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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 Paper 5

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Budget Measures Statement

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Introduction

The Budget Measures Statement describes the revenue and expenditure decisions in the 2026-27 Budget. It contains the following sections:

- Part 1: Revenue measures — reports 2026-27 Budget revenue measures
- Part 2: General government budget measures — reports 2026-27 Budget expenditure and savings measures by agency. Budget measures are shown on a gross basis; that is, expenditure includes amounts funded by revenues received for the specific purpose. The revenue is then disclosed as a revenue offset
- Part 3: Public non-financial corporations and public financial corporations budget measures — reports 2026-27 Budget expenditure and savings measures being delivered through the public non-financial corporations and public financial corporations sectors.

Expenditures are recorded as negative (-) items, while revenues are recorded as positive (+) items.

Full time equivalents are an estimate of the change in employment levels on 30 June associated with a decision — increases are recorded as positive (+) numbers and decreases are recorded as negative (-) numbers.

Table 1: Budget measures (\$million)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Revenue measures — Taxation	-2	-7	-20	-24	-24
General government revenue measures — Other	—	-40	-42	-44	-46
Public non-financial corporations and public financial corporations revenue measures — Other	—	—	—	—	—
General government operating expenditure initiatives ^(a)	-331	-880	-642	-627	-528
Public non-financial corporations and public financial corporations operating expenditure initiatives	—	-15	-24	-29	-13
Revenue offsets — Taxation	—	—	—	—	—
General government revenue offsets — Other	21	232	149	202	264
Public non-financial corporations and public financial corporations revenue offsets — Other	—	2	17	17	—
General government — operating savings	—	37	44	82	83
Public non-financial corporations and public financial corporations — operating savings	—	7	8	8	8
Total operating initiatives	-312	-664	-511	-414	-256

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
General government investing expenditure initiatives	-10	-122	-234	-204	-172
Public non-financial corporations and public financial corporations investing expenditure initiatives	-39	-219	-218	-231	-230
General government — revenue offsets	3	13	18	13	7
Public non-financial corporations and public financial corporations — revenue offsets	20	113	5	12	13
Investing savings	—	—	—	—	—
General government asset sales	—	—	—	—	—
Public non-financial corporations and public financial corporations asset sales	—	—	—	119	158
Total investing initiatives	-26	-215	-429	-291	-224
General government FTE impact of initiatives	288	1 191	1 487	1 345	1 351
Public non-financial corporations and public financial corporations FTE impact of initiatives	—	16	-10	-12	-13

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

(a) Excludes depreciation on investing initiatives.

Part 1: Revenue measures

Overview

This part reports all revenue measures since the 2025-26 Mid-Year Budget Review including taxation measures introduced as part of the 2026-27 Budget.

Taxation measures in the 2026-27 Budget

Table 1.1: Taxation measures in the 2026-27 Budget (\$000)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Across Government					
Downsizing stamp duty concession	-2 000	-7 000	-20 000	-24 000	-24 000
Total taxation measures in the 2026-27 Budget	-2 000	-7 000	-20 000	-24 000	-24 000

Downsizing stamp duty concession

Budget implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating revenue	-2 000	-7 000	-20 000	-24 000	-24 000

This measure provides stamp duty relief of up to \$103 830 for seniors aged 60 years and over who enter into a contract to purchase a new home or vacant land on which to build a new home on or after 25 March 2026.

No stamp duty is payable on the purchase of an eligible new home valued up to \$2 million, with relief progressively phasing out for properties valued up to \$2.1 million.

For the purchase of vacant land on which a new home will be built, no stamp duty is payable for vacant land valued up to \$1.2 million with relief progressively phasing out for land valued up to \$1.3 million.

An applicant must sell (or must have sold) their principal place of residence within 12 months of purchasing their replacement home. The land size of the replacement home must also be smaller than that of the existing (or previous) home.

This measure delivers on the government's election commitment.

Revenue measures — non-taxation

Table 1.2: Revenue measures — non-taxation (\$000)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Courts					
Introduction of court mediation fees in the Supreme and District Courts	—	170	174	179	183
Education					
School fee removal	—	-40 500	-42 500	-44 500	-46 500
Housing and Urban Development					
Increase in lodgement fees under the <i>Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016</i>	—	2 570	2 634	2 700	2 767

Part 1: Revenue measures

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Human Services					
Seniors Card — expanded eligibility	—	-1 300	-1 916	-1 977	-2 037
Infrastructure and Transport					
metroCARD public transport fare — pause	—	-1 000	—	—	—
Total revenue measures in the 2026-27 Budget	—	-40 060	-41 608	-43 598	-45 587

Further information on non-taxation revenue measures can be found in Part 2: General government budget measures and Part 3: Public non-financial corporations and public financial corporations budget measures.

Part 2: General government budget measures

Overview

This part reports 2026-27 Budget expenditure initiatives by agency.

Revenue offsets in this section include revenues received from external parties, including the Commonwealth Government, for the specific purpose of, and incidental to, an expenditure measure contained in this part.

Across Government

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	-43 087	-347 837	4 104	7 416	365
Revenue offsets	14 000	145 500	—	—	—
Investing initiatives	—	-14 690	-7 100	-600	—
Impact on net operating balance	-29 087	-202 337	4 104	7 416	365
Impact on net lending	-29 087	-217 027	-2 996	6 816	365
Across Government					
Operating initiatives					
Adelaide beach management	-3 170	-14 135	-14 953	-6 703	-8 789
Aged Care Loan Scheme	—	—	—	—	—
Apartment Fast-Track Fund	—	—	—	—	—
Bushfire, storm and flood additional response costs	-17 246	—	—	—	—
Business Growth Fund — cessation	5 579	32 183	32 110	32 150	32 330
Community grants	-250	-54 895	—	—	—
Community infrastructure projects	—	-12 890	-900	-825	-915
Drought Loan Scheme	—	—	—	—	—
Indexation adjustment for not-for-profit organisations	—	-2 100	-2 153	-2 206	-2 261
Research and Development Productivity Fund	—	-5 000	-10 000	-15 000	-20 000
South Australian strategic diesel reserve	—	—	—	—	—
South Australian strategic gas reserve	—	—	—	—	—
Whyalla steelworks support	-28 000	-291 000	—	—	—
Revenue offsets					
Whyalla steelworks support	14 000	145 500	—	—	—
Investing initiatives					
Adelaide beach management	—	-5 290	-2 900	—	—
Community infrastructure projects	—	-9 400	-4 200	-600	—

Across Government

Adelaide beach management

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	-3 170	-14 135	-14 953	-6 703	-8 789
Investing payments	—	-5 290	-2 900	—	—
Full time equivalents	6	10	14	12	12

This initiative provides operating expenditure of \$47.8 million over five years from 2025-26 and investing expenditure of \$8.2 million over two years from 2026-27 for the short-term mass restoration of sand at West Beach and a long-term operational solution for the management of sand within Adelaide's central and northern beach system between West Beach and North Haven. These initiatives deliver on the government's commitment to implement recommendations from the Adelaide Beach Management Review, including:

- commencing in 2027, a once-off mass restoration of approximately 400 000 cubic metres of sand delivered over two years to restore West Beach
- from 2027, an annual replenishment to return approximately 90 000 cubic metres of sand per annum to Adelaide's central beaches, including West Beach, guided by ongoing beach monitoring.

This type of beach replenishment is the most common method of beach replenishment globally, as well as in Australia.

Aged Care Loan Scheme

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	—	—	—	—

This initiative establishes a \$250 million no interest aged care loan scheme to incentivise the construction of up to 650 new aged care beds, including a minimum requirement for dementia support beds. This will help free up hospital capacity and acute beds within the public hospital system.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Apartment Fast-Track Fund

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	—	—	—	—

This initiative provides for the establishment of a \$500 million apartment fast-track fund that will unlock more apartment developments in the CBD and accelerate the delivery of more homes for South Australians. Through the fund, the Government of South Australia will act as guarantor on up to 50 per cent of dwellings in eligible off-the-plan developments, so developers can start construction.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Bushfire, storm and flood additional response costs*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	-17 246	—	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$13 million for the Country Fire Service (CFS), \$1.9 million for the Department for Environment and Water, \$1.8 million for the State Emergency Service, and \$589 000 for the Metropolitan Fire Service in 2025-26 for additional response costs for large scale bushfire, storm and flood events across the state. Significant incidents include the protracted Deep Creek fire in difficult terrain and widespread storm activity leading to flooding in the north of the state. CFS costs include extensions to firefighting aircraft availability to cover the extended period of bushfire risk.

Business Growth Fund — cessation*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	5 579	32 183	32 110	32 150	32 330

This initiative ceases the allocation of further funding from the Business Growth Fund. Significant government effort and resources have been and will continue to be devoted to large scale economic recovery and growth projects across the state, including the Whyalla Steelworks, Nyrstar Port Pirie, Northern Water and AUKUS.

All existing commitments under the Business Growth Fund will be met.

Community grants*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	-250	-54 895	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$55.1 million over two years from 2025-26 for a range of grants to various community groups.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitments.

Community infrastructure projects*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-12 890	-900	-825	-915
Investing payments	—	-9 400	-4 200	-600	—

This initiative provides \$29.7 million over four years from 2026-27 to fund a range of local community infrastructure projects.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Drought Loan Scheme

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	—	—	—	—

This initiative establishes a \$200 million drought loan scheme which supports drought affected grain and livestock farmers in South Australia's Murray Mallee, Riverland and Upper North regions through access to urgent financial assistance of up to \$250 000 through the provision of low-interest loans.

Indexation adjustment for not-for-profit organisations

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-2 100	-2 153	-2 206	-2 261

This initiative provides \$2.1 million per annum (indexed) from 2026-27 to support not-for-profit (NFP) organisations. For eligible multiyear Government of South Australia contracts that deliver essential services across the social, community, home care, child protection, homelessness and disability sectors, annual indexation in the future will be aligned with the annual government fees and charges adjustment factor. For 2026-27 that rate is 3.3 per cent.

Research and Development Productivity Fund

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-5 000	-10 000	-15 000	-20 000

The government will invest \$50.0 million over four years to accelerate research and development across South Australia, driving productivity growth, supporting future industries, and strengthening the state's long-term economic competitiveness.

The funding will support targeted, high-impact research programs aligned with the state's strategic priorities and areas of established research strength. The initiative will complement the government's existing investments in research and innovation by strengthening collaboration between universities, industry and government, accelerating the translation of research into commercial outcomes, and supporting the adoption of new technologies and practices that improve productivity across the economy.

