



Home Batteries Program – redirect	
Party:	The Coalition
Summary of proposal: The proposal would redirect (cease) funding from the Home Batteries Program. The proposal would start on 1 July 2025.	

Costing overview

The proposal would be expected to increase the fiscal and underlying cash balances by around \$2.3 billion over the 2025-26 Budget forward estimates period (see Table 1). This impact reflects a decrease in administered and departmental expenses, with a small offset from a decrease in administered non-tax revenue.

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: Home Batteries Program – redirect – Financial implications (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total to 2028-29
Fiscal balance	410.5	720.7	613.8	590.4	2,335.4
Underlying cash balance	410.5	720.7	613.8	590.4	2,335.4

(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 and Methodology

The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) has assumed that funding would be redirected to Consolidated Revenue.

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water provided the uncommitted funding profile for the Cheaper Home Batteries Program measure. All future year estimates are uncommitted and have been reversed.

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

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water provided the funding profile of the Cheaper Home Batteries Program over the medium-term period (up to 2034-35) as at 20 May 2025.

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

Attachment A – Home Batteries Program – redirect – Financial implications

Table A1: Home Batteries Program – redirect – 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
Revenue													
Administered non-tax													
<i>Cleant Energy Regulator</i>	-4.7	-7.4	-7.2	-6.7	-7.2	-6.7	-1.1	-	-	-	-	-26.0	-41.0
Total – revenue	-4.7	-7.4	-7.2	-6.7	-7.2	-6.7	-1.1	-	-	-	-	-26.0	-41.0
Expenses													
Administered													
<i>Cheaper Home Batteries Program</i>	388.0	705.0	612.0	592.0	605.0	459.0	149.0	-	-	-	-	2,297.0	3,510.0
Total – administered	388.0	705.0	612.0	592.0	605.0	459.0	149.0	-	-	-	-	2,297.0	3,510.0
Departmental													
<i>Clean Energy Regulator</i>	19.2	17.1	6.3	3.8	3.4	2.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-	46.4	53.3
<i>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</i>	8.0	6.0	2.7	1.3	1.2	1.2	-	-	-	-	-	18.0	20.4
Total – departmental	27.2	23.1	9.0	5.1	4.6	3.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-	64.4	73.7
Total – expenses	415.2	728.1	621.0	597.1	609.6	462.5	149.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-	2,361.4	3,583.7
Total (excluding PDI)	410.5	720.7	613.8	590.4	602.4	455.8	148.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	-	2,335.4	3,542.7

(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: Home Batteries 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>	9.0	35.0	66.0	95.0	126.0	155.0	176.0	187.0	195.0	204.0	214.0	205.0	1,462.0
<i>Underlying cash balance</i>	7.0	28.0	58.0	88.0	118.0	148.0	170.0	184.0	193.0	202.0	211.0	181.0	1,407.0

- (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 glossary.²
- (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)