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2024-25

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Government of South Australia

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A financial report detailing the state government's expenditure, savings and revenue initiatives.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge Aboriginal people as the state's first peoples, nations and Traditional Owners of South Australian land and waters. We recognise that their unique cultural heritage, customs, spiritual beliefs and relationship with the land are of ongoing importance today, and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging leaders of the future.

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BUDGET OVERVIEW

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

The 2024-25 Budget invests in the government's priorities of housing, cost of living relief, jobs and skills, and health.

In recognition of continuing high interest rates and inflation, this budget provides additional targeted cost of living relief to support South Australians most in need, and small businesses to reduce costs.

This budget includes a significant investment in jobs for the future, including partnering with the Commonwealth Government to address critical skills shortages and increase training in key industries for our economy.

It also funds generational reform in early childhood education and care in South Australia by commencing the rollout of universal preschool for 3-year-olds, giving children the best start to their education.

There is further significant investment in housing, building on last year's budget, to boost supply and improve affordability.

The government continues its significant investment in the capacity and effectiveness of our state's health system to address the growing demand for public health services.

This budget maintains the government's significant infrastructure investment to meet the future needs of South Australians.

It does so in a fiscally sustainable manner with net operating surpluses budgeted across the forward estimates, and no new taxes, tax increases or savings levied on agencies.

Hon Stephen Mullighan MP
Treasurer

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KEY BUDGET INDICATORS

	2023-24 Estimated Result	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Estimate	2027-28 Estimate
General government net operating balance ($m)	306	248	458	568	403
General government net lending ($m)	-1 006	-2 552	-2 630	-3 326	-3 379
General government net debt ($m)	19 145	22 447	25 685	29 471	33 583
Non-financial public sector net debt ($m)	27 887	31 686	35 362	39 749	44 206
Net debt to revenue ratio (NFPS)	96.8%	105.9%	112.8%	122.2%	131.8%

COST OF LIVING

ADDITIONAL COST OF LIVING CONCESSION PAYMENT

$51.5 million in 2023-24 to provide a once-off additional Cost of Living Concession (COLC) payment of $243.90 to all recipients who have received the COLC payment in 2023-24. This additional payment will occur in June 2024, providing immediate and targeted support to over 210 000 South Australians at the onset of winter, when energy bills increase for many households.

INCREASED COST OF LIVING CONCESSION FOR TENANTS & COMMONWEALTH SENIORS HEALTH CARD HOLDERS

$36.6 million over four years to double the COLC from 2024-25 from $127.80 to $255.60 for tenants and Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders by aligning to that of home owners, supporting around 73 000 people.

An eligible low-income family that rents will receive a total of $371.70 in additional COLC payments over 2023-24 and 2024-25.

SPORTS VOUCHERS EXPANSION

$54.6 million over four years to expand the sports vouchers program from 1 January 2025 and address the cost of children participating in sport and recreation activities, supporting the participation of around 100 000 children.

The sports vouchers program currently provides a discount of up to $100 each calendar year on sport, dance, learn to swim or scouts/guides fees for South Australian children from Reception to Year 9.

This initiative will double the number of $100 vouchers from 1 to 2 per year per child, or allow parents to claim a $200 deduction on sport and recreation fees for the one activity. Vouchers will also be expanded to include music lessons as an eligible activity.

MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGE SUBSIDY

$24 million in 2024-25 to deliver a $200 reduction to government school parents, caregivers and independent students for the materials and services charge for the 2025 school year. This initiative expands and extends this support for a further year and will support up to 120 000 school children.

SOCIAL HOUSING ENERGY UPGRADE INITIATIVE

$35.8 million over three years for a social housing energy upgrade initiative to provide insulation upgrades and replacement of inefficient appliances to deliver energy and cost saving benefits to tenants in both public and community housing sectors, in partnership with the Commonwealth Government. The Commonwealth Government will provide $17.9 million with the remaining $17.9 million to be funded by the state government.

The initiative is expected to provide energy efficiency upgrades for over 3 500 homes in South Australia.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO CONCESSIONS

$14.1 million over four years to:

- improve access to concessions for tenants in share houses, including those in disability accommodation (benefitting around 2 200 people)
- expand access to glasses (around 7 000 people), emergency electricity payment (around 1 300 people) and funeral concessions (up to 50 people).

In addition, Companion Card holders will be provided improved access to Changing Places facilities (around 10 000 people), and there have been improvements in the Home Dialysis Concession (around 200 people) and in access to concessions for asylum seekers (around 500 people).

$266.2 million

TO PROVIDE RELIEF FOR THE INCREASING COST OF LIVING FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIANS

EXTEND PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONCESSIONS

$10.6 million over four years to extend public transport concessions to all Health Care Card holders, benefitting around 15 000 people. This will save up to $2.25 per trip when using a MetroCard.

REMOTE AREA ENERGY SUPPLY – FUEL COSTS

$500 000 in 2023-24 to support the Remote Area Energy Supply Scheme due to a rise in the price of diesel fuel in remote communities and townships that are serviced by the scheme.

CTP PREMIUMS

All vehicle owners will continue to benefit from the former Labor government's reforms to the competitive CTP insurance scheme, with the CTP premium for an average four cylinder vehicle in the metropolitan area being 6 per cent lower compared to July 2023.

FEES & CHARGES

Increases to fees and charges set by government will not exceed the current rate of inflation (4.3 per cent) for the third year in a row. Fees and charges will rise by around 3 per cent in 2024-25, around 30 per cent below inflation.

ADDITIONAL SAVINGS FOR HOUSEHOLDS

The state government is providing more savings for households in addition to the Commonwealth Government's cost of living relief to support those who are most in need. For example, a family with two school-aged children could save an additional $600 in 2024-25 through the doubling of the sports voucher subsidy, and extension of the school materials and services charge subsidy for a further year. When combined with the Commonwealth Government tax cuts and energy bill relief, the same family on a combined income of $150 000 could save over $4 000 in 2024-25.

FAMILY SAVINGS

Materials and services charge subsidy *($200 per student)*	$400
Sports voucher expansion *(additional $100 per student)*	$200
Commonwealth energy bill relief *($300 per household)*	$300
Commonwealth income tax savings *(based on household earning $150 000)*	$3 108
Total savings	**$4 008**

RELIEF FOR BUSINESSES

ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUND – SMALL BUSINESS ENERGY GRANTS

$20 million in 2024-25 for Round 2 of the Economic Recovery Fund. This will support up to 8 000 eligible small businesses and not-for-profit organisations with grants between $2 500 and $50 000 to invest in energy efficient equipment or other improvements to reduce and manage their energy usage and costs.

Applications for Round 2 are expected to open in August 2024. Further details about the grant scheme will be available on the Office for Small and Family Business website.

PAYROLL TAX – BULK BILLING EXEMPTION FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

General practitioner wages related to bulk billed services will be exempt from payroll tax from 1 July 2024. The exemption is designed as an incentive for general practitioners to bulk bill patients. In addition, an amnesty on wages paid to certain general practitioners and other medical service providers to 30 June 2024 will be legislated to alleviate the administrative burden for businesses.

INDEXATION SUPPLEMENTATION FOR NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS

$18.4 million over four years to support non-government organisations (NGOs) in meeting the costs associated with wage and inflation pressures in 2024. The pressures impact a range of NGOs which provide services in the social, community, home care, child protection, homelessness and disability sectors. The government provides standard indexation having regard to longer term indexation factors and while this principle is retained for future years, the government has recognised the impact pressures will have on NGOs in 2024-25.

This initiative is in addition to the supplementation to NGOs that was announced in the 2022-23 Mid-Year Budget Review and 2023-24 Budget.

RELIEF FOR FIRST HOME OWNERS

$30 million

ADDITIONAL FIRST HOME OWNER RELIEF

FIRST HOME BUYER STAMP DUTY RELIEF – REMOVAL OF PROPERTY VALUE THRESHOLDS

$14 million over four years to remove the property value stamp duty thresholds for eligible first home buyers who enter into a contract to purchase a new home or vacant land to build a new home on or after 6 June 2024.

Previously, no stamp duty was payable on the purchase of an eligible new home valued up to $650 000, with relief phasing out for properties valued up to $700 000. For the purchase of vacant land to build a new home, no stamp duty was payable for vacant land valued up to $400 000, with relief phasing out for land valued up to $450 000.

