



Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program – redirect				
Party:	The Coalition			
Summary of proposal:				
The proposal would redirect funding provided under the <i>Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program</i> . The savings from the redirection for the first 4 years would be as follows:				
	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program – redirect (\$m)	200.0	200.0	205.0	200.0
The proposal would be ongoing and start on 1 July 2025.				

Costing overview

The proposal would be expected to increase the fiscal and underlying cash balances by around \$805 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: Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program – redirect – Financial implications (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total to 2028-29
Fiscal balance	200.0	200.0	205.0	200.0	805.0
Underlying cash balance	200.0	200.0	205.0	200.0	805.0

(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.

Key assumptions

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

- Redirected funding beyond the forward estimates period would be equivalent to 2028-29 per year.

Methodology

The *Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program* is an ongoing program beyond the forward estimates period, informed by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts. Therefore, the PBO has determined that there would be sufficient funds to meet the redirected amount under the proposal.

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

Data sources

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

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

Attachment A – Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program – redirect – Financial implications

Table A1: Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program – redirect – 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
Expenses													
<i>Administered</i>													
<i>Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program – redirect</i>	200.0	200.0	205.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	805.0	2,205.0
Total (excluding PDI)	200.0	200.0	205.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	805.0	2,205.0

(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: Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program – redirect – 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
<i>Fiscal balance</i>	4.0	13.0	23.0	33.0	43.0	54.0	66.0	78.0	90.0	103.0	117.0	73.0	624.0
<i>Underlying cash balance</i>	3.0	11.0	21.0	31.0	41.0	52.0	63.0	75.0	87.0	100.0	114.0	66.0	598.0

- (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/online-budget-glossary)