It is intended that this investment will attract world-class researchers, innovative businesses and additional co-investment from domestic and international partners, further positioning South Australia as a globally competitive destination for research, innovation and advanced industry development.

Consistent with evidence that research and development is a key driver of productivity growth, higher wages, business competitiveness and long-term economic performance, the initiative will focus on increasing both the scale and impact of research activity in South Australia. By helping businesses commercialise innovation, lift efficiency and develop new high-value products and services, the fund will support stronger economic growth and create the foundations for more highly skilled, better paid jobs across the state.

South Australian strategic diesel reserve

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	—	—	—	—

The government has secured a strategic reserve of 20 million litres of diesel to boost South Australia's fuel security in the context of the current uncertainty as a result of the conflict in the Middle East.

The government has reached a commercial agreement with bulk fuel supplier IOR to utilise capacity at its storage facility at Port Bonython in the Upper Spencer Gulf.

The budget provides for the acquisition and sale of diesel as the conflict is resolved.

South Australian strategic gas reserve

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	—	—	—	—

The government has secured a long-term domestic gas supply agreement with Santos, ensuring gas currently sold overseas will instead be used in South Australia, including to help underpin the transformation of the Whyalla Steelworks.

The South Australian Strategic Gas Reserve will see Santos supply 20 petajoules of gas each year for 10 years from 2030.

The budget provides for a prepayment for some of the gas, enabling Santos to invest in the longevity of its Cooper Basin assets, and the future purchase and sale of gas. It is intended that the government will enter into commercial arrangements with the new owner of the steelworks to ensure gas is available to purchase for the operation of the transformed facility, thereby recovering the state's costs.

Whyalla steelworks support

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating revenue	14 000	145 500	—	—	—
Operating expenses	-28 000	-291 000	—	—	—

This initiative provides a further \$319 million over two years from 2025-26 for the state government, in partnership with the Commonwealth Government, to continue to support the sale of the steelworks by funding its operations during administration.

This additional support brings total funding support to the Whyalla steelworks through the administration period up to \$1.087 billion, shared on a 50:50 basis with the Commonwealth Government.

Attorney-General

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	—	-6 781	-9 169	-8 205	-7 681
Operating savings	—	3 400	4 000	7 400	7 500
Revenue offsets	—	1 560	2 976	3 032	3 091
Investing initiatives	—	-1 908	-500	—	—
Impact on net operating balance	—	-1 821	-2 193	2 227	2 910
Impact on net lending	—	-3 729	-2 693	2 227	2 910
Attorney-General's Department					
Operating initiatives					
Aboriginal Heritage applications — improved processing	—	-1 519	-1 230	-1 261	-1 292
Asbestos diseases funding	—	-100	-100	-100	-100
Fuel price reporting scheme compliance	—	-300	-309	-318	-328
International Workers Memorial Day	—	-20	—	—	—
Labour Hire — increased resources	—	-750	-587	-595	-605
Portable Rental Bonds Scheme	—	-568	-2 962	-1 887	-1 243
Residential parks — increased resources	—	-567	-587	-595	-605
Truth-telling and Treaty	—	-1 942	-1 998	-2 031	-2 068
Young Workers Legal Service	—	-250	-250	-250	-250
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	3 400	4 000	7 400	7 500
Revenue offsets					
Aboriginal Heritage applications — improved processing	—	600	1 230	1 261	1 292
Labour Hire — increased resources	—	960	587	595	605
Portable Rental Bonds Scheme	—	—	1 159	1 176	1 194
Investing initiatives					
Aboriginal Heritage applications — improved processing	—	-794	-500	—	—
Labour Hire — increased resources	—	-210	—	—	—
Portable Rental Bonds Scheme	—	-315	—	—	—
Residential parks — increased resources	—	-168	—	—	—
Truth-telling and Treaty	—	-421	—	—	—
Administered Items for the Attorney-General's Department					
Operating initiatives					
Office of the Inspector — increased resources	—	-765	-1 146	-1 168	-1 190

Attorney-General's Department

Aboriginal Heritage applications — improved processing

Budget Implications (\$'000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating revenue	—	600	1 230	1 261	1 292
Operating expenses	—	-1 519	-1 230	-1 261	-1 292
Investing payments	—	-794	-500	—	—
Full time equivalents	—	7	7	7	7

This initiative provides operating expenditure of \$1.5 million in 2026-27 and \$1.2 million per annum (indexed) from 2027-28 and investing expenditure of \$1.3 million over two years from 2026-27 to address the increase in demand and complexity of Aboriginal Heritage applications.

The funding will provide additional resources to expedite the finalisation of applications under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* and support the central archives system.

Funding for this initiative is expected to be cost recovered from 1 January 2027 through a tiered application fee.

Asbestos diseases funding

Budget Implications (\$'000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-100	-100	-100	-100

This initiative provides \$100 000 per annum from 2026-27 to continue to support the work of the Asbestos Victims Association of SA and Asbestos Diseases Society of SA for advocacy and education programs that seek to increase awareness of dust diseases, reduce risk and create a safer community.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Fuel price reporting scheme compliance

Budget Implications (\$'000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-300	-309	-318	-328
Full time equivalents	—	3	3	3	3

This initiative provides \$300 000 per annum (indexed) from 2026-27 for additional Consumer and Business Services Inspectors to undertake an additional 100 fuel price compliance inspections a month.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

International Workers Memorial Day*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-20	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$20 000 in 2026-27 to assist with hosting the annual International Workers Memorial Day event.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Labour Hire — increased resources*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating revenue	—	960	587	595	605
Operating expenses	—	-750	-587	-595	-605
Investing payments	—	-210	—	—	—
Full time equivalents	—	6	5	5	5

This initiative provides operating expenditure of \$750 000 in 2026-27 and \$587 000 per annum (indexed) from 2027-28 and investing expenditure of \$210 000 in 2026-27 to support the commencement of the *Labour Hire Licensing (Scope of Act) Amendment Act 2025*.

The funding will provide additional resources to support the administration of licences and additional enforcement as a result of the increase of labour hire providers that will be captured by the Amendment Act.

Funding for this initiative will be cost recovered from 2026-27.

Operating efficiencies*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	3 400	4 000	7 400	7 500
Full time equivalents	—	-28	-33	-62	-63

This measure will save \$3.4 million in 2026-27 increasing to \$7.5 million per annum from 2029-30 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Portable Rental Bonds Scheme

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating revenue	—	—	1 159	1 176	1 194
Operating expenses	—	-568	-2 962	-1 887	-1 243
Investing payments	—	-315	—	—	—
Full time equivalents	—	4	17	14	8

This initiative provides \$5.7 million over three years from 2026-27 and \$1.2 million per annum (indexed) from 2029-30 for additional resources in Consumer and Business Services to establish a Portable Rental Bonds Scheme to allow renters moving houses to transfer their existing bond over to their new rental property, with the government guaranteeing the bond amount for the original landlord.

The introduction of the Portable Rental Bonds Scheme will strengthen the rights of renters, putting an end to renters having to pay a new bond before having received a refund of their existing bond.

The ongoing costs will be recovered through a \$35 application fee to transfer the bond and is expected to result in revenue of \$1.2 million per annum (indexed) from 2027-28.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Residential parks — increased resources

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-567	-587	-595	-605
Investing payments	—	-168	—	—	—
Full time equivalents	—	4	4	4	4

This initiative provides operating expenditure of \$567 000 per annum (indexed) from 2026-27 and \$168 000 investing expenditure in 2026-27 to enable Consumer and Business Services to strengthen compliance and enforcement, provide faster advice and dispute resolution and deliver education and support to both residents and operators.

Truth-telling and Treaty

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-1 942	-1 998	-2 031	-2 068
Investing payments	—	-421	—	—	—
Full time equivalents	—	7	7	7	7

This initiative provides operating expenditure of \$1.9 million per annum (indexed) from 2026-27 and investing expenditure of \$421 000 in 2026-27 to support the establishment of a Commission to undertake statewide Truth-telling and progress Treaty activities.

Young Workers Legal Service*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-250	-250	-250	-250

This initiative provides \$250 000 per annum from 2026-27 to help re-establish the Young Workers Legal Service to provide legal advice, advocacy and education for young workers experiencing employment-related issues.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Administered Items for the Attorney-General's Department**Office of the Inspector — increased resources***Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-765	-1 146	-1 168	-1 190
Full time equivalents	—	3	6	6	6

This initiative provides \$765 000 in 2026-27 increasing to \$1.1 million per annum (indexed) from 2027-28 to the Office of the Inspector to support its work undertaking reviews examining the operations, conduct and administration of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, the Office for Public Integrity and the Ombudsman.

Audit Office of South Australia

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	—	-400	-407	-414	-422
Impact on net operating balance	—	-400	-407	-414	-422
Impact on net lending	—	-400	-407	-414	-422
Audit Office of South Australia					
Operating initiatives					
Audit Office — additional resources	—	-400	-407	-414	-422

Audit Office of South Australia

Audit Office — additional resources

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-400	-407	-414	-422
Full time equivalents	—	2	2	2	2

This initiative provides \$400 000 per annum (indexed) from 2026-27 to support the operations of the Audit Office of South Australia.

Child Protection

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	-10 248	-97 182	-116 084	-81 086	-46 088
Impact on net operating balance	-10 248	-97 182	-116 084	-81 086	-46 088
Impact on net lending	-10 248	-97 182	-116 084	-81 086	-46 088
Department for Child Protection					
Operating initiatives					
Connecting Foster & Kinship Carers — SA Inc — additional funding	-20	-100	—	—	—
Grandcarers SA — additional funding	—	-82	-84	-86	-88
Out of Home Care — additional resources	-10 228	-97 000	-116 000	-81 000	-46 000

Department for Child Protection

Connecting Foster & Kinship Carers — SA Inc — additional funding

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	-20	-100	—	—	—

This initiative provides an additional \$120 000 over two years from 2025-26 to increase the grant to Connecting Foster & Kinship Carers — SA Inc, the peak representative body for foster and kinship carers across South Australia. The funding will provide additional assistance for the organisation's current carer peer support program.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Grandcarers SA — additional funding

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-82	-84	-86	-88

This initiative provides an additional \$82 000 per annum (indexed) over the next four years to increase the grant to Grandcarers SA to support grandparents and other informal carers to achieve positive outcomes for themselves and the children in their care. This support includes financial assistance, personal support, information provision and advocacy.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment to increase the annual funding to \$300 000 per annum (indexed).