The removal of these thresholds effectively abolishes stamp duty for all eligible first home buyers who enter into a contract to purchase a new home or vacant land to build a new home on or after 6 June 2024.

For the purchase of a new home valued at $750 000 (broadly in line with current median house value), an eligible first home buyer will receive relief of over $50 000 when combined with the government's removal of the property value cap for the First Home Owner Grant (FHOG).

FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT – REMOVAL OF PROPERTY VALUE CAP

$16 million over four years to remove the property value cap of $650 000 for eligible contracts entered into on or after 6 June 2024. The FHOG provides eligible purchasers with a $15 000 grant to assist with the purchase cost of any new home.

The removal of the property value cap is estimated to benefit an additional 300 first home buyers per year.

The FHOG and stamp duty exemption can be received on the same property subject to meeting relevant eligibility criteria.

SUMMARY OF SUPPORT

Property Value	Duty Relief	FHOG Relief	Additional Relief^	Total Relief*
$675 000	$15 478	$15 000	$30 478	$45 955
$750 000	$35 080	$15 000	$50 080	$50 080
$800 000	$37 830	$15 000	$52 830	$52 830

^Total additional relief as a result of measures in the 2024-25 Budget.

*This reflects the total relief available for an eligible first home buyer (purchasing a new home) including changes introduced in the 2023-24 Budget.

$843.6 million

HOUSING PACKAGE

to deliver 2 383 homes.

RENEWAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

$576 million from 2023-24 to 2034-35 (including over $195 million between 2023-24 and 2027-28) to redevelop SA Housing Authority (SAHA) land at Seaton estimated to deliver 1 315 dwellings including 388 social and 197 affordable homes, and to redevelop government owned land at Noarlunga Downs estimated to deliver 626 dwellings including 80 social and 90 affordable homes.

SOCIAL HOUSING ACCELERATOR PAYMENT

$135.8 million over five years to build and upgrade around 442 additional social housing dwellings by 30 June 2028 funded from the Commonwealth Government's Social Housing Accelerator Payment. Under the program, funding is being distributed across five SAHA and nine community housing projects in various areas including Camden Park, Oaklands Park, Tonsley, Seaton and Eastwood.

NATIONAL AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

As part of the new national agreement, the Commonwealth Government will provide the state with **$67 million** for enabling infrastructure in order to expedite housing development and new social housing.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING

$65.9 million in 2025-26 to assist SAHA to meet public housing build commitments announced as part of *A Better Housing Future*.

REGIONAL HOUSING

$30 million over three years to boost housing across regional SA. This funding will be managed by the Office for Regional Housing in Renewal SA to partner with local governments, regional employers and the development community to assist in unlocking prioritised regional housing projects.

EXTENSION OF THE ASPIRE HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM

$5 million over four years to extend intake for the Aspire homelessness program for a further 36 months to 30 June 2027, expected to assist a further 264 people.

BUILDING INDUSTRY – CONSUMER PROTECTION

$1.1 million over two years for Consumer and Business Services to provide further assistance to consumers seeking to resolve disputes with builders and contractors on various issues in the building industry, and to better monitor and investigate non-compliance by builders.

OUTLINE CONSENT – A NEW ASSESSMENT TOOL

$289 000 over five years for resourcing required to assess outline consent applications, a new assessment tool enabling an applicant to obtain an early development application decision before committing substantial resources to the project.

$2.3 billion

JOBS FOR THE FUTURE

State and Commonwealth Governments' total investment over five years in skills and training under the National Skills Agreement to provide for the jobs of the future.

This budget provides an additional $610.3 million over the forward estimates ($692.6 million to 2028-29), bringing total funding for skills and training to $2.3 billion over five years.

This funding represents a 43 per cent increase in skills funding over five years, and ensures that South Australians get the skills they need for the jobs being created across our economy. Funding will support TAFE SA, not-for-profits and other non-government training providers, and there is a key focus on student supports to boost training completion.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING PLACES

$275.6 million to increase the number of training places by around 35 per cent to over 160 000, prioritising the future skills needs of the state in areas including defence, health, building and construction, early childhood education, clean energy transition and ICT. This includes a 20 per cent increase in TAFE SA places in regional SA.

TRAINING IMPROVEMENTS

$62.6 million for quality training including a boost to audits and investigations to ensure training providers and employers meet their obligations. This includes a strong focus on apprenticeship safety and addressing unacceptable behaviours in the training system.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT SUPPORTS

$56.2 million to support students and increase training completion rates, including additional funding for financial and other wellbeing supports, such as help to find secure housing and manage financial stress, access to career and course information, and foundational skills programs.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

$53.1 million to increase the VET workforce, develop curriculum to meet the state's economic priorities, and invest in teaching plant and equipment and student infrastructure.

SUPPORT FOR FIRST NATIONS STUDENTS

$18.3 million for Closing the Gap initiatives that deliver tailored education programs to First Nations students, and support lifting the proportion of Aboriginal people with a Certificate III or above.

WORKFORCE PLANNING

$13.3 million to support the state's workforce planning and defence industries pathways programs.

SUPPORT FOR THE REGIONS

$9 million to support programs in regional areas to connect learners, employers and trainers to get people into training and work where it is needed most.

$1.9 billion

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES AND SUPPORT

to commence the staged rollout of preschool for 3-year-olds and other key reforms in early childhood across the state, commencing in 2026.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

The government is investing an additional $1.9 billion over the period to 2032-33, with the reforms intended to:

- give every child access to quality teacher-led early childhood education from the age of three years
- make it easier for families to access early childhood services, and help caregivers back into the workforce
- improve learning and development outcomes for children.

$715 million over five years to implement key reform initiatives. The reforms consist of seven core elements that together are designed to achieve the government's ambitious target to reduce developmental vulnerability from 23.8 to 15 per cent over 20 years:

1 UNIVERSAL 3-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL

$339.7 million over five years to deliver universal 3-year-old preschool in government and non-government settings, including long day care centres.

The new preschool model for 3 and 4-year-olds will include a teacher-led, quality play-based preschool learning and development program, up to 15 hours per week.

The funding will support early identification of each child's needs and bring together education, allied health and other supports, particularly for children with identified developmental issues. There will also be investment in better connecting children and families into early childhood services.

To ensure sufficient capacity for 3-year-old preschool a combination of direct investment in government preschool, as well as support for other providers, is required.

Investments will include:

- upgrading and expanding capacity in government preschools to ensure readiness for 3-year-old enrolments
- integrated hubs
- a grant program to incentivise non-government providers to create additional places.

The government is also investing **$10.3 million** in central support for government out of school hours care (OSHC) provision and to establish an OSHC reform team. Initially, a trial of OSHC in 20 government preschool sites across the state will be undertaken to assess different models of wraparound care.

2 MORE HOURS AND SUPPORTS FOR CHILDREN MOST IN NEED

$127.3 million over four years to increase the minimum 15 hours to 30 hours of preschool for 2 000 children at greatest risk of developmental vulnerability at age 3 and 4 in local settings and integrated hubs. This includes the creation of integrated hubs to be co-designed with local communities, opening progressively over the life of the reform, including two initial demonstration hubs opening in late 2025.

3 GROWING AND SUPPORTING OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKFORCE

$96.6 million over four years including a $56 million early childhood workforce development fund and support for quality teaching and learning in readiness for universal preschool delivery. The Early Childhood Workforce Strategy will be released in mid-2024. Funding will also support the Education Standards Board to increase the frequency of assessment and ratings.

4 ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

$96.1 million over four years to support the Office for Early Childhood Development in its role as system steward of the early childhood development system in South Australia. This includes the creation of local teams across the state to mobilise government and non-government services in every community to deliver quality preschool and support service integration, implementation research and strengthening data systems.

5 A CONSISTENT APPROACH TO 4-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL

$30.6 million over four years to align the support offered through 4-year-old preschool with the enhanced support framework being developed for 3-year-old preschool, including bringing together education, allied health and other specialist supports. This will be introduced in line with the roll out of 3-year-old preschool and will ensure children that receive supports as a 3-year-old continue to receive those supports through 4-year-old preschool, as required.

