



Ban greyhound racing	
Party:	Australian Greens
Summary of proposal: The proposal would ban greyhound racing across Australia. The proposal would start on 1 July 2026.	
Additional information (based on further advice provided): The proposal would establish a taskforce within the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) that would be active for a period of 4 years from 1 July 2026. The taskforce would be responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• designing and implementing a national ban on commercial horse and greyhound racing, including the shutdown of all commercial horse and greyhound racing activities• developing a plan to transition commercial horse and greyhound racing facilities to open green spaces• developing a transition plan for workers currently employed in the industry to transition out of the industry and find new work• assisting in the rehabilitation and rehoming of horses and greyhounds.	

Costing overview

The proposal would be expected to decrease the fiscal and underlying cash balances by around \$8.8 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.

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: Ban greyhound racing – Financial implications (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total to 2028-29
Fiscal balance	-	-2.9	-2.9	-3.0	-8.8
Underlying cash balance	-	-2.9	-2.9	-3.0	-8.8

(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

The proposal would establish a 14 person taskforce, consistent with previous estimates for taskforces of similar scope. Departmental costs were estimated using the PBO's departmental cost calculator, indexed to Wage Cost Index 3 less an efficiency dividend. We assume that no funds allocated to a given year are left unspent.

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 – Ban greyhound racing – Financial implications

Table A1: Ban greyhound racing – 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	-	-2.9	-2.9	-3.0	-3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8.8	-11.8
Total (excluding PDI)	-	-2.9	-2.9	-3.0	-3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8.8	-11.8

(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.

- Indicates nil.

Table A2: Ban greyhound racing – 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	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.6	-5.0
Underlying cash balance	-	..	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.5	-4.6

(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.

- Indicates nil.

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