Out of Home Care — additional resources*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	-10 228	-97 000	-116 000	-81 000	-46 000
Full time equivalents	—	123	100	96	83

This initiative provides \$350.2 million over five years from 2025-26 to support children and young people in care. The department is continuing its review and implementation of service optimisation to ensure that services are being delivered effectively and efficiently. The department is actively committed to supporting family-based carers and continues to focus on increasing the number of children and young people being cared for in a family-based environment.

Correctional Services

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	-720	-5 660	-5 944	-6 207	-691
Operating savings	—	3 800	4 400	8 300	8 400
Investing initiatives	—	-1 000	-4 250	—	—
Impact on net operating balance	-720	-1 860	-1 544	2 093	7 709
Impact on net lending	-720	-2 860	-5 794	2 093	7 709
Department for Correctional Services					
Operating initiatives					
Electronic monitoring for offenders	-52	-645	-664	-678	-691
Mount Gambier Prison immediate additional capacity	-668	-5 015	-5 280	-5 529	—
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	3 800	4 400	8 300	8 400
Investing initiatives					
Prison air-conditioning upgrades	—	-1 000	-4 250	—	—

Department for Correctional Services

Electronic monitoring for offenders

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	-52	-645	-664	-678	-691
Full time equivalents	—	3	3	3	3

This initiative provides \$52 000 in 2025-26 and \$645 000 per annum (indexed) from 2026-27 for an additional 60 electronic monitoring devices and resources to manage the supervision of offenders across the state.

Electronic monitoring is effective in the enforcement of non-custodial sentencing alternatives and other supervision orders.

Mount Gambier Prison immediate additional capacity

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	-668	-5 015	-5 280	-5 529	—

This initiative provides \$668 000 in 2025-26 and \$5.0 million per annum (indexed) from 2026-27 to 2028-29 to support the operation of 59 temporary beds at Mount Gambier Prison to provide immediate additional prisoner capacity until the Yatala Labour Prison expansion is complete.

Operating efficiencies*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	3 800	4 400	8 300	8 400
Full time equivalents	—	-22	-26	-48	-49

This measure will save \$3.8 million in 2026-27 increasing to \$8.4 million per annum from 2029-30 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Prison air-conditioning upgrades*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Investing payments	—	-1 000	-4 250	—	—

This initiative provides \$5.3 million over two years from 2026-27 to upgrade the air conditioning system at Port Augusta Prison.

Courts

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating savings	—	600	700	1 400	1 400
Revenue measures	—	170	174	179	183
Impact on net operating balance	—	770	874	1 579	1 583
Impact on net lending	—	770	874	1 579	1 583
Courts Administration Authority					
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	600	700	1 400	1 400
Revenue measures					
Introduction of court mediation fees in the Supreme and District Courts	—	170	174	179	183

Courts Administration Authority

Introduction of court mediation fees in the Supreme and District Courts

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating revenue	—	170	174	179	183

This measure introduces court mediation fees in the Supreme Court (\$2000) and District Court (\$1500) for mediations by a Judicial Officer.

No fee is currently imposed for mediation services provided by judicial officers in the Supreme and District Courts of South Australia. However, mediation undertaken by private mediators is provided at a cost.

The measure will commence from 1 July 2026 and is expected to result in additional revenue of \$170 000 per annum (indexed) from 2026-27.

Operating efficiencies

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	600	700	1 400	1 400
Full time equivalents	—	-4	-4	-8	-8

This measure will save \$600 000 in 2026-27 increasing to \$1.4 million per annum from 2028-29 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Defence SA

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating savings	—	200	300	500	500
Impact on net operating balance	—	200	300	500	500
Impact on net lending	—	200	300	500	500
Defence SA					
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	200	300	500	500

Defence SA

Operating efficiencies

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	200	300	500	500

This measure will save \$200 000 in 2026-27 increasing to \$500 000 per annum from 2028-29 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Education

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	—	-26 260	-59 410	-76 890	-93 710
Operating savings	—	1 200	1 400	2 600	2 600
Revenue measures	—	-40 500	-42 500	-44 500	-46 500
Revenue offsets	—	4 110	10 760	15 240	19 060
Investing initiatives	—	-21 000	-79 850	-69 500	-62 500
Impact on net operating balance	—	-61 450	-89 750	-103 550	-118 550
Impact on net lending	—	-82 450	-169 600	-173 050	-181 050
Department for Education					
Operating initiatives					
Better quality education	—	-10 000	-15 000	-16 500	-17 500
Expanding Out of School Hours Care	—	-10 610	-22 260	-28 240	-33 560
Keeping kids off screens	—	-5 000	-20 000	-24 000	-27 000
Newshound media literacy digital learning program	—	-650	-650	-650	-650
Three new technical colleges	—	—	-1 500	-7 500	-15 000
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	1 200	1 400	2 600	2 600
Revenue measures					
School fee removal	—	-40 500	-42 500	-44 500	-46 500
Revenue offsets					
Expanding Out of School Hours Care	—	4 110	10 760	15 240	19 060
Investing initiatives					
School infrastructure program	—	-11 000	-23 850	-31 500	-40 500
Three new technical colleges	—	-10 000	-56 000	-38 000	-22 000

Department for Education

Better quality education

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-10 000	-15 000	-16 500	-17 500

This initiative provides \$65.0 million over six years from 2026-27 to support programs aimed at improving student outcomes. Measures include introducing a second phonics check in Year 2, establishing a specialist Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) pathway to increase the supply of specialist STEM teachers in government schools, introducing a new teaching pathway that enables student teachers to work in government schools from the start of their degree, expanding professional learning opportunities for teachers and school services officers and rolling out the autism inclusion program. The initiative also focuses on ensuring and improving workplace safety and wellbeing for teachers and educators.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Expanding Out of School Hours Care

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating revenue	—	4 110	10 760	15 240	19 060
Operating expenses	—	-10 610	-22 260	-28 240	-33 560
Full time equivalents	—	69	106	148	180

This initiative provides \$45.5 million in net expenditure over four years from 2026-27 to establish Out of School Hours Care services at 68 government primary schools across the state. Total operating expenditure of \$94.7 million will be partially offset by \$49.2 million in income from Commonwealth Child Care subsidies and parental out-of-pocket (gap) fees.

The expansion will create an additional 2300 places, delivering a 20 per cent increase in capacity.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Keeping kids off screens

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-5 000	-20 000	-24 000	-27 000
Full time equivalents	—	—	6	6	6

This initiative provides \$76.0 million over four years from 2026-27 to deliver programs designed to reduce the time children and young people spend on devices by offering accessible, engaging alternatives. Key measures include:

- free school camps for Year 7 students
- free activities before and after school
- increased opportunities for physical activity during the school day
- expanding the Student Volunteer Award program
- making school facilities more accessible to the community.

The initiative also expands the sports vouchers program to include 16 to 18-year-olds from 1 January 2027 and will provide free school holiday 'come and try' sessions, through the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Newshounds media literacy digital learning program

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-650	-650	-650	-650

This initiative provides \$650 000 per annum over four years for an annual subscription to the Newshounds program, to be delivered in every primary school across the state. Newshounds is a media literacy digital learning program aimed at students aged 8-12, to support the development of critical thinking skills in evaluating news and online information.

Operating efficiencies*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	1 200	1 400	2 600	2 600
Full time equivalents	—	-7	-8	-14	-14

This measure will save \$1.2 million in 2026-27 increasing to \$2.6 million per annum from 2028-29 from implementing operating efficiencies.

School fee removal*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating revenue	—	-40 500	-42 500	-44 500	-46 500

This initiative provides free public education from the 2027 school year to ease cost of living pressures for parents, caregivers and independent students in government schools, saving families of non-school card students an average of more than \$8000 per child across 13 years of schooling.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

School infrastructure program*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Investing payments	—	-11 000	-23 850	-31 500	-40 500

This initiative provides investing expenditure of \$210.0 million over six years from 2026-27 to support the redevelopment and upgrade of government school facilities. This initiative includes:

- \$87.0 million for the redevelopment of Mount Barker High School, building on the existing \$9.0 million investment to upgrade classrooms, workshops, food technology facilities and outdoor sporting areas
- \$12.0 million for a new gymnasium and other upgrades at Kilkenny Primary School
- \$10.8 million to upgrade Kapunda High School
- \$10.0 million in new and upgraded inclusive education facilities, including improvements to learning and sensory spaces in twenty schools across the state
- \$10.0 million for upgrades at Sheidow Park Primary School
- \$10.0 million for a co-located gymnasium at Golden Grove High School and Gleeson College
- \$8.6 million for new learning spaces at Fraser Park Primary School
- \$8.0 million each for a new gymnasium or hall at Brighton Primary School, Colonel Light Gardens Primary School, Kidman Park Primary School and St Leonards Primary School
- \$2.2 million for upgrades at Jervois Primary School.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Three new technical colleges*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	—	-1 500	-7 500	-15 000
Investing payments	—	-10 000	-56 000	-38 000	-22 000

This initiative provides investing expenditure of \$126.0 million over four years from 2026-27 and expenditure of \$24.0 million over three years from 2027-28 to establish and operate three new technical colleges, including one regional campus in Murray Bridge and two metropolitan campuses in Marden and Gawler.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Emergency Services — CFS

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating savings	—	300	300	600	600
Impact on net operating balance	—	300	300	600	600
Impact on net lending	—	300	300	600	600
Country Fire Service					
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	300	300	600	600

Country Fire Service

Operating efficiencies

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	300	300	600	600
Full time equivalents	—	-2	-2	-4	-4

This measure will save \$300 000 in 2026-27 increasing to \$600 000 per annum from 2028-29 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Emergency Services — MFS

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating savings	—	200	200	400	400
Impact on net operating balance	—	200	200	400	400
Impact on net lending	—	200	200	400	400
South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service					
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	200	200	400	400

South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service

Operating efficiencies

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	200	200	400	400
Full time equivalents	—	-1	-1	-2	-2

This measure will save \$200 000 in 2026-27 increasing to \$400 000 per annum from 2028-29 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Emergency Services — SAFECOM

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	—	-250	-500	-750	-1 000
Operating savings	—	100	100	300	300
Impact on net operating balance	—	-150	-400	-450	-700
Impact on net lending	—	-150	-400	-450	-700
South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission					
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	100	100	300	300
Administered Items for the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission					
Operating initiatives					
Surf Life Saving SA funding increase	—	-250	-500	-750	-1 000