6 EMPOWERING ABORIGINAL CHILDREN

$14 million over four years to establish the Royal Commission's recommended fund commencing in 2026 and reaching full scale from 2029. This investment will include partnering with Aboriginal communities on a co-design process starting in 2024-25 to increase the benefits Aboriginal children receive from existing 3-year-old preschool, investing in early childhood education and care Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and aligning Closing the Gap initiatives with outcomes for early childhood.

7 CONNECTED SERVICES ACROSS A CHILD'S FIRST 1 000 DAYS

$10.8 million over four years to expand early childhood parenting groups through the Child and Family Health Service from 2025-26, deliver ongoing funding for Words Grow Minds to support families with their child's development, develop referral pathways to ensure children at risk of child protection are connected with early childhood services, and provide expert advice and resources to support the inclusion of children with additional needs and developmental vulnerabilities.

ROLL OUT STRATEGY

A staged roll out of this generational reform over seven years from 2026 is required in order to build the workforce and infrastructure needed to expand high quality early years educational services across the state, taking a similar approach to how such reforms have been staged in other jurisdictions.

Participation and hours offered will increase progressively during the roll out. All 3-year-old children in South Australia will be able to access a 15-hour per week preschool program by 2032.

A further **$1.2 billion** in the years beyond the forward estimates to 2032 has been allocated to continuing and completing the implementation of the early childhood reforms, including through delivering universal 3-year-old preschool throughout the state, establishing more integrated hubs and offering 30-hour preschool places for all of the 2 000 children at greatest risk of developmental vulnerability.

2023

August

Royal Commission into Early Childhood Education and Care report released.

October

Office for Early Childhood Development opens.

2024

February

The state government responds to the Royal Commission, committing to action on the full suite of recommendations.

June

The early childhood workforce strategy is released.

2025

The first two integrated hub demonstration sites to open by the end of the year, in Port Pirie and in Adelaide's northern suburbs. Between 2025 and 2032, 20 integrated hubs will open in total.

2026

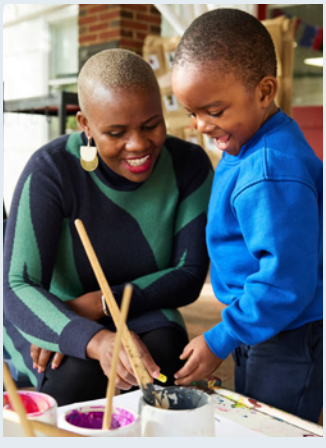
Preschools in parts of the state's Far North, West Coast, Flinders Ranges, Yorke Peninsula, APY Lands and Outback regions deliver a 3-year-old preschool program.

Three preschool demonstration sites in metropolitan Adelaide deliver a 3-year-old preschool program.

2026-2032

Long day care services across the state that meet quality and workforce requirements partner with the government to offer a 3-year-old preschool program (6 to 15 hours per week), with numbers growing over time.

Over 60 per cent of 3-year-olds already attend long day care services.



2027

Preschools in parts of the state's Riverland, Eyre Peninsula, Limestone Coast and the mid-North deliver a 3-year-old preschool program.

2028

Preschools in the greater Adelaide region, the Upper Spencer Gulf, the Adelaide Hills and in the north of the state deliver a 3-year-old preschool program.

2029

Preschools in outer metropolitan Adelaide deliver a 3-year-old preschool program.

2030

Preschools in inner metropolitan Adelaide deliver a 3-year-old preschool program.

2032

Every South Australian child has access to 15 hours per week of preschool in the two years before school.

$2.5 billion

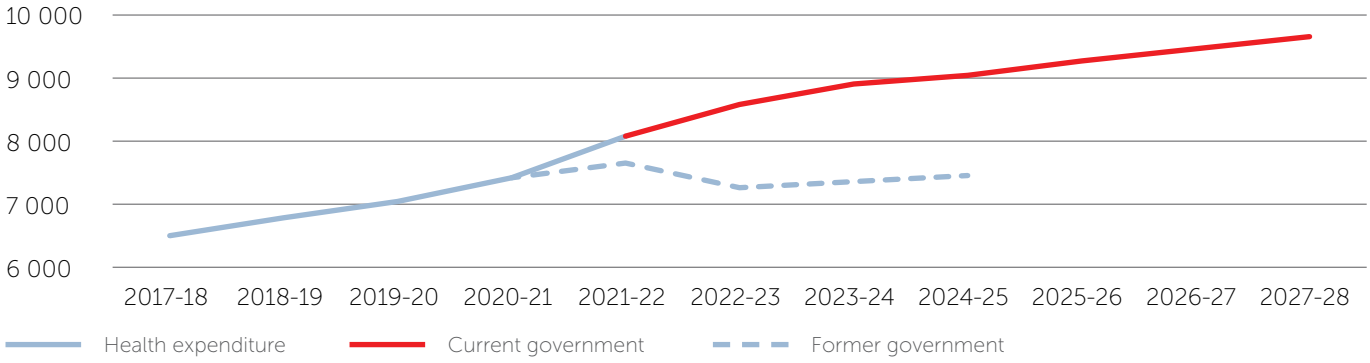
INVESTMENT IN HEALTH

An additional $2.5 billion will be injected over five years to address the growing demand for public health services and increase the capacity and effectiveness of our health system. Our government's first three budgets have delivered $7.1 billion in additional funding for the health system.

This government continues to invest in mental health supports with $219 million committed since we were elected, including the delivery of 108 additional mental health beds across the health system.

HEALTH

TOTAL HEALTH EXPENDITURE ($ MILLION)



SUSTAINABLE AND EFFICIENT HEALTH SYSTEM

$1.6 billion over five years to recognise the higher cost of service delivery and recent increase in the national efficient price, and support SA Health as it progressively increases the efficiency of its services over the forward estimates.

ADDITIONAL HOSPITAL ACTIVITY

$742.3 million over five years to meet activity demand pressures in our public health system and to ensure the health system is appropriately and permanently resourced to meet higher levels of demand moving forward.

ADDITIONAL RENAL HAEMODIALYSIS SERVICES IN NORTHERN ADELAIDE

$17.1 million over four years to expand renal haemodialysis in the northern metropolitan area, providing an additional 21 chairs and supporting an additional 84 patients to receive services in the area.

PORT PIRIE HOSPITAL UPGRADE – ADDITIONAL FUNDING

$11.5 million over four years to support the Port Pirie emergency department upgrade and provide for a multi profession simulated training and development service, including a clinical simulated training laboratory. This brings total funding for the Port Pirie Hospital upgrade to $20.6 million.

AMBULANCE STATIONS – ADDITIONAL FUNDING

$24 million over three years to support the government's ambulance station boost strategy by building new stations in Whyalla, Marion and Two Wells, rather than refurbish existing ones.

TUBERCULOSIS STRATEGY

$15.2 million over three years to respond to and manage current tuberculosis outbreaks across South Australia, and support the delivery of improved detection, monitoring and treatment of tuberculosis transmissions in Aboriginal communities.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

$5 million over four years to support youth mental health services, including an expansion of child and adolescent virtual urgent care services, mental health workshops, and to support carers and families of those with eating disorders.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA REGIONAL INTEGRATED CANCER CONSULT SUITE

$4.3 million over three years to build a new integrated cancer consult suite at Mount Gambier Hospital, enabling the co-location of existing cancer patient support services and allowing for more regular and higher volumes of follow-up consultations and increased telehealth facilities. This initiative is funded by the Commonwealth Government.

FURTHER INVESTMENT TO ADDRESS RAMPING

SA AMBULANCE SERVICE ELECTRONIC PATIENT CARE RECORDS

$23.5 million over two years for the SA Ambulance Service electronic patient care record system, enabling paramedics rapid access to clinical information, and live sharing of clinical information with hospital clinicians and the State Health Coordination Centre.

ADDITIONAL BEDS AT LYELL MCEWIN HOSPITAL

$16.5 million in 2024-25 to provide 20 additional general inpatient beds at Lyell McEwin Hospital, delivering additional capacity in the hospital system.

ADDITIONAL BEDS AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL

$13.7 million over two years to provide 36 additional surgical and general inpatient beds at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, delivering additional capacity in the hospital system.

