



Establish an Office of Disability within the Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet	
Party:	Australian Greens
Summary of proposal:  The proposal would establish an Office of Disability within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) to create a whole-of-government approach to advancing disability rights.  The proposal would be ongoing and start from 1 July 2026.	
Additional information (based on further advice provided):  The Office of Disability would have the same staffing level as the Office for Women.	

## Costing overview

The proposal would be expected to decrease the fiscal and underlying cash balances by around \$34.6 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: Establish an Office of Disability within the Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet – Financial implications (\$m)<sup>(a)(b)</sup>**

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total to 2028-29
Fiscal balance	-	-13.5	-10.5	-10.6	<b>-34.6</b>
Underlying cash balance	-	-13.5	-10.5	-10.6	<b>-34.6</b>

(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

It is assumed the new office would have an average full time equivalent staff level of 50 people, that could be readily accommodated within PM&C. Costs were calculated using the PBO's departmental costs calculator. Staff costs were indexed annually by Wage Cost Index 3, less an efficiency dividend. Provision was made for first year implementation costs.

We assume that no funds allocated to a given year are left unspent.

Financial implications were rounded consistent with the PBO's rounding rules.<sup>1</sup>

## Data sources

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

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provided information in relation to the staffing level of the Office for Women.

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

## Attachment A – Establish an Office of Disability within the Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet – Financial implications

**Table A1: Establish an Office of Disability within the Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)<sup>(a)</sup>**

	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
<b>Expenses</b>													
<b>Total – departmental</b>	-	-13.5	-10.5	-10.6	-10.8	-10.9	-11.1	-11.2	-11.3	-11.5	-11.6	-34.6	-113.0
<b>Total (excluding PDI)</b>	-	-13.5	-10.5	-10.6	-10.8	-10.9	-11.1	-11.2	-11.3	-11.5	-11.6	-34.6	-113.0

- (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.
- Indicates nil.

**Table A2: Establish an Office of Disability within the Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet – Memorandum item: Public Debt Interest (PDI) impacts – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)<sup>(a)(b)</sup>**

	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
<b>Fiscal balance</b>	-	-0.3	-0.8	-1.4	-1.9	-2.5	-3.1	-3.7	-4.4	-5.1	-5.8	-2.5	-29.0
<b>Underlying cash balance</b>	-	-0.2	-0.7	-1.2	-1.8	-2.3	-2.9	-3.5	-4.2	-4.9	-5.7	-2.1	-27.4

- (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<sup>2</sup>.
- (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.

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