South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission

Operating efficiencies

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	100	100	300	300
Full time equivalents	—	-1	-1	-2	-2

This measure will save \$100 000 in 2026-27 increasing to \$300 000 per annum from 2028-29 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Administered Items for the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission

Surf Life Saving SA funding increase

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-250	-500	-750	-1 000

This initiative provides \$250 000 in 2026-27 increasing to \$1 million in 2029-30 to Surf Life Saving SA to double ongoing core funding from \$1 million per annum to \$2 million per annum.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Emergency Services — SES

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating savings	—	100	100	200	200
Impact on net operating balance	—	100	100	200	200
Impact on net lending	—	100	100	200	200
State Emergency Service					
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	100	100	200	200

State Emergency Service

Operating efficiencies

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	100	100	200	200
Full time equivalents	—	-1	-1	-1	-1

This measure will save \$100 000 in 2026-27 increasing to \$200 000 per annum from 2028-29 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Energy and Mining

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	-4 751	-10 858	-4 416	-4 347	-4 121
Operating savings	—	700	800	1 400	1 400
Revenue offsets	—	-8 171	-4 091	—	—
Investing initiatives	—	-750	-2 738	—	—
Impact on net operating balance	-4 751	-18 329	-7 707	-2 947	-2 721
Impact on net lending	-4 751	-19 079	-10 445	-2 947	-2 721
Department for Energy and Mining					
Operating initiatives					
Landowner Information Service — expansion	—	-250	-250	-250	-250
Leigh Creek Coalfield — site management	—	-1 287	-1 066	-997	-771
Plan for Accelerating Exploration (PACE) partnerships — minerals	—	-3 100	-3 100	-3 100	-3 100
Remote Area Energy Supply Scheme — fuel costs	-4 438	—	—	—	—
Whyalla transformation, Steel Taskforce and turbine divestment	-313	-6 221	—	—	—
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	700	800	1 400	1 400
Revenue offsets					
emPowering SA Community Batteries	—	-8 171	-4 091	—	—
Investing initiatives					
emPowering SA Community Batteries	—	—	-2 738	—	—
Leigh Creek Coalfield — site management	—	-750	—	—	—

Department for Energy and Mining

emPowering SA Community Batteries

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating revenue	—	-8 171	-4 091	—	—
Investing payments	—	—	-2 738	—	—

This initiative provides an additional \$2.7 million investing expenditure in 2027-28 while offsetting \$12.3 million of revenue to support the delivery of a fleet of 16 community batteries through the emPowering SA program. The project will now be funded by the state and Commonwealth Governments, as well as via a contribution from AGL.

This initiative is expected to deliver cost of living relief to approximately 10 500 low-income households through an annual energy bill saving of 25 per cent off the default market offer with AGL Australia.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Landowner Information Service — expansion*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-250	-250	-250	-250

This initiative provides \$250 000 per annum over four years from 2026-27 to ensure sufficient resources to respond in a timely manner to interested landowners across all enabling legislation, including the *Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Act 2023*. The Landowner Information Service provides information to key stakeholders on the project development process, key interaction points and the robustness of the regulatory process.

Leigh Creek Coalfield — site management*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-1 287	-1 066	-997	-771
Investing payments	—	-750	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$4.9 million over four years from 2026-27 to continue to reduce public safety risks at the Leigh Creek Coalfield site through the management of legacy environmental challenges. This includes the finalisation and implementation of a long-term management strategy for the site.

Operating efficiencies*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	700	800	1 400	1 400
Full time equivalents	—	-4	-5	-8	-8

This measure will save \$700 000 in 2026-27 increasing to \$1.4 million per annum from 2028-29 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Plan for Accelerating Exploration (PACE) partnerships — minerals*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-3 100	-3 100	-3 100	-3 100

This initiative provides \$3.1 million per annum over four years from 2026-27 to accelerate new exploration in partnership with industry to drive South Australia's next chapter of mineral exploration and discovery. Grants provided under the initiative will require at least matched industry investment and complement the work of the world-renowned Geological Survey of South Australia.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Remote Area Energy Supply Scheme — fuel costs*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	-4 438	—	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$4.4 million in 2025-26 to support the Remote Area Energy Supply Scheme’s operational budget to respond to significant rises in the price of diesel fuel as a result of the conflict in the Middle East, as well as to support additional customer demand.

This initiative will ensure continued energy service provision to remote communities and townships serviced by the scheme.

Whyalla transformation, Steel Taskforce and turbine divestment*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	-313	-6 221	—	—	—
Full time equivalents	—	2	—	—	—

This initiative provides funding for a range of measures to enable the department to oversee the Whyalla steelworks industrial transformation, divestment of the state’s gas turbines and the extension of the Steel Taskforce.

The initiative includes:

- \$3.3 million in 2026-27 to continue the Whyalla Steelworks Industrial Transformation Unit which will support the transition of the steelworks to a sustainable and modern steelmaking capability
- \$1.6 million in 2026-27 to enable the Steel Taskforce to continue for the duration of 2026-27, in particular expert advisors supporting the Taskforce
- \$0.3 million in 2025-26 and \$1.3 million in 2026-27 to oversee the divestment of the state’s gas turbines to provide additional capacity into the South Australian energy market, improving energy reliability.

Environment and Water

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	-12 940	-4 650	-9 800	-4 500	-2 750
Operating savings	—	3 100	3 600	6 600	6 700
Revenue offsets	6 800	—	4 900	—	—
Investing initiatives	-7 500	-1 200	—	—	—
Revenue offsets Investing	3 088	—	—	—	—
Impact on net operating balance	-3 052	-1 550	-1 300	2 100	3 950
Impact on net lending	-10 552	-2 750	-1 300	2 100	3 950
Department for Environment and Water					
Operating initiatives					
Friends of Parks and Nature	—	-750	-750	-750	-750
Grants to private landholders — heritage	—	-1 500	-1 500	-1 500	-1 500
Landcare funding	—	-250	-250	-250	-250
Murray-Darling Basin — Joint Programs contribution	-6 140	—	—	—	—
Pastoral Lands Unit	—	-250	-250	-250	-250
South Australian Alternative Water Supply Efficiency Measures program	-6 800	—	-4 900	—	—
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	3 100	3 600	6 600	6 700
Revenue offsets					
South Australian Alternative Water Supply Efficiency Measures program	6 800	—	4 900	—	—
Investing initiatives					
Mundoo Island Station acquisition	-7 500	—	—	—	—
Nature based tourism projects	—	-1 200	—	—	—
Revenue offsets Investing					
Mundoo Island Station acquisition	3 088	—	—	—	—
Administered Items for the Department for Environment and Water					
Operating initiatives					
Feral cat management	—	-400	-400	—	—
River restoration	—	-1 500	-1 750	-1 750	—

Department for Environment and Water

Friends of Parks and Nature

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-750	-750	-750	-750

This initiative provides \$750 000 per annum from 2026-27 to the Friends of Parks and Nature groups to work in national parks and across the landscape, including weeding, planting, seed collecting and other nature restoration activities.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Grants to private landholders — heritage

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-1 500	-1 500	-1 500	-1 500

This initiative provides \$1.5 million per annum from 2026-27 for native vegetation heritage agreements on privately managed properties to support improved biodiversity.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment and is funded from the Green Industry Fund.

Landcare funding

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-250	-250	-250	-250

This initiative provides \$250 000 per annum from 2026-27 to Landcare SA to employ a state landcare coordinator and assist with ground planting, weeding and other conservation work.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Mundoo Island Station acquisition

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating revenue	3 088	—	—	—	—
Investing payments	-7 500	—	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$7.5 million in 2025-26 for the acquisition of Mundoo Island, Ewe Island and Long Island off the eastern tip of Hindmarsh Island. Mundoo Island includes a cattle station which will be turned into a vital wetlands habitat and expand the existing national park to protect native species, improve the habitat for migratory birds, reduce nutrient runoff and improve environmental resilience across the Murray Mouth.

The purchase is made in partnership with the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife and the Commonwealth Government.

Murray-Darling Basin — Joint Programs contribution

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	-6 140	—	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$6.1 million in 2025-26 to increase South Australia's contribution to the Murray-Darling Basin Joint Programs initiative. In 2025, the member states agreed to increase contributions in 2025-26 to further assist in managing deteriorating infrastructure throughout the Murray-Darling Basin.

Nature based tourism projects

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Investing payments	—	-1 200	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$1.2 million in 2026-27 to improve the iconic Heysen Trail by purchasing land near Cudlee Creek, meaning hikers will no longer have to divert to a busy road and contributing to an upgrade of infrastructure at Flinders Chase National Park to ensure tourists can continue to experience the natural wonder of Admirals Arch for years to come.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Operating efficiencies

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	3 100	3 600	6 600	6 700

This measure will save \$3.1 million in 2026-27 increasing to \$6.7 million per annum from 2029-30 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Pastoral Lands Unit

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-250	-250	-250	-250

This initiative provides \$250 000 per annum from 2026-27 to the Pastoral Lands Unit to assist with the completion of land condition assessments in the pastoral lands.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

South Australian Alternative Water Supply Efficiency Measures program

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating revenue	6 800	—	4 900	—	—
Operating expenses	-6 800	—	-4 900	—	—

This initiative provides an additional \$6.8 million in 2025-26 and \$4.9 million in 2027-28 to support eligible local government authorities to invest in infrastructure that will substitute River Murray water used for open space irrigation and industrial uses in South Australia with stormwater, treated wastewater or other alternative water resources. This investment brings total expenditure under the program to \$32.6 million over four years.

This initiative is funded by the Commonwealth Government.