SA AMBULANCE SERVICE CLINICAL ASSESSMENT SERVICE EXPANSION

$10.7 million over four years to provide additional staff for the clinical telephone assessment service as part of the SA Ambulance Service clinical hub. This service is designed to reduce unnecessary ambulance responses, emergency department presentations and transfer of care delays by providing alternate treatment options where this is appropriate.

$256.3 million

EDUCATION INITIATIVES

NORTHERN SUBURBS NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

$155.3 million over five years (including $1.1 million in 2028-29) to respond to demand for school enrolment places in the northern suburbs by providing an additional 1 300 places through the construction of a new secondary school.

MOUNT BARKER NEW PRESCHOOL AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

$62.7 million over four years to respond to demand for school and preschool enrolment places in Mount Barker by providing an additional 100 preschool places and 350 primary school places through the construction of a new preschool and primary school.

EVERY SCHOOL A GREAT SCHOOL

$38.1 million over four years to address urgent and high priority facilities upgrades in the following five government schools:

- Mount Gambier High School ($6 million)
- Le Fevre High School ($4 million)
- Mount Barker High School ($4 million)
- Bellevue Heights Primary School ($7.6 million)
- Surrey Downs Primary School ($16.5 million).

AUTISM SUPPORT

$212 000 in 2024-25 to support year two of the research project aimed at assessing and boosting disability and inclusion studies in South Australian teaching degrees.

ECONOMY

$199.8 million

TO FURTHER SUPPORT THE ECONOMY

The 2024-25 Budget further invests in the state's economy, building on the government's significant investment in key services including early childhood education and care, skills and cost of living support.

FRUIT FLY ERADICATION RESPONSE

$43 million over two years to undertake significant emergency fruit fly response activities following further outbreaks across the Riverland and the Adelaide metropolitan area.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUND

With an additional **$32.2 million** allocation in 2027-28, the total value of the Economic Recovery Fund has increased to **$154.2 million**.

STRENGTHEN SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S GREEN ECONOMIC CREDENTIALS

$28 million over four years to consolidate the state's credentials in the environmental, social and governance context. Funding supports planning for sustainable economic activity, emergency management, environmental protection and protecting biodiversity assets.

NET ZERO AGRICULTURE

$24.4 million over five years for net zero agriculture to develop and deliver innovation, on-farm solutions and support the upskilling of the agricultural sector to reduce emissions through low emission intensity farming systems, and to support the state's target to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

BUILDING A SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DESTINATION BRAND

$20.8 million over four years to accelerate adoption and consumer awareness of a distinct South Australian destination brand through tourism marketing, increasing the state's appeal and awareness, both interstate and internationally, and supporting our regions.

BUSINESS EVENTS FUND

$14 million over four years to expand the Business Events Fund with a focus on supporting more events during winter periods.

GROWING THE DEFENCE INDUSTRY

$6.8 million over four years to increase Defence SA presence at major exhibitions locally and overseas, in the United States and United Kingdom, to increase brand awareness and industry promotion in AUKUS projects.

INVESTMENT ATTRACTION

$6 million over four years to extend the investment attraction program and the global expansion program to support economic growth through investment attraction and export uplift.

WHYALLA ACCOMMODATION FOR HYDROGEN JOBS PLAN WORKFORCE

$5.8 million over two years for 32 cabins to ensure the Hydrogen Jobs Plan construction workforce can be housed during project delivery.

ACHIEVING NET ZERO ACROSS EPA LICENSED ENTITIES

$4.8 million over four years to implement a regulatory framework to assist licensees reduce emissions, and support government meeting its net zero targets.

BRAND SA

$4.3 million over four years to enhance Brand SA's functions to promote South Australian products and businesses and the South Australian brand through market engagement and campaigns, industry partnerships and brand strategy.

HYDROGEN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY ACT IMPLEMENTATION

$4.1 million over four years for the implementation of the Act and Regulations, including the preparation of regulatory tools needed to support world-leading large-scale hydrogen and renewable energy projects in South Australia.

GREEN IRON AND STEEL STRATEGY

$3.6 million over two years to support the implementation of the government's Green Iron and Steel Strategy. Funding will facilitate an expression of interest engagement with prospective industry partners to jointly investigate the key activities to de-risk the necessary investment required to support a viable green iron and steel industry in South Australia.

WHYALLA STEELWORKS TRANSFORMATION

$1.7 million over two years to enable the Whyalla taskforce to continue to support the long-term sustainability of the local steel industry in South Australia.

SA YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR SCHEME (SAYES)

$380 000 over two years to extend and expand to all age groups the SAYES program, a business mentoring and learning program designed to help South Australian entrepreneurs establish a business or further develop and grow their existing business.

$83.1 million

OVER FOUR YEARS

NETBALL SA STADIUM UPGRADE

to redevelop the Netball SA stadium at Mile End, increasing the number of indoor courts allowing greater capacity for indoor netball and other indoor sports, upgrading the 26 existing outdoor courts, and improving supporting infrastructure.

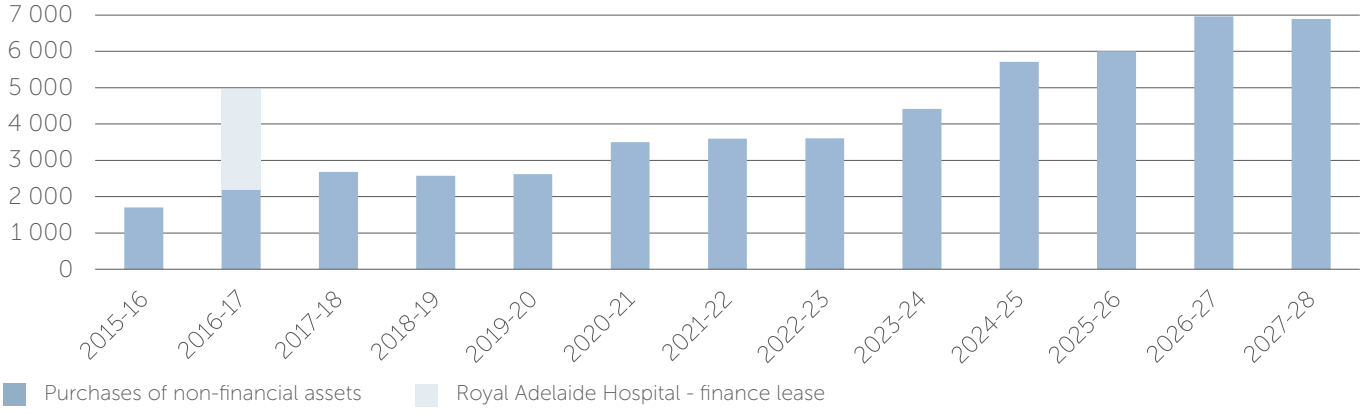
INFRASTRUCTURE

$25.6 billion

OVER FOUR YEARS

TOTAL PUBLIC SECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SPEND

NFPS PURCHASE OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS ($ MILLION)



NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR – RIVER TORRENS TO DARLINGTON

$15.4 billion

(including $7 billion up to 2027-28)

- Expected completion 2031
- Tender process to select the head contractor is on track to award the contract in the third quarter of 2024, with main construction works to commence in 2025.

WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

$3.2 billion

(including $1.7 billion up to 2027-28)

- Expected completion June 2031
- Early construction works for the eight storey car park and central energy plant have commenced, with construction of the main hospital expected to commence in 2024-25.

