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS).</p> <p>Amounts to be returned to the Consolidated Revenue Fund would be \$14.9 million in 2025-26, \$4.6 million in 2026-27 and 2027-28, and \$4.7 million from 2028-29.</p> <p>The proposal would be ongoing and start on 1 July 2025.</p>	

Costing overview

The proposal would be expected to increase the fiscal and underlying cash balances by around \$28.8 million over the 2025-26 Budget forward estimates period (see Table 1). This impact reflects a decrease in administered 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: Indigenous Advancement Strategy – reallocations – Financial implications (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total to 2028-29
Fiscal balance	14.9	4.6	4.6	4.7	28.8
Underlying cash balance	14.9	4.6	4.6	4.7	28.8

(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.

Key assumptions and methodology

Savings are as specified in the proposal, from uncommitted funds available from within the IAS. Annual savings from 2029-30 were set at the level of savings specified in 2028-29.

The PBO has made no assessment as to how the reduction in funding would impact delivery of activities under the IAS.

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 National Indigenous Australians Agency provided the funding profile for the Indigenous Advancement Strategy, including information on uncommitted funding, current as at 31 March 2025.

Attachment A – Indigenous Advancement Strategy – reallocations – Financial implications

Table A1: Indigenous Advancement Strategy – reallocations – 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													
Administered													
<i>Indigenous Advancement Strategy - reallocations</i>	14.9	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	28.8	61.7
Total (excluding PDI)	14.9	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	28.8	61.7

(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: Indigenous Advancement Strategy – reallocations – 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	0.3	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.7	3.1	3.4	3.4	20.4
Underlying cash balance	0.2	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.6	3.0	3.3	3.1	19.5

(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.

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