Administered Items for the Department for Environment and Water

Feral cat management

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-400	-400	—	—

This initiative provides \$800 000 over two years from 2026-27 to the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board to support the eradication of feral cats on Kangaroo Island.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

River restoration

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-1 500	-1 750	-1 750	—

This initiative provides \$5.0 million over three years from 2026-27 to regional landscape boards to develop and implement a plan to clean and revitalise rivers and waterways. This will regenerate ecosystems, reverse habitat decline, and stabilise riparian zones, reducing erosion and runoff and improving the quality of water flows into the ocean.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Environment Protection Authority

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating savings	—	300	400	700	700
Impact on net operating balance	—	300	400	700	700
Impact on net lending	—	300	400	700	700
Environment Protection Authority					
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	300	400	700	700

Environment Protection Authority

Operating efficiencies

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	300	400	700	700
Full time equivalents	—	-2	-2	-4	-4

This measure will save \$300 000 in 2026-27 increasing to \$700 000 per annum from 2028-29 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Green Industries SA

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	—	-860	-180	—	—
Operating savings	—	100	100	100	100
Impact on net operating balance	—	-760	-80	100	100
Impact on net lending	—	-760	-80	100	100
Green Industries SA					
Operating initiatives					
Batteries in kerbside bins public awareness campaign	—	-860	-180	—	—
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	100	100	100	100

Green Industries SA

Batteries in kerbside bins public awareness campaign

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-860	-180	—	—

This initiative provides \$1.0 million over two years from 2026-27 to deliver an educational campaign to increase community awareness regarding the life cycle and disposal pathways for lithium batteries.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Operating efficiencies

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	100	100	100	100
Full time equivalents	—	-1	-1	-1	-1

This measure will save \$100 000 per annum from 2026-27 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Health and Wellbeing

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	-224 000	-338 757	-416 572	-426 342	-345 015
Revenue offsets	—	89 015	134 316	183 857	241 573
Investing initiatives	—	-2 700	-10 800	-25 750	-20 750
Impact on net operating balance	-224 000	-249 742	-282 256	-242 485	-103 442
Impact on net lending	-224 000	-252 442	-293 056	-268 235	-124 192
Department for Health and Wellbeing					
Operating initiatives					
Additional investment in South Australian Health Services	-224 000	-308 351	-392 934	-402 757	-322 826
Additional support for motor neurone disease	—	-400	-400	-400	-400
Continued support for dedicated lung cancer nurses	—	-633	-641	-650	-659
Expanding nursing services for myeloma patients	—	-100	-100	-100	-100
Expansion of the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme	—	-3 850	-3 950	-4 050	-4 150
GP training for ADHD diagnosis	—	-250	-100	—	—
Medical School Training Centre in Mount Gambier	—	-10 000	-3 000	—	—
New Greater Northern Adelaide Hospital business case	—	-2 000	-1 000	—	—
Pain management for IUD procedures	—	-25	-10	-10	-10
Permanent ambulance crew for Murray Bridge	—	-1 358	-1 391	-1 424	-1 457
Publicly funded in vitro fertilisation (IVF)	—	-4 440	-4 546	-4 651	-4 863
Regional ambulance station crews and facilities upgrades	—	-400	-400	-3 000	-3 100
Three more 24-hour pharmacies	—	-3 200	-3 250	-3 350	-3 400
Training for 120 additional pharmacists to assist GPs	—	-250	-250	-250	-250
Virtual Pelvic Pain Clinic and endometriosis public health campaign	—	-1 000	-1 100	-1 200	-1 300
Women's and Children's Hospital site business case	—	—	-1 000	-2 000	—
Women's health clinics	—	-2 500	-2 500	-2 500	-2 500
Revenue offsets					
Additional investment in South Australian Health Services	—	89 015	134 316	183 857	241 573
Investing initiatives					
Murray Bridge maternity ward, birthing centre and renal clinic	—	-1 000	-2 500	-7 750	-3 750
New Emergency Department for Clare Hospital	—	—	—	-3 000	-7 000
New mental health assessment units	—	-1 000	-5 000	-12 000	-10 000
Regional ambulance station crews and facilities upgrades	—	-700	-3 300	-3 000	—

Department for Health and Wellbeing

Additional investment in South Australian Health Services

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating revenue	—	89 015	134 316	183 857	241 573
Operating expenses	-224 000	-308 351	-392 934	-402 757	-322 826
Full time equivalents	278	1 111	1 406	1 406	1 406

This initiative provides \$1.7 billion over the forward estimates to address the increasing levels of demand experienced across our public health system, and the higher cost of service delivery across local health networks.

Utilisation of public health services is estimated to increase by around 4.9 per cent in 2025-26 compared to the prior year. This initiative recognises the additional funding required to address the uplift in activity in 2025-26.

SA Health continues to strive to increase the efficiency of its services across the forward estimates. The government remains committed to delivering a quality, sustainable and efficient public hospital system.

This initiative also recognises additional Commonwealth Government revenue under the 2026-31 Addendum to the National Health Reform Agreement.

Additional support for motor neurone disease

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-400	-400	-400	-400

This initiative provides \$400 000 per annum over four years from 2026-27 to support people living with motor neurone disease through improved access to equipment and additional relevant health professional support.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment to increase annual funding to \$1.0 million per annum.

Continued support for dedicated lung cancer nurses

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-633	-641	-650	-659
Full time equivalents	—	4	4	4	4

This initiative provides \$633 000 per annum (indexed) from 2026-27 to continue the provision of dedicated specialist lung cancer nurses across the hospital system.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Expanding nursing services for myeloma patients*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-100	-100	-100	-100

This initiative provides \$100 000 per annum over four years from 2026-27 in grant funding to Myeloma Australia to increase access to specialised nursing support for people living with myeloma across South Australia.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Expansion of the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-3 850	-3 950	-4 050	-4 150

This initiative provides \$3.9 million per annum (indexed) from 2026-27 to expand and enhance the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme by increasing the nightly accommodation subsidy for eligible individuals from \$44 to \$110, and for those travelling with an approved support person from \$88 per night to \$154 per night. It will also expand the scheme to include a cumulative travel subsidy for eligible individuals who travel a minimum of 300 kilometres per week for renal or oncology services.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

GP training for ADHD diagnosis*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-250	-100	—	—

This initiative provides \$350 000 over two years from 2026-27 to train an additional 100 General Practitioners (GPs) to diagnose and prescribe medication for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), doubling the number of specially trained GPs in South Australia.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Medical School Training Centre in Mount Gambier*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-10 000	-3 000	—	—

This initiative provides \$13.0 million over two years from 2026-27 to deliver a new, purpose-built medical education and training facility in partnership with Flinders University. The new facility will be located adjacent to Mount Gambier Hospital and will increase the number of medical students studying in regional South Australia.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Murray Bridge maternity ward, birthing centre and renal clinic*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Investing payments	—	-1 000	-2 500	-7 750	-3 750

This initiative provides \$15.0 million over four years from 2026-27 to support infrastructure upgrades at the Murray Bridge Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. A new maternity ward and birthing unit redevelopment will deliver a modern, purpose-built facility, that will include two additional beds, increasing the total number of beds from six to eight.

The redevelopment will also include a new purpose-built renal unit that will replace existing infrastructure and increase treatment capacity from four chairs to six chairs, enabling up to an additional eight patients to receive dialysis locally in Murray Bridge.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

New Emergency Department for Clare Hospital*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Investing payments	—	—	—	-3 000	-7 000

This initiative provides \$22.0 million over four years from 2028-29 to deliver a new Emergency Department for Clare Hospital, providing Mid North communities with around-the-clock care in a dedicated modern facility.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

New Greater Northern Adelaide Hospital business case*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-2 000	-1 000	—	—

This initiative provides \$3.0 million over two years to deliver a business case and commence planning for a new Greater Northern Adelaide Hospital that will service the growing outer northern suburbs and Barossa Valley region.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

New mental health assessment units*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Investing payments	—	-1 000	-5 000	-12 000	-10 000

This initiative provides \$28.0 million over four years from 2026-27 to deliver a specialised mental health assessment unit at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. The new mental health assessment unit will be located adjacent to the Emergency Department and provide a new, more appropriately designed space, to help people experiencing a mental health or drug and alcohol related crisis.

A further two mental health assessment units, located at the Lyell McEwin Hospital and Noarlunga Hospital, will also subsequently be delivered.

This initiative delivers on the government’s election commitment.

Pain management for IUD procedures

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-25	-10	-10	-10

This initiative provides \$25 000 in 2026-27 and \$10 000 per annum from 2027-28, to support improved options for pain management of intrauterine contraceptive device (IUD) procedures in public outpatient clinics and across primary care. Public outpatient clinics will begin offering the green whistle (Penthrox) for IUD insertion procedures and SA Health will work with GPs and the new Women’s Health Clinics to expand the use of the green whistle for IUD insertions across primary care.

This initiative delivers on the government’s election commitment.

Permanent ambulance crew for Murray Bridge

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-1 358	-1 391	-1 424	-1 457
Full time equivalents	—	6	6	6	6

This initiative provides \$1.4 million per annum (indexed) from 2026-27 for a dedicated ambulance transfer team comprising of an additional three paramedics and three ambulance officers to help ease the pressure on local emergency crews and retain volunteer capacity in the community.

This initiative delivers on the government’s election commitment.

Publicly funded in vitro fertilisation (IVF)

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-4 440	-4 546	-4 651	-4 863

This initiative provides \$4.4 million per annum (indexed) from 2026-27 for South Australia’s first in vitro fertilisation (IVF) rebate scheme to make IVF treatment more affordable for thousands of women and families.

The initiative will provide a rebate of \$2000 per IVF cycle for up to two cycles, and a \$250 rebate for pre-IVF fertility testing for eligible applicants and families.

This initiative delivers on the government’s election commitment.

Regional ambulance station crews and facilities upgrades*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-400	-400	-3 000	-3 100
Investing payments	—	-700	-3 300	-3 000	—
Full time equivalents	—	2	2	14	14

This initiative provides \$13.9 million in additional support for a stronger regional ambulance service, including:

- additional ambulance crewing: \$400 000 in 2026-27, increasing to \$3.0 million per annum (indexed) from 2028-29 to support two community paramedics in Ceduna from 2026-27 and a new 12 person ambulance crew in Yorketown from July 2028.
- ambulance station upgrades: \$7.0 million over three years from 2026-27 for a new ambulance station at Millicent and ambulance station upgrades at Yorketown and Barmera.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Three more 24-hour pharmacies*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-3 200	-3 250	-3 350	-3 400

This initiative provides \$3.2 million per annum (indexed) from 2026-27 to expand the 24-hour pharmacies initiative and establish three new 24-hour pharmacies in the west, north-east and Adelaide Hills (Mount Barker) to help reduce pressure on hospitals and GP clinics.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Training for 120 additional pharmacists to assist GPs*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-250	-250	-250	-250

This initiative provides \$250 000 per annum over four years from 2026-27 to fund additional training for 120 more pharmacists, doubling the number of pharmacists with the graduate training needed to deliver expanded services and treat acute health conditions.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Virtual Pelvic Pain Clinic and endometriosis public health campaign*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-1 000	-1 100	-1 200	-1 300

This initiative provides \$1.0 million per annum (indexed) from 2026-27 to establish South Australia's first Virtual Pelvic Pain Clinic and launch an endometriosis public health campaign.