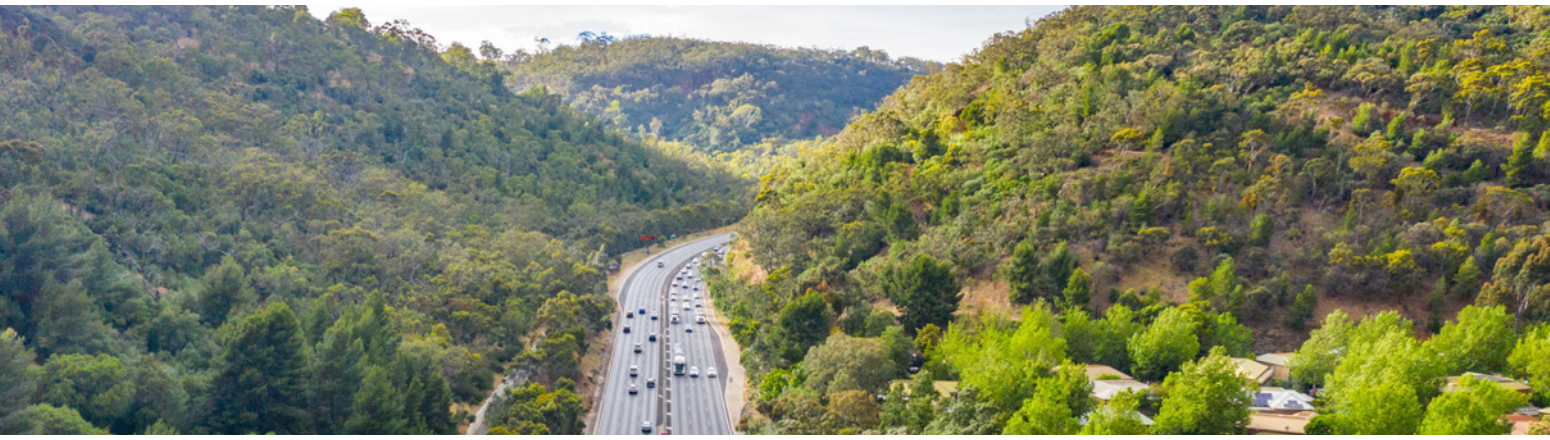
FLINDERS MEDICAL CENTRE (FMC) UPGRADE AND EXPANSION

$498 million

(including $408 million up to 2027-28)

- Expected completion December 2028
- Construction works have commenced with the project set to deliver an additional 160 beds across the FMC and Repat Health precinct.

ROADS & TRANSPORT



SOUTH EASTERN FREEWAY UPGRADE – ADDITIONAL FUNDING

$200 million over three years to complete the delivery of a managed motorway between the Tollgate and Crafers on the South Eastern Freeway, improving safety and traffic management through infrastructure improvements, lane management and incident response.

MOUNT BARKER AND VERDUN INTERCHANGE UPGRADES

$150 million over four years to upgrade two interchanges with the South Eastern Freeway at Mount Barker and Verdun to reduce congestion and improve safety.

MAIN SOUTH ROAD OVERTAKING LANES

$31.8 million over three years for the construction of three overtaking lanes on Main South Road between Normanville and Cape Jervis, honouring the state government's election commitment to build the three new overtaking lanes.

RIVERLAND NETWORK FLOOD RESILIENCE UPGRADES – PLANNING

$20 million over four years towards planning for transport network improvements to support the Riverland region to improve network resilience following the River Murray flood event.

PORT DOCK RAIL SERVICES

$10.8 million over five years to commence operations of the Port Dock railway line to provide a 30-minute service on weekdays and weekends, and bus connectivity to the new Port Dock bus and rail interchange, supporting the delivery of the state government's election commitment.

ADELAIDE NORTHERN GROWTH AREAS – PLANNING

$10 million over three years towards planning for transport network improvements to support Adelaide's northern growth areas.

ADELAIDE AND REGIONAL RAIL NETWORK EXTENSIONS – PLANNING

$10 million over two years towards planning for outer metropolitan and regional passenger rail service extensions.

ADELAIDE METROPOLITAN BUS FLEET DECARBONISATION – PLANNING

$5 million in 2024-25 to complete planning for bus and depot infrastructure to support transition to a zero-emissions public transport bus fleet.

ADELAIDE METROPOLITAN RAIL FLEET DECARBONISATION – PLANNING

$2 million in 2024-25 to deliver planning studies to identify solutions to support transition to a zero-emissions public transport rail fleet.

$80.1 million

ROAD SAFETY PACKAGE

ENHANCED ENFORCEMENT

$38.7 million over four years for the purchase, implementation and ongoing operation and maintenance of additional road safety cameras, providing red light speed cameras or point-to-point cameras at high risk locations.

ROAD SAFETY MAINTENANCE

$35 million over three years to deliver additional road safety maintenance for regional and metropolitan roads, including road resurfacing, replacement of safety barriers and audio tactile line marking, and maintenance of electrical assets.

HEAVY VEHICLE REST AREAS

$3.8 million over three years for the construction of a new heavy vehicle rest area at Salt Creek along the Princes Highway, helping heavy vehicle drivers manage fatigue and improve road safety whilst commuting on South Australian roads.

IMPLEMENTATION OF 40KM/H ON ARTERIAL ROADS NEAR SCHOOLS

$2.6 million over three years to implement reduced speed limits of 40km/h at priority locations on arterial roads near schools, including the installation of variable speed limit signs.

$20.7 million

OVER FIVE YEARS

ARTS INVESTMENT FUND

to establish an arts investment fund to drive targeted investment in strategic initiatives across South Australia's arts, culture and creative industries.

$75.9 million

ON ARTS AND KEY EVENTS

STATE THEATRE, STATE OPERA AND COUNTRY ARTS SOUTH AUSTRALIA ACCOMMODATION

$19 million over three years for new accommodation for the State Theatre Company, State Opera and Country Arts South Australia.

SCREEN PRODUCTION FUND – AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION (ABC) PARTNERSHIP

$7.2 million over three years to continue the partnership between the South Australian Film Corporation and the ABC for the production of screen content in South Australia, which will provide continued opportunities to South Australia's skilled workforce involved in the screen business ecosystem and secure an ongoing pipeline of quality Australian television production in the state.

GENERATIONS IN JAZZ

$720 000 in 2024-25 to construct four permanent structured pavilions in Mount Gambier for Generations in Jazz, an annual weekend jazz festival held in May that brings together young jazz musicians from all over Australia and New Zealand.

LYNDOCH RECREATION PARK REDEVELOPMENT

$20 million over three years to provide upgraded sporting and community facilities at Lyndoch Recreation Park, in preparation for Gather Round 2025.

$8.3 million

OVER FOUR YEARS

TOUR DOWN UNDER

to ensure the Tour Down Under continues as a world-class, compelling event, delivering growth in visitor expenditure and community outcomes.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

$113.6 million

SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITIES

OUT OF HOME CARE – ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

$70 million in 2023-24 to support the number of children and young people in non-family-based care placements. The Department for Child Protection is currently undertaking financial and service optimisation to ensure that services are being delivered effectively and efficiently. This work will inform future investment in child protection and family support.

RSPCA FUNDING

$16.4 million over four years in additional support to the RSPCA to provide compliance activities, welfare assessments and assist in the enforcement of animal welfare provisions.

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE – ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

$5.6 million over four years for additional staff to ensure the Office of the Public Advocate can continue to provide advocacy and guardianship services to a growing number of clients.

OFFICE OF THE GUARDIAN FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

$4.6 million over four years to perform the statutory functions of the Guardian for Children and Young People, Training Centre Visitor, and Child and Young Person's Visitor.

ADDITIONAL CORONER – CORONER'S COURT

$4.4 million over four years for the continued appointment of an additional Coroner and associated support staff in the Coroner's Court to address increased workload and backlog requiring coronial investigation.

CHILDREN IN THE NORTH ALLIANCE

$4.3 million over four years to improve the outcomes of children living in the northern suburbs through place-based, collaborative and coordinated approaches, designing the solutions they need.

PREVENTING YOUTH VIOLENCE

$2.6 million over four years for early intervention and prevention of youth violence within African South Australian communities, including supporting the African Communities Council of South Australia to deliver community programs.

MARIONLIFE COMMUNITY HUB

$1.8 million in 2024-25 to support the acquisition of a parcel of land in Mitchell Park to enable the development of a purpose-built community hub, managed by not-for-profit community organisation MarionLIFE, inclusive of indoor and outdoor community connection spaces, co-located community services, a food hub/social supermarket and community housing.

REMOTE VISITORS SAFETY AND WELLBEING EXTENSION

$1.6 million over three years for the extension of the multi-agency response to support the safety and wellbeing of remote Aboriginal visitors, residents and businesses in Adelaide and regional South Australia. The response includes assertive outreach services and assistance to return to community in Adelaide and Coober Pedy, and mobile drug and alcohol services across the metropolitan area.

DUNSTAN BY-ELECTION

$992 000 in 2023-24 to conduct the Dunstan by-election and public funding of election campaigns for participating individuals and parties.

VETERAN COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

$1 million over four years to support veteran community programs.

