



Extend Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission's Terms of Reference	
Party:	The Coalition
Summary of proposal: The proposal would extend the terms of reference and the role of the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission to include reviewing and reporting on the delivery of outcomes for all funding provided under the <i>National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children</i> . The proposal would be ongoing and start on 1 July 2025.	

Costing overview

The proposal would be expected to decrease the fiscal and underlying cash balances by around \$9.5 million over the 2025-26 Budget forward estimates period (see Table 1). This impact reflects an increase in departmental expenses for the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission (the Commission).

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: Extend Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission's Terms of Reference – Financial implications (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total to 2028-29
Fiscal balance	-2.3	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-9.5
Underlying cash balance	-2.3	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-9.5

(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

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

- A small team of around 12 staff (1 SES Band 1, 2 EL 2, 4 EL 1, 2 APS 6, 2 APS 5, 1 APS 4), would be required to operate the Commission's expanded functions.
 - This is broadly informed by the staffing profile of the Australian National Audit Office.
- Employees' salaries, superannuation entitlements, travel and all other support costs would grow in line with Wage Cost Index 3 less an efficiency dividend.

Methodology

The PBO's departmental calculator was used to estimate the additional expenses associated with establishing and maintaining the funding review and reporting function within the Commission.

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

Data sources

Australian National Audit Office (2024) [ANAO Annual Report 2023-24](#), accessed 14 May 2025.

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 – Extend Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission’s Terms of Reference – Financial implications

Table A1: Extend Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission’s Terms of Reference – 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 - departmental	-2.3	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.5	-2.5	-2.5	-2.6	-2.6	-2.6	-9.5	-27.2
Total (excluding PDI)	-2.3	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.5	-2.5	-2.5	-2.6	-2.6	-2.6	-9.5	-27.2

(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: Extend Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission’s Terms of Reference – 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	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-0.8	-0.9	-1.1	-1.3	-1.4	-1.0	-7.6
Underlying cash balance	..	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-0.7	-0.9	-1.1	-1.2	-1.4	-0.7	-7.1

(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.

.. Not zero but rounded to zero.

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