Operated by the Women’s and Children’s Hospital, the Virtual Pelvic Pain Clinic will deliver a dedicated nurse led service to care for women experiencing pelvic pain, endometriosis and provide gynaecology support. The endometriosis public health campaign will help increase community awareness and includes support for the Pelvic Pain Foundation of Australia’s school in-reach program and the development of GP information kits.

This initiative delivers on the government’s election commitment.

Women’s and Children’s Hospital site business case

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	—	-1 000	-2 000	—

This initiative provides \$3.0 million over two years to undertake a business case for the planned transformation of the current Women’s and Children’s Hospital site into a dedicated health and aged care precinct following the relocation to the new Women’s and Children’s Hospital.

The new health and aged care precinct is expected to be home to a mix of public and private services and include 600 aged care beds.

This initiative delivers on the government’s election commitment.

Women’s health clinics

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-2 500	-2 500	-2 500	-2 500

This initiative provides \$2.5 million per annum from 2026-27 to support five GP clinics in establishing specialised women’s health clinics which will offer services including endometriosis and pelvic pain management, pregnancy and fertility support, contraceptive implant services, menopause and preventative health checks.

There will be three metropolitan clinics located in north, south and central Adelaide, and two sites in regional South Australia.

This initiative delivers on the government’s election commitment.

Housing and Urban Development

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	—	-250	-250	—	—
Operating savings	—	200	200	400	400
Revenue measures	—	2 570	2 634	2 700	2 767
Impact on net operating balance	—	2 520	2 584	3 100	3 167
Impact on net lending	—	2 520	2 584	3 100	3 167
Department for Housing and Urban Development					
Operating initiatives					
Pattern book	—	-250	-250	—	—
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	200	200	400	400
Revenue measures					
Increase in lodgement fees under the <i>Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016</i>	—	2 570	2 634	2 700	2 767

Department for Housing and Urban Development

Increase in lodgement fees under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating revenue	—	2 570	2 634	2 700	2 767

This measure increases the base lodgement fee for development applications that are lodged for planning consent, building consent or outline consent where the total cost of the development is greater than \$1.0 million.

Most applicants will not be impacted by these changes, as around 95 per cent of development applications lodged are for developments with a total cost of \$1.0 million or less.

The increased revenue of \$2.6 million per annum (indexed) from 2026-27 will contribute towards the ongoing cost of operating, maintaining and enhancing the PlanSA Portal and ePlanning system.

Operating efficiencies

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	200	200	400	400
Full time equivalents	—	—	—	-2	-2

This measure will save \$200 000 in 2026-27 increasing to \$400 000 per annum from 2028-29 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Pattern book*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-250	-250	—	—

This initiative provides \$500 000 over two years from 2026-27 to create a housing pattern book, comprising a suite of preapproved architectural designs to reduce design costs and fast-track planning approvals to build new homes, while reducing delivery risks for builders.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Human Services

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	—	-3 325	-1 769	-1 770	-1 773
Operating savings	—	4 200	4 900	9 300	9 400
Revenue measures	—	-1 300	-1 916	-1 977	-2 037
Impact on net operating balance	—	-425	1 215	5 553	5 590
Impact on net lending	—	-425	1 215	5 553	5 590
Department of Human Services					
Operating initiatives					
Backpacks 4 Kids — construction of new facility	—	-500	—	—	—
DementiaSA	—	-500	—	—	—
Gold Foundation	—	-100	-100	-100	-100
Homelessness Support Services — additional funding	—	-1 500	-1 500	-1 500	-1 500
Seniors Card — expanded eligibility	—	-700	-144	-145	-148
Talk Out Loud — mental health shed	—	-25	-25	-25	-25
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	4 200	4 900	9 300	9 400
Revenue measures					
Seniors Card — expanded eligibility	—	-1 300	-1 916	-1 977	-2 037

Department of Human Services

Backpacks 4 Kids — construction of new facility

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-500	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$500 000 in 2026-27 towards the construction of a new Backpack 4 Kids facility to be built at Rundle Reserve, Salisbury South on land provided by the City of Salisbury.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

DementiaSA

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-500	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$500 000 in 2026-27 to DementiaSA to deliver the Dementia Carers Wellbeing and Education Program to better support unpaid carers of people living with dementia across South Australia.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Gold Foundation

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-100	-100	-100	-100

This initiative provides \$100 000 per annum over four years from 2026-27 to the Gold Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation providing support for young people on the autism spectrum and their families.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Homelessness Support Services — additional funding

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-1 500	-1 500	-1 500	-1 500

This initiative provides an additional \$6.0 million over four years from 2026-27, to support Catherine House, St Vincent de Paul and Hutt Street Centre in providing homelessness support services in the Adelaide CBD.

This will provide targeted assistance to people sleeping rough in the Adelaide CBD by improving access to coordinated support, outreach and pathways into longer-term housing and stability, easing pressure on hospitals, correctional services and emergency accommodation responses.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Operating efficiencies

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	4 200	4 900	9 300	9 400
Full time equivalents	—	-25	-29	-54	-55

This measure will save \$4.2 million in 2026-27 increasing to \$9.4 million per annum from 2029-30 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Seniors Card — expanded eligibility

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating revenue	—	-1 300	-1 916	-1 977	-2 037
Operating expenses	—	-700	-144	-145	-148
Full time equivalents	—	2	1	1	1

This initiative provides \$2.0 million per annum (indexed) from 2026-27 to support the expansion of the Seniors Card to all South Australians over the age of 60, and to Aboriginal South Australians aged 50 or older from 1 July 2026.

The expanded eligibility will mean all eligible recipients will be able to access free 24/7 Adelaide Metro public transport. Seniors Card holders can also access a range of other discounts to assist with the cost of living, including on heating and cooling systems, home maintenance, pharmaceuticals and more, providing important cost of living relief and the opportunity to stay connected and engaged with the community.

This initiative delivers on the government’s election commitment.

Talk Out Loud — mental health shed

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-25	-25	-25	-25

This initiative provides \$25 000 per annum over four years from 2026-27 to Talk Out Loud for a mental health shed to provide a safe space and encourage open, honest conversations and social connections.

This initiative delivers on the government’s election commitment.

Infrastructure and Transport

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	-1 916	-7 915	-2 828	-4 767	-4 864
Operating savings	—	6 500	7 500	14 200	14 500
Revenue measures	—	-1 000	—	—	—
Revenue offsets	—	185	—	—	—
Investing initiatives	-2 500	-71 300	-116 200	-98 300	-40 000
Revenue offsets Investing	—	12 500	18 000	13 000	7 000
Impact on net operating balance	-1 916	10 270	22 672	22 433	16 636
Impact on net lending	-4 416	-61 030	-93 528	-75 867	-23 364
Department for Infrastructure and Transport					
Operating initiatives					
Improved concierge/managed taxi ranks	—	-230	-230	-230	-230
MotoGP plates	—	-185	—	—	—
Murray Bridge package — Footy Express bus service	—	-100	-150	-150	-150
Murray Bridge package — Metroticket equivalent fares	—	-1 900	-1 948	-1 996	-2 046
Murray Bridge package — more buses for Murray Bridge, more often	—	—	—	-1 891	-1 938
Support for South Australian car clubs	—	-500	-500	-500	-500
Thompson Beach road resealing	-916	—	—	—	—
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	5 600	6 500	12 300	12 500
Revenue measures					
metroCARD public transport fare — pause	—	-1 000	—	—	—
Revenue offsets					
MotoGP plates	—	185	—	—	—
Investing initiatives					
AUKUS planning and business case	—	-5 000	-10 000	—	—
Battery electric train trial	—	-500	-500	-2 500	—
Happy Valley Drive intersection improvements	—	-2 000	-12 000	-2 000	—
Mount Barker transport improvement — Adelaide and Hawthorn Road intersection	-2 500	-17 500	-15 000	-25 000	-20 000
Murray Bridge package — more buses for Murray Bridge, more often	—	—	—	-2 800	—
Safer Horrocks Highway	—	-800	-2 200	-9 000	-6 000
South Eastern Freeway Upgrade — additional funding	—	-20 000	-26 000	-26 000	-14 000
Torrens Park Park 'n' Ride	—	-500	-5 500	-1 000	—
Revenue offsets Investing					
AUKUS planning and business case	—	2 500	5 000	—	—
South Eastern Freeway Upgrade — additional funding	—	10 000	13 000	13 000	7 000

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing					
Operating initiatives					
Gawler Harness Racing Club	-1 000	—	—	—	—
Karen Rolton Oval upgrade	—	-5 000	—	—	—
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	900	1 000	1 900	2 000
Investing initiatives					
New State Gymnastics Centre	—	-25 000	-45 000	-30 000	—

Department for Infrastructure and Transport

AUKUS planning and business case

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating revenue	—	2 500	5 000	—	—
Investing payments	—	-5 000	-10 000	—	—

This initiative provides \$15.0 million over two years to deliver a business case and to develop the necessary planning and design that will define the transport infrastructure solutions to enable access to the LeFevre Peninsula for the increase in workforce expected at the Osborne Naval Defence precinct.

This initiative is funded in partnership with the Commonwealth Government on a 50:50 basis.

Battery electric train trial

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Investing payments	—	-500	-500	-2 500	—

This initiative provides \$3.5 million over three years from 2026-27 for a battery powered passenger train trial. Government will work with industry to develop specific requirements, with testing of a prototype anticipated to commence in 2029. The battery passenger train trial will operate on the Belair rail line, providing a cleaner, greener and quieter service.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Happy Valley Drive intersection improvements

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Investing payments	—	-2 000	-12 000	-2 000	—

This initiative provides \$16.0 million over three years from 2026-27 to deliver an upgraded roundabout at the Chandlers Hill Road and Happy Valley Drive intersection and a new roundabout at Windebanks Road and Happy Valley Drive.