COOBER PEDY ASSISTANCE

$250 000 in 2024-25 to support a municipal service review and development of an asset management plan for the continuing provision of sustainable services in the District of Coober Pedy Council area.

UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROJECT

$175 000 in 2024-25 for the Ukrainian Community Support Project, in collaboration with the community and stakeholders, to provide comprehensive support to displaced Ukrainians and their families.

POLICE

$36.7 million

GETTING POLICE BACK TO FRONT LINE DUTIES

Frees up the equivalent of more than 100 police officers and staff for operational duties.

DIGITAL POLICE STATION

$19 million over four years for an online system to provide a range of services currently only available from a police station.

The system will enable the community to lodge national police certificate requests, freedom of information requests, vehicle collision reports, clamping and impounding payments, as well as host the public child sex offender register.

Once fully implemented, this will release the equivalent of 47 police officers and staff back to operational duties.

WORKFORCE CIVILIANISATION

$9.3 million over four years to facilitate the redeployment of 24 police officers into priority operational policing duties by civilianising various administrative and support positions in SA Police.

TELEPHONE RESOLUTION CAPABILITY

$8.5 million over four years to accelerate a new telephone resolution desk including the employment of 31 administrative call takers to reduce SA Police attendance at non-emergency incidents, without compromising public safety or service delivery standards.

With the recruitment of 189 police security officers funded in last year's budget, these measures will see the equivalent of **nearly 300 sworn officers and staff** released from administrative and support roles for operational duties.

NATIONAL FIREARMS REGISTER

$25.3 million over four years to deliver the National Firearms Register that will provide a mechanism to share high quality, reliable information on firearms and firearms ownership between Australian jurisdictions to ensure that police and other law enforcement agencies have the tools they need to keep themselves and the community safe. The Commonwealth Government will provide $11.7 million towards the register.

NARACOORTE POLICE STATION – CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FACILITY

$18 million over four years to construct a new purpose-built police station in Naracoorte to support regional policing operations in this south east location.

JUSTICE

TOBACCO AND E-CIGARETTE LICENSING, COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

$16.6 million over five years for Consumer and Business Services to expand the licensing, compliance and enforcement functions relating to the sale and supply of tobacco and e-cigarettes, and for SA Health to implement an educative approach to smoke free areas.

JUSTICE AUDIO VISUAL LINK – MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE

$5.8 million over four years for the ongoing maintenance and upgrade of the Justice Audio Visual Link network utilised by the justice sector.

ELECTRONIC SECURITY REPLACEMENT AT KURLANA TAPA YOUTH JUSTICE CENTRE

$5.4 million over two years to upgrade the electronic security components in the Kurlana Tapa Youth Justice Centre, to provide a safe and secure environment for young people in custody.

LEMONGRASS PLACE (COMMUNITY TRANSITION LEARNING CENTRE)

$5.1 million over four years to enable the continued operation of Lemongrass Place, and provide an alternative custody facility that supports Closing the Gap by reducing Aboriginal over-representation in prison and reoffending by delivering reintegration and rehabilitation services.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS – ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

$4.8 million over four years to streamline the trial allocation process, improve training and develop and implement a wellbeing program for staff.

$226.7 million

ADDITIONAL PRISON CAPACITY

YATALA LABOUR PRISON

$205.7 million over four years to construct 312 high security beds in recognition of increased prisoner numbers, which are expected to come online at the end of 2027.

ADELAIDE WOMEN'S PRISON

$21 million over two years to construct 40 additional residential beds in recognition of increased prisoner numbers.

POST RELEASE SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION SERVICE

$3.4 million over four years to repurpose the former juvenile detention centre at Cavan to provide post release accommodation support services for 36 people who have engaged in prison-based programs but are unable to be released without access to stable housing, and to assist them to reintegrate, gain employment and establish ongoing housing pathways.

CRIME STOPPERS SA – ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

$332 000 over four years to increase funding for Crime Stoppers SA to $300 000 per annum to foster safer communities and promote crime awareness and prevention.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

AIRCRAFT EXTENSIONS AND MAJOR INCIDENTS

$10.1 million in 2023-24 for the extension of aerial firefighting aircraft availability in line with bushfire risk and costs associated with significant fire events. The Commonwealth Government has contributed $385 000 towards these costs through the National Aerial Firefighting Centre.

PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES REMEDIATION AND TESTING

$5 million over two years to undertake per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) testing and remediation of Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) and Country Fire Service (CFS) facilities, as well as determine future requirements.

PROSPECT STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE (SES) UNIT NEW FACILITY

$2.8 million over three years to support the relocation of the Prospect SES unit to a new facility in Angle Park.

FIRE STATION FACILITIES AUDIT

$817 000 over two years to undertake an audit of CFS facilities.

CFS QUICK RESPONSE VEHICLES

$450 000 in 2023-24 for the CFS to purchase two new 4WD quick response vehicles. This is funded by the Commonwealth Government.

VOLUNTEER MARINE RESCUE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

$435 000 over two years for the state's Volunteer Marine Rescue associations to maintain their rescue capability, including supporting the replacement of vessels at Wallaroo and Lonsdale.

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$43 million

OVER TWO YEARS

FRUIT FLY ERADICATION RESPONSE

to undertake significant emergency fruit fly response activities following further outbreaks across the Riverland and the Adelaide metropolitan area, assisting in protecting South Australia's pest free status and providing market access continuity for the state's horticulture products.

NET ZERO AGRICULTURE

$24.4 million over five years to reduce agricultural emissions, develop and deliver innovation, on-farm solutions and to support the upskilling of the agricultural sector to reduce emissions through low emission intensity farming systems.

FAMILY AND BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAM

$4.4 million over four years for the rural financial counselling and family and business support mentors programs, to support primary producers and regional communities to be more prepared for managing future impacts of adverse events and industry challenges.

ENVIRONMENT

$30 million

OVER FOUR YEARS

SUSTAINING NATIONAL PARKS

to help protect and conserve our iconic natural places, enhancing biodiversity outcomes, visitor experiences, and connection with nature.

RIVER MURRAY AND MYWATER

$26.3 million over five years to support River Murray operations, maintenance and monitoring programs to help sustain the ongoing health of the river system and surrounding environments, including ongoing management of the state's new water licensing system (mywater).

BRUKUNGA MINE ACID DRAINAGE TREATMENT PLANT

$15.4 million over three years to construct a new acid drainage treatment plant at the former Brukunga mine site, allowing for the continued protection of the environment and waterways surrounding Lake Alexandrina.

HEALTHY COORONG, HEALTHY BASIN PROGRAM – LAKE HAWDON NORTH

$13.7 million over three years to deliver infrastructure at the Lake Hawdon North wetland site to improve availability and quality of the habitat for target waterbird species that inhabit the Coorong, in conjunction with the Commonwealth Government on a 90:10 basis.

THE LIVING MURRAY – ICON SITES

$2.5 million over two years to continually improve the management of the Lower Lakes, Coorong and Murray Mouth, Chowilla Floodplain and the River Murray Channel, and to return water to the environment through purpose-built infrastructure that will help deliver water to the icon sites and improve the health of the River Murray. This initiative is funded by the Commonwealth Government.

RIVER MURRAY CLEAN UP – CROWN LANDS

$1.1 million over two years to continue clean up and remediation works on Crown Land infrastructure following the River Murray flood event.

PROTECTING OUR BEACHES

$20.6 million

IN 2024-25

ADELAIDE BEACH MANAGEMENT REVIEW – INITIAL WORKS

$14.3 million in 2024-25 to commence restoring West Beach and to start trials to evaluate the suitability of nearshore dredging as a long-term recycling option.

ADELAIDE BEACHES REPLENISHMENT

$6.4 million in 2024-25 to enable the continued replenishment of sand at West Beach and other Adelaide coastal areas whilst the works associated with the Adelaide Beach Management Review are completed.

WOMEN'S STATEMENT

EMPOWERING SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WOMEN AND GIRLS

The Malinauskas Government is committed to ensuring South Australia is a fair and inclusive state, in which women and girls can equally, actively and safely participate in all aspects of community life and the economy.

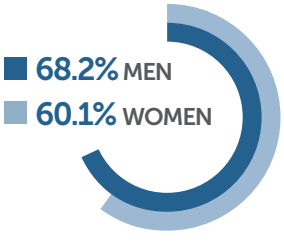
While the government has made significant investment and advancement towards achieving gender equality, there is more we must do. Women in South Australia continue to face inequalities including a gender pay gap, lower workforce participation, under-representation in leadership, and face a higher risk of domestic, family and sexual violence (DFSV).

