

ECR-2025-3573

National Anti-Racism Framework								
Party:	Australian Greens							
Summary of proposal:	·							
The proposal would provide \$60 million in funding to the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) to implement the National Anti-Racism Framework, support community education, and launch a national anti-racism campaign.								
The proposal would be non-ongoing and start on 1 July 2026.								
Additional information (based on further advice provided):								
Funding would be spread evenly over 4 years for the following purposes:								
 \$45 million in grants to community organisations and local governments to provide anti-racism education and training 								
 \$7.5 million for a national anti-racism campaign 								
 \$7.5 million for staff at the AHRC to deliver the strategy. 								
Departmental funding would be from within the capped amount.								

Costing overview

The proposal would be expected to decrease the fiscal and underlying cash balances by around \$45 million over the 2025-26 Budget forward estimates period (see Table 1). This impact reflects an increase in administered and 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: National Anti-Racism Framework – Financial implications (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total to 2028-29
Fiscal balance	-	-15.1	-15.1	-15.0	-45.2
Underlying cash balance	-	-15.1	-15.1	-15.0	-45.2

(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.

Methodology

The proposal is capped at a fixed amount, evenly distributed over 4 years from the commencement date. Departmental and administered expenses are as specified in the proposal. No funds allocated to a given year would be 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 <u>https://www.pbo.gov.au/for-parliamentarians/how-we-analyse/pbo-rounding-rules</u>

Attachment A – National Anti-Racism Framework – Financial implications

	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													
Administered													
Education grants	-	-11.3	-11.3	-11.2	-11.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-33.8	-45.0
Anti-racism campaign	-	-1.9	-1.9	-1.9	-1.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5.7	-7.5
Total – administered	-	-13.2	-13.2	-13.1	-13.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-39.5	-52.5
Departmental													
Australian Human Rights Commission	-	-1.9	-1.9	-1.9	-1.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5.7	-7.5
Total – departmental	-	-1.9	-1.9	-1.9	-1.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5.7	-7.5
Total (excluding PDI)	-	-15.1	-15.1	-15.0	-14.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-45.2	-60.0

Table A1: National Anti-Racism Framework – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)^(a)

(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 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 payments or net capital investment in cash terms.

- Indicates nil.

Table A2: National Anti-Racism Framework – 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	-	-0.3	-1.0	-1.7	-2.5	-2.9	-3.0	-3.2	-3.3	-3.5	-3.6	-3.0	-25.0
Underlying cash balance	-	-0.3	-0.8	-1.6	-2.3	-2.8	-3.0	-3.1	-3.3	-3.4	-3.6	-2.7	-24.2

(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 negative 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 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 payments or net capital investment in cash terms.

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² Online budget glossary – Parliamentary Budget Office (pbo.gov.au)