This will improve traffic flow on Chandlers Hill Road, safety at the Windebanks Road intersection and reduce queuing and delays during peak times.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Improved concierge/managed taxi ranks

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-230	-230	-230	-230

This initiative provides \$230 000 per annum from 2026-27 to increase the support for concierge services at busy taxi ranks across Adelaide.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

metroCARD public transport fare — pause

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating revenue	—	-1 000	—	—	—

This measure provides cost of living relief through a pause on annual increases for metroCARD public transport fares for South Australian commuters as the conflict in the Middle East continues to drive uncertainty in the international fuel market.

metroCARD fares will be maintained at 2025-26 levels until at least 1 October 2026, and the government will further review at that point when it is appropriate to apply standard indexation of 3.3 per cent in the context of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

MotoGP plates

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating revenue	—	185	—	—	—
Operating expenses	—	-185	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$185 000 in 2026-27 to design, develop and print 500 limited-edition registration plates to commemorate Adelaide's inaugural MotoGP in 2027.

Costs associated with the limited-edition plates will be recovered from the licence plate sales.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Mount Barker transport improvement — Adelaide and Hawthorn Road intersection

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Investing payments	-2 500	-17 500	-15 000	-25 000	-20 000

This initiative provides \$80.0 million over five years from 2025-26 to upgrade the Adelaide and Hawthorn Road intersection. Works will include signalisation and widening of the intersection, installation of additional turning lanes, and widening of Adelaide Road.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Murray Bridge package — Footy Express bus service*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-100	-150	-150	-150

This initiative provides \$100 000 in 2026-27, increasing to \$150 000 per annum from 2027-28 to expand the Footy Express bus service to Murray Bridge. The ongoing service will be in place for the 2027 AFL season.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Murray Bridge package — Metroticket equivalent fares*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-1 900	-1 948	-1 996	-2 046

This initiative provides \$1.9 million per annum (indexed) to expand the metroCARD zone to Murray Bridge making bus fares cheaper for those living in Murray Bridge and travelling to Adelaide.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Murray Bridge package — more buses for Murray Bridge, more often*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	—	—	-1 891	-1 938
Investing payments	—	—	—	-2 800	—

This initiative provides operating expenditure of \$1.9 million per annum (indexed) from 2028-29 and investing expenditure of \$2.8 million in 2028-29 to increase the frequency of buses between Murray Bridge and Mount Barker, and Murray Bridge and Adelaide. This includes:

- delivering more frequent weekday and weekend services between Murray Bridge and Mount Barker
- increasing capacity on local town services within Murray Bridge.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Operating efficiencies*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	5 600	6 500	12 300	12 500
Full time equivalents	—	-33	-38	-72	-73

This measure will save \$5.6 million in 2026-27 increasing to \$12.5 million per annum from 2029-30 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Safer Horrocks Highway*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Investing payments	—	-800	-2 200	-9 000	-6 000

This initiative provides \$18.0 million over four years from 2026-27 to commence delivery of critical road safety upgrades along the Horrocks Highway.

A Commonwealth Government contribution towards this critical project will be sought on an 80:20 basis for works including overtaking lanes, lane extensions, culvert replacement, and road widening to enhance traffic flow and safety which would bring the total project cost to \$90.0 million.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

South Eastern Freeway Upgrade — additional funding*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating revenue	—	10 000	13 000	13 000	7 000
Investing payments	—	-20 000	-26 000	-26 000	-14 000

This initiative provides an additional \$90.0 million over five years from 2026-27 (including \$4.0 million beyond the forward estimates), towards safety upgrade works including replacement of retaining walls and stabilisation of slopes on the South Eastern Freeway, with the new expenditure funded in partnership with the Commonwealth Government on a 50:50 basis.

This brings the total project cost to \$440.0 million (\$265.0 million Commonwealth Government funding and \$175.0 million state funding).

Support for South Australian car clubs*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-500	-500	-500	-500

This initiative provides \$500 000 per annum from 2026-27 to continue supporting local car and motorcycle clubs across South Australia. This will help them better meet their growing operating costs, increase club participation, host events, improve or upgrade facilities, build capacity and streamline operations.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Thompson Beach road resealing*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	-916	—	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$916 000 in 2025-26 to the Adelaide Plains Council for the sealing of the key foreshore road, The Esplanade, at Thompson Beach.

Torrens Park Park 'n' Ride*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Investing payments	—	-500	-5 500	-1 000	—

This initiative provides \$7.0 million over three years from 2026-27 to build a new Park 'n' Ride at Torrens Park railway station to make public transport easier for commuters in the area.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing**Gawler Harness Racing Club***Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	-1 000	—	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$1.0 million in 2025-26 as a grant to the Gawler Harness Racing Club to contribute towards upgrades of its facilities.

Karen Rolton Oval upgrade*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-5 000	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$5.0 million in 2026-27 towards the upgrade of facilities at Karen Rolton Oval which will include the installation of new lighting, accessible terracing and landscaping.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

New State Gymnastics Centre*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Investing payments	—	-25 000	-45 000	-30 000	—

This initiative provides \$100.0 million over three years from 2026-27 for the delivery of a new state-of-the-art State Gymnastics Centre. The multi-use facility will be designed to support both community, national and international gymnastics events, and provide opportunities for shared use including for other indoor sports.

A taskforce has been established to select the location for the new venue.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Operating efficiencies*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	900	1 000	1 900	2 000
Full time equivalents	—	-5	-6	-11	-12

This measure will save \$900 000 in 2026-27 increasing to \$2.0 million per annum from 2029-30 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Police

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	—	-3 125	-2 825	-2 825	-2 825
Operating savings	—	1 800	2 100	4 000	4 100
Investing initiatives	—	-2 500	-2 500	—	—
Impact on net operating balance	—	-1 325	-725	1 175	1 275
Impact on net lending	—	-3 825	-3 225	1 175	1 275
South Australia Police					
Operating initiatives					
Crime Stoppers online reporting portal	—	-300	—	—	—
Drone operations	—	-2 825	-2 825	-2 825	-2 825
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	1 800	2 100	4 000	4 100
Investing initiatives					
Two new police stations — Mount Barker and Murray Bridge	—	-2 500	-2 500	—	—

South Australia Police

Crime Stoppers online reporting portal

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-300	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$300 000 in 2026-27 for a new Crime Stoppers online reporting portal.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Drone operations

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-2 825	-2 825	-2 825	-2 825

This initiative provides \$2.8 million per annum from 2026-27 to establish a dedicated drone operations capability that will provide SAPOL the ability to undertake unmanned aerial surveillance and policing functions.

Up to four drone base stations will be established in the metropolitan area and up to nine units will be distributed across regional South Australia.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Operating efficiencies*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	1 800	2 100	4 000	4 100
Full time equivalents	—	-5	-5	-10	-10

This measure will save \$1.8 million in 2026-27 increasing to \$4.1 million per annum from 2029-30 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Two new police stations — Mount Barker and Murray Bridge*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Investing payments	—	-2 500	-2 500	—	—

This initiative provides \$5.0 million over two years from 2026-27 to undertake the necessary planning work for two new police stations at Mount Barker and Murray Bridge. The government is committed to delivering the necessary infrastructure to meet the ongoing community requirements, and this planning work is a key first step in determining the necessary scope and sequencing of future works.

This initiative is delivering on the government's election commitment.

Premier and Cabinet

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	-678	-3 569	-2 144	-2 141	-2 528
Operating savings	—	2 000	2 400	4 500	4 500
Investing initiatives	—	—	—	—	-48 862
Impact on net operating balance	-678	-1 569	256	2 359	1 972
Impact on net lending	-678	-1 569	256	2 359	-46 890
Department of the Premier and Cabinet					
Operating initiatives					
Adelaide Fringe	—	-375	-375	-375	-375
Building Ideas	—	-122	-119	-116	-113
SA Gas and Water Trust	-678	-1 322	—	—	—
State Arts Media Hub at Tapangka	—	—	—	—	-390
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	1 973	2 367	4 438	4 438
Investing initiatives					
State Arts Media Hub at Tapangka	—	—	—	—	-48 862
Premier's Delivery Unit					
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	27	33	62	62
Administered Items for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet					
Operating initiatives					
Recreational fishing package	—	-1 750	-1 650	-1 650	-1 650

Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Adelaide Fringe

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-375	-375	-375	-375

This initiative provides an additional \$375 000 per annum from 2026-27 to support the Adelaide Fringe and reinforce South Australia's reputation as the nation's festival capital.

This will increase government support for the Fringe to \$5.0 million per annum and will enable the Fringe to strengthen its Honey Pot initiative, attract national and international arts programmers, and create more opportunities for artists.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Building Ideas

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-122	-119	-116	-113

This initiative provides an additional \$470 000 over four years from 2026-27 to the Master Builders Association for the Building Ideas program.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment to increase the support to \$1 million over four years.

Operating efficiencies

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	1 973	2 367	4 438	4 438

This measure will save \$2.0 million in 2026-27 increasing to \$4.4 million per annum from 2028-29 from implementing operating efficiencies.

SA Gas and Water Trust

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	-678	-1 322	—	—	—
Full time equivalents	4	4	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$2.0 million over two years from 2025-26 towards the planning and establishment costs of the new SA Gas and Water Trust.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

State Arts Media Hub at Tapangka

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	—	—	—	-390
Investing payments	—	—	—	—	-48 862

This initiative provides \$49.3 million by 2029-30 towards the development of a new state-of-the-art Arts and Media Hub to be delivered in partnership with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC). The State Theatre Company, State Opera and Country Arts South Australia will be co-located with the ABC in the new Arts and Media Hub, with government funding supporting the required fit-out and up-front leasing costs for the three state arts entities.