Achieving equality for women and girls requires a collective effort from government, community organisations, business and communities.

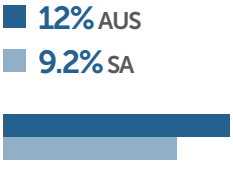
The Women's Equality Blueprint 2023-26 outlines key actions and initiatives the government is committed to implementing to advance gender equality.

This budget includes a range of additional initiatives to tackle the prevalence of violence against women, enhance training opportunities, promote health and wellbeing and grow women's participation in the workforce, including in the industries of our future.

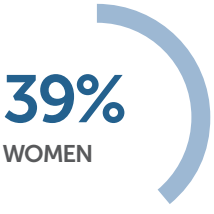
Women living in South Australia



Workforce participation



Gender pay gap



Aged 15 or over have experienced physical and/or sexual violence

SAFETY AND SECURITY

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO DOMESTIC, FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

The Royal Commission, led by Natasha Stott Despoja AO, will deliver recommendations to inform future investment and coordination across government in the four domains of prevention, early intervention, response, and recovery and healing. Importantly it will ensure brave survivors are heard. It will provide South Australia with a significant opportunity to focus on recognising the rights of children as survivors of this violence as well as programs that better address behaviours that lead to gendered violence.

To support the Royal Commission this budget includes:

$1.5 million over two years to establish a central response unit to address and coordinate information requests and across government effort associated with the Royal Commission.

$3.3 million in 2024-25 to ensure the continuation of a number of innovative domestic violence pilot programs, including holistic support to Aboriginal families, earlier and trauma-informed assistance for survivors, wellbeing and recovery services for survivors, as well as preventative education and behaviour programs for perpetrators.

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

In 2023-24 the government finalised negotiations for a revised National Partnership on Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses 2021-27 agreement, which includes **$12.2 million** to recruit 38.6 FTE new front line community workers under the 500 Workers initiative over 2022-26, and **$3.4 million** to trial new projects that support men and boys to examine, and change, their behaviour under the Innovative Perpetrator Responses initiative over 2022-27.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Legislation passed** to electronically monitor perpetrators of serious family and domestic violence offences, as a condition of bail.
- **Introduction of laws** to provide fifteen days of paid domestic violence leave for those employed pursuant to the state *Fair Work Act 1994* and include the experience of family and domestic violence as grounds for discrimination in the *Equal Opportunity Act 1984*.
- **31 025** people accessed the See the Signs website raising awareness about coercive control.
- Both the Domestic Violence Prevention and Recovery Hub in the south and the Domestic Violence Multi-Agency Hub in the north have **opened**.
- Over **1 150** people across 50 sporting clubs have participated in the *Raiise Program,* highlighting the importance of challenging gender stereotypes and promoting respectful behaviour in sport.

CONTINUED GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT

- **National Homelessness Agreement** – Support for women facing homelessness because of DFSV.
- **DFSV Crisis Accommodation Program.**
- **DFSV Perpetrator Program.**
- **Critical DFSV services** – legal support, housing support, regional safety hubs, and culturally safe responses.

LEADERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

EARLY YEARS REFORM

The government's early years reform package will improve child development outcomes and increase opportunities for women to participate in the workforce. Reforms include:

- Universal preschool for 3-year-olds in government and non-government settings, including long day care centres from 2026.
- Kindy Care trial to provide care options outside of the regular government preschool hours of 9am to 3pm.
- Expansion of early childhood parenting groups delivered through the Child and Family Health Service from 2025-26.
- $56 million early childhood workforce development fund, to ensure that we attract and retain the highly skilled, female dominated, early childhood workforce needed to deliver quality play-based preschool for 3-year-olds.

NETBALL SA STADIUM UPGRADE

$83.1 million over four years

Netball is the biggest sport for women and girls in South Australia. This investment to redevelop the Netball SA stadium will encourage participation at all ages and will enable more people to experience the mental, physical and emotional health and wellbeing benefits of being involved in sports.

RECFISH SA

$200 000 in 2024-25 for education and community engagement and to plan, implement and deliver strategies to help increase and diversify participation in recreational fishing activities including RecFish SA's 'Reel Women' fishing diversity program.

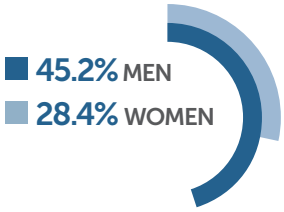
ACHIEVEMENTS

- **520** women and girls have participated in *Game Changing. Period.*, delivering education to sports clubs to promote awareness and reduce the stigma associated with periods and menstruation.

CONTINUED GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT

- **The Power of Her** – Round 2 of The Power of Her Funding Program providing funding for dedicated facilities, improvements to facilities, equipment and programs for girls' and women's sport. This is part of an $18 million program over three years.

Executives in state government



South Australians who participate in a sport-related activity at least once a week
(aged 15+)

GENDER EQUALITY BILL

The South Australian Government has committed to introduce an Equality Bill to encourage public and private sector organisations to improve gender equality across their workplaces as well as through their policies, programs and services. The proposed Gender Equality Bill will be released for community consultation this year.

ECONOMIC WELLBEING

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Tuition free training for **13 790** students, with women making up around 55 per cent of all enrolments as at the end of 2023.
- More than **1 600** women participated in the Women in Business Program designed to support female entrepreneurs.
- **80** students enrolled in the Akkodis Academy, a collaborative initiative aimed at meeting the growing demand for technology workers in our IT industry, with a particular focus on addressing the under-representation of women in STEM roles.

CONTINUED GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT

- **Women in Business programs** – supporting entrepreneurial-minded women business owners to expand their leadership and business skills.
- **Fearless Innovator Grants** – assisting women to access capital to grow their business into a national and global enterprise.
- **Women in Innovation (WINN)** – supporting WINN, a not-for-profit initiative, to assist more South Australian women with startup.
- **Women in Non-Traditional Industries Forum** – to kick-start conversation between the government and key sectors about women's participation in the industries of the future.
- **Defence Industry Connection Program** – providing scholarships for under-represented university students, including women, to undertake work placements with local defence companies.
- **Fee Free TAFE** – extension of Fee Free TAFE from 2024, with 15 000 places available in South Australia over three years.
- **Skills Shortage Solutions** – supporting initiatives to address skills shortages including a dedicated stream supporting the attraction, retention and upskilling of women in trade occupations: Women in Civil, BuildHer Campaign and Brick and Blocklaying projects.
- **Software Engineering Degree Apprenticeships** – grant funding to establish 75 software engineering degree apprenticeships for the defence industry, providing paid learning opportunities, with a focus on attracting women participants.

29% of SA apprentices and trainees are women

HEALTH

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

$5 million over four years to support youth mental health services, including an expansion of child and adolescent virtual urgent care services and mental health workshops, and to support carers and families of those with eating disorders.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Engaging pharmacies to provide **easier access** to urinary tract infection and contraceptive pill medicine.

CONTINUED GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT

- **New Women's and Children's Hospital.**
- **SA Health Women's Health Service.**

REGIONS

$686.4 million

NEW MEASURES SUPPORTING REGIONAL SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ACROSS REGIONS

$41.5 million over two years to undertake significant emergency fruit fly response activities.

$30 million over three years for additional regional housing, including at least $10 million in 2024-25 for the Regional Housing Initiatives Program.

$26.3 million over five years to support the operation and ongoing development of the new mywater state register and River Murray operations, maintenance and monitoring programs.

$19.5 million over four years to reduce emissions through low emission intensity farming systems.

$17.5 million over three years to deliver additional road safety maintenance for regional roads, including road resurfacing, replacement of safety barriers and audio tactile line marking, and maintenance of electrical assets.

$15.2 million over three years to increase SA Health's capacity to manage current tuberculosis outbreaks across the state.

$15 million over three years to support new ambulance stations being built in Whyalla and Two Wells.

$10.1 million in 2023-24 to extend the availability of CFS's aerial firefighting aircraft and costs relating to significant fires.

$10 million over three years to address urgent and high priority facilities upgrades at Mount Gambier High School and Mount Barker High School.