Premier's Delivery Unit

Operating efficiencies

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	27	33	62	62

This measure will save \$27 000 in 2026-27 increasing to \$62 000 per annum from 2028-29 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Administered Items for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Recreational fishing package

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-1 750	-1 650	-1 650	-1 650
Full time equivalents	—	4	4	4	4

This initiative provides \$6.7 million over four years for a range of initiatives aimed at strengthening participation, infrastructure and the long term-sustainability of recreational fishing across South Australia, including:

- \$3.0 million towards the creation of a South Australian recreational fishing authority
- \$1.8 million increase in funding provided to RecFish SA to ensure the organisation continues to represent the interests of the recreational fishing community
- \$1.0 million for community fishing infrastructure such as jetty rod holders, bait boards and filleting tables in coastal and river locations
- \$900 000 support towards junior fishing clinics across metropolitan Adelaide and regional communities, in partnership with RecFish SA.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Primary Industries and Regions

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	—	-8 950	-200	-200	-200
Operating savings	—	1 900	2 300	4 300	4 300
Impact on net operating balance	—	-7 050	2 100	4 100	4 100
Impact on net lending	—	-7 050	2 100	4 100	4 100
Department of Primary Industries and Regions					
Operating initiatives					
A stronger future for McLaren Vale strategy	—	-250	—	—	—
Industrial hemp trials	—	-500	—	—	—
Primary Industries Future Forward Fund	—	-8 000	—	—	—
Project 250 wine program expansion	—	-200	-200	-200	-200
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	1 900	2 300	4 300	4 300

Department of Primary Industries and Regions

A stronger future for McLaren Vale strategy

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-250	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$250 000 in 2026-27 for the development of a comprehensive strategy to strengthen the long-term prosperity of the McLaren Vale region by supporting agricultural diversification, expanding market access for local producers and driving high quality tourism investment.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Industrial hemp trials

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-500	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$500 000 in 2026-27 to fund a program to assist the industrial hemp industry in South Australia.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Operating efficiencies*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	1 900	2 300	4 300	4 300
Full time equivalents	—	-11	-13	-25	-25

This measure will save \$1.9 million in 2026-27 increasing to \$4.3 million per annum from 2028-29 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Primary Industries Future Forward Fund*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-8 000	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$8.0 million in 2026-27 including \$6.0 million to drive innovation in industry sectors and \$2.0 million to support the Wood and Fibre Timber Industry Masterplan.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Project 250 wine program expansion*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-200	-200	-200	-200

This initiative provides \$200 000 per annum over four years from 2026-27 to extend and expand the Project 250 wine program from \$250 000 per annum to \$450 000 per annum. In partnership with the South Australian Wine Industry Association, the expanded program will support regions to address the sector's current supply challenges, grow domestic market opportunities, sales and regional experiences, and improve the competitiveness, prosperity and sustainability of South Australia's wine industry.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

State Development

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	-32 166	-13 208	-13 412	-13 563	-13 815
Operating savings	—	1 300	1 500	2 900	2 900
Impact on net operating balance	-32 166	-11 908	-11 912	-10 663	-10 915
Impact on net lending	-32 166	-11 908	-11 912	-10 663	-10 915
Department of State Development					
Operating initiatives					
AUKUS skills	-950	-6 460	-6 460	-6 460	-6 460
Housing skills	-3 050	-5 458	-5 662	-5 953	-6 205
Master Builders Association trades outreach to schools	—	-250	-250	-250	-250
Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Biomarker Research Centre of Excellence	—	-450	-450	-450	-450
Motor Trade Association automotive trades mentoring program	—	-140	-140	—	—
Non-government training providers — training subsidies	-28 166	—	—	—	—
South Australian Business Chamber growth accelerator program	—	-450	-450	-450	-450
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	1 300	1 500	2 900	2 900

Department of State Development

AUKUS skills

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	-950	-6 460	-6 460	-6 460	-6 460

This initiative provides \$26.8 million over five years to build South Australia's AUKUS skills workforce by supporting more than 1000 new university, trade and upskilling opportunities including in mechanical and fabrication engineering, electrical and electronic engineering, and maritime, nuclear and submarine naval architecture.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Housing skills

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	-3 050	-5 458	-5 662	-5 953	-6 205

This initiative provides \$29.5 million over eight years (including \$3.2 million beyond 2029-30) to build the capability and capacity of South Australia's workforce by creating 1000 new pathways for South Australians to enter the construction workforce through apprentice training, industry partnership incentives and scholarships.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Master Builders Association trades outreach to schools

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-250	-250	-250	-250

The initiative provides an additional \$1.0 million over four years from 2026-27 to double existing funding provided to the Master Builders Association to expand its school outreach program, aimed at encouraging students to pursue a building trade as a future career pathway.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment to increase the support to \$2.0 million over four years.

Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Biomarker Research Centre of Excellence

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-450	-450	-450	-450

This initiative provides \$450 000 per annum from 2026-27 to establish Australia's only dedicated MND Biomarker Research Centre of Excellence in collaboration with FightMND and Flinders University. The Centre will be based at the Health and Medical Research Building at Flinders University in Bedford Park.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Motor Trade Association automotive trades mentoring program

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-140	-140	—	—

This initiative provides \$280 000 over two years from 2026-27 to the Motor Trade Association to provide mentoring to apprentices in the motor trade industry.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Non-government training providers — training subsidies

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	-28 166	—	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$28.2 million in 2025-26 in training subsidy payments to non-government training providers as a result of higher demand in areas such as care, hospitality, personal services and higher demand in VET in Schools delivery.

This initiative is funded from the National Skills Agreement.

Operating efficiencies*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	1 300	1 500	2 900	2 900
Full time equivalents	—	-8	-9	-16	-16

This measure will save \$1.3 million in 2026-27 increasing to \$2.9 million per annum from 2028-29 from implementing operating efficiencies.

South Australian Business Chamber growth accelerator program*Budget Implications (\$000s)*

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-450	-450	-450	-450

This initiative provides \$1.8 million over four years from 2026-27 to double the funding for the South Australian Business Chamber growth accelerator program to support businesses to compete in international markets. The program helps high growth small and medium businesses in metropolitan and regional South Australia improve their business practices, management capabilities and networks through the provision of expert business advice and facilitated workshops.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

TAFE SA

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	-498	—	—	-76	-174
Investing initiatives	—	-5 000	-10 000	-10 250	—
Impact on net operating balance	-498	—	—	-76	-174
Impact on net lending	-498	-5 000	-10 000	-10 326	-174
TAFE SA					
Operating initiatives					
New Mount Barker TAFE trades workshop	—	—	—	-76	-174
Trades training infrastructure to train more plumbers	-498	—	—	—	—
Investing initiatives					
New Mount Barker TAFE trades workshop	—	-5 000	-10 000	-10 250	—

TAFE SA

New Mount Barker TAFE trades workshop

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	—	—	-76	-174
Investing payments	—	-5 000	-10 000	-10 250	—
Full time equivalents	—	2	2	2	—

This initiative provides investing expenditure of \$25.3 million over three years from 2026-27 and operating expenditure of \$250 000 over two years from 2028-29 to construct and operate a new multi-trade vocational training workshop at the TAFE SA Mount Barker campus. The new trades workshop will accommodate training for up to 1200 apprentices in electrical, plumbing and carpentry and reduce travel time for regional apprentices.

This initiative will support the delivery of vocational training under the National Skills Agreement in critical workforce shortage areas, through the provision of critical training infrastructure in one of the state's fastest growing regions.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Trades training infrastructure to train more plumbers

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	-498	—	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$498 000 in 2025-26 to expand training capacity for South Australia's plumbing apprentices, including funding and in-kind support to the Trainee and Apprentice Placement Service (TAPS) to construct two new training sandpits.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Tourism

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating initiatives	—	-500	-513	-525	-538
Operating savings	—	1 100	1 200	2 200	2 300
Impact on net operating balance	—	600	687	1 675	1 762
Impact on net lending	—	600	687	1 675	1 762
South Australian Tourism Commission					
Operating initiatives					
Tourism Industry Council of South Australia	—	-500	-513	-525	-538
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	1 100	1 200	2 200	2 300

South Australian Tourism Commission

Operating efficiencies

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	1 100	1 200	2 200	2 300
Full time equivalents	—	-4	-4	-4	-4

This measure will save \$1.1 million in 2026-27 increasing to \$2.3 million per annum from 2029-30 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Tourism Industry Council of South Australia

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-500	-513	-525	-538

This initiative provides \$500 000 per annum (indexed) from 2026-27 to the Tourism Industry Council of South Australia.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Treasury and Finance

2026-27 Budget initiatives (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating savings	—	4 300	5 000	9 600	9 700
Impact on net operating balance	—	4 300	5 000	9 600	9 700
Impact on net lending	—	4 300	5 000	9 600	9 700
Department of Treasury and Finance					
Operating savings					
Operating efficiencies	—	4 300	5 000	9 600	9 700

Department of Treasury and Finance

Operating efficiencies

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	4 300	5 000	9 600	9 700
Full time equivalents	—	-25	-29	-56	-57

This measure will save \$4.3 million in 2026-27 increasing to \$9.7 million per annum from 2029-30 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Part 3: Public non-financial corporations and public financial corporations budget measures

Overview

This part reports 2026-27 Budget expenditure measures being delivered through the public non-financial corporations sector and public finance corporations sector.

The values in these tables reflect the expenditures incurred in these sectors in each year of the forward estimates. The grants and subsidies paid to government businesses to achieve all of the social and policy initiatives of the government, including the new measures in this part, are reflected in Chapter 5 of the Budget Statement, where relevant.

Public Trustee

Operating efficiencies

Budget implications (\$000)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	400	400	500	500
Full time equivalents	—	-2	-2	-3	-3

This measure will save \$400 000 in 2026-27 increasing to \$500 000 per annum from 2028-29 from implementing operating efficiencies.

Renewal SA

Housing Fast-Track Fund

Budget implications (\$000)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Investing payments	—	-20 000	-20 000	-25 000	-35 000

This initiative provides \$500 million from 2026-27 for the government to secure and sell strategic land for housing development and to fast-track housing supply for South Australians. Purchases through the fund will be managed by Renewal SA with the aim of speeding up developments and building more vibrant and accessible communities for all South Australians.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Playford Alive acceleration

Budget implications (\$000)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Investing payments	—	-50 000	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$50 million in 2026-27 for enabling infrastructure to deliver an acceleration of 400 homes exclusively for first home buyers by the end of 2027.

Renewal SA's expenditure is expected to be recovered over time by revenue from the sale of land and residential dwellings.

This initiative is being assisted by an interest free loan from the Commonwealth Government as part of its 100 000 Homes for First Home Buyers program.

Operating efficiencies

Budget implications (\$000)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	400	400	500	500
Full time equivalents	—	-2	-2	-3	-3

This measure will save \$400 000 in 2026-27 increasing to \$500 000 per annum from 2028-29 from implementing operating efficiencies.

South Australian Housing Trust

Rent to Own

Budget implications (\$000)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-736	-2 067	-2 795	-2 993
Operating revenue	20 000	113 000	4 943	12 222	13 479
Investing payments	-38 013	-126 863	-165 032	-167 543	-172 536
Investing receipts	—	—	—	119 133	157 680
Full time equivalents	—	24	24	24	24

This initiative provides over \$1.3 billion to build 2000 affordable homes over eight years. Under the program homes will be leased at 75 per cent of market rent to tenants for up to two years and tenants will be provided the option to buy the property by the end of the lease term.

Funds from the sale of dwellings will be reinvested into the program over the eight-year period, along with a \$133.