$5.1 million over four years to enable the continued operation of Lemongrass Place, providing an alternative custody facility that supports Closing the Gap by delivering reintegration and rehabilitation services.

$5 million over two years towards planning for regional passenger rail service extensions.

$5 million in 2027-28 to address immediate and critical concerns regarding the condition and sustainability of a number of state jetties.

$4.4 million over four years to provide family and business support mentors, and support the rural financial counselling service.

$4.1 million over four years to support world-leading large-scale hydrogen and renewable energy projects in SA.

$3.6 million over two years to support a viable green iron and steel industry in South Australia.

$2.5 million over two years to continually improve the management of the Lower Lakes, Coorong and Murray Mouth, Chowilla Floodplain and the River Murray Channel.

$2.1 million over four years for the regional tourism alignment initiative to bolster regional tourism, industry capability and product development.

$1.7 million over two years for the MFS and CFS to undertake PFAS testing, remediation and assessments at fire stations and other facilities.

$817 000 over two years to undertake an audit of the CFS facilities.

$500 000 in 2023-24 to support the Remote Area Energy Supply Scheme.

$450 000 in 2023-24 for the CFS to purchase two new 4WD quick response vehicles for firefighting.

$218 000 over two years for the state's Volunteer Marine Rescue associations to maintain their rescue capability.

ADELAIDE HILLS

$150 million over four years to upgrade two interchanges with the South Eastern Freeway at Mount Barker and Verdun.

$100 million over three years to complete the delivery of a managed motorway between the Tollgate and Crafers on the South Eastern Freeway.

$62.7 million over four years for the construction of a new preschool and primary school in Mount Barker.

$15.4 million over three years to construct a new acid drainage treatment plant at the former Brukunga mine site.

BAROSSA/ LIGHT AND LOWER NORTH

$20 million over three years to provide upgraded sporting and community facilities at Lyndoch Recreation Park, in preparation for Gather Round 2025.

FLEURIEU AND KANGAROO ISLAND

$31.8 million over three years for the construction of three overtaking lanes on Main South Road between Normanville and Cape Jervis.

EYRE AND WESTERN

$5.8 million over two years to deliver accommodation in Whyalla and ensure the Hydrogen Jobs Plan construction workforce can be housed during project delivery.

$1.7 million over two years to support the Whyalla Steelworks transformation as it transitions to green steel manufacturing.

FAR NORTH

$300 000 in 2024-25 to support the safety and wellbeing of remote Aboriginal visitors, residents and businesses in Coober Pedy.

$250 000 in 2024-25 to support a municipal service review and development of an asset management plan for the continuing provision of sustainable services in the District of Coober Pedy Council area.

YORKE AND MID NORTH

$11.5 million over four years to support the Port Pirie emergency department upgrade and provide for a multi profession simulated training and development service.

MURRAY AND MALLEE

$20 million over four years towards planning for transport network improvements to support the Riverland region to improve network resilience following the River Murray flood event.

$3.8 million over three years for the construction of a new heavy vehicle rest area at Salt Creek along the Princes Highway.

$1.1 million over two years to continue clean up and remediation works on Crown Land infrastructure adjacent to the River Murray.

LIMESTONE COAST

$18 million over four years to construct a new purpose-built police station in Naracoorte.

$13.7 million over three years to deliver infrastructure at the Lake Hawdon North wetland site to improve availability and quality of the habitat for target waterbird species.

$4.3 million over three years to build a new integrated cancer consult suite at Mount Gambier Hospital.

$720 000 in 2024-25 to construct four permanent structured pavilions in Mount Gambier for Generations in Jazz.

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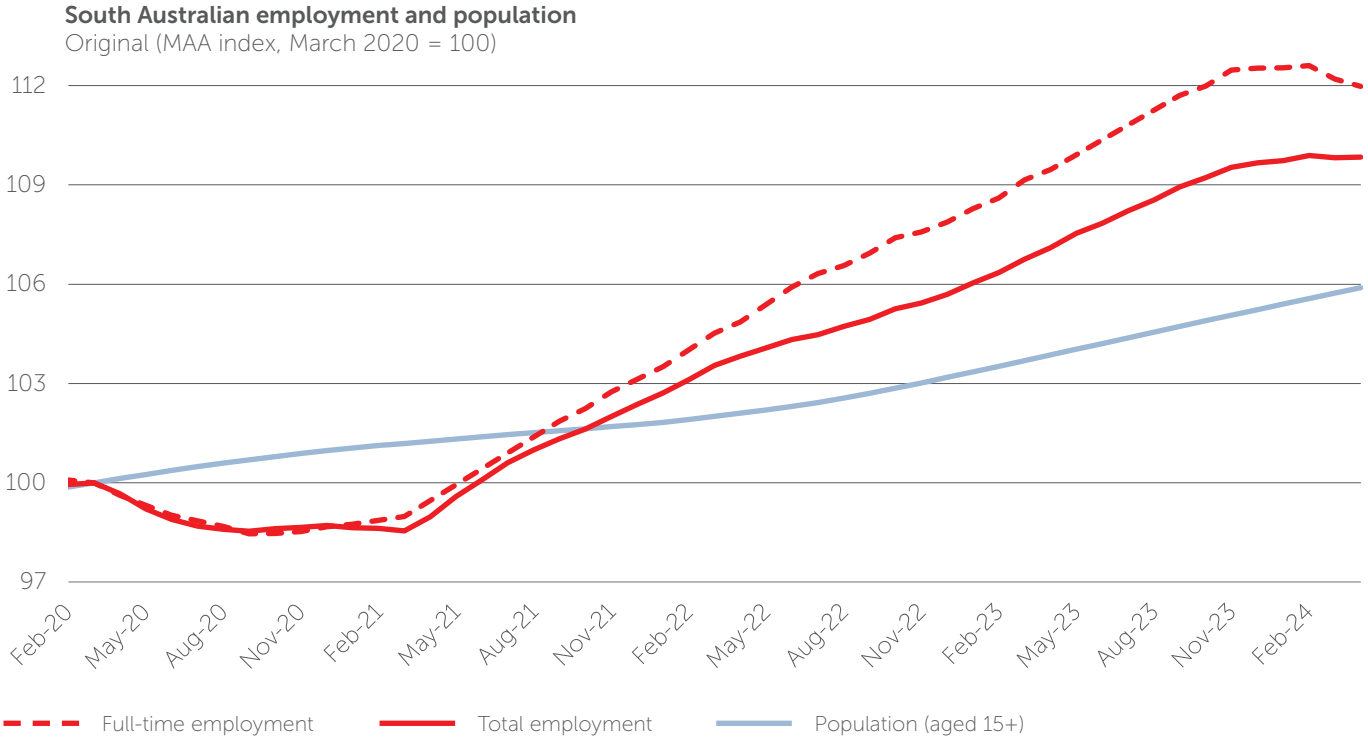
ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

As the national economy slows, the South Australian economy has continued to perform well, with unemployment reaching the lowest level in five decades. For the first time in its 14-year history, CommSec's State of the States report ranked South Australia as the number one performing economy in the nation – twice in a row.

The state's population has grown strongly (by 1.7 per cent in the year to September quarter 2023), particularly due to a strong recovery in net overseas migration and the return of international students. The labour market has performed even more strongly, as illustrated by the chart below.

The pace of growth (in South Australia and nationally) has slowed, following rising interest rates, higher inflation, and capacity constraints. Inflation has moderated but remains above target rates. Following two strong years of growth (3.4 per cent in 2022-23 and estimated growth of 2 per cent in 2023-24), employment growth is forecast to slow to ½ per cent in 2024-25 returning to long-term growth of 1 per cent per annum in 2026-27.

EMPLOYMENT GROWTH HAS OUTPACED POPULATION GROWTH



KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS UNDERLYING THE BUDGET AND FORWARD ESTIMATES – SOUTH AUSTRALIA

	2023-24 Estimate	2024-25 Forecast	2025-26 Projection	2026-27 Projection	2027-28 Projection
Gross State Product – real growth (%)	1¼	1½	1¾	2	2
State Final Demand – real growth (%)	1¾	1½	1¾	2	2
Employment – growth (%)	2	½	¾	1	1
CPI (%)	4¾	3½	2¾	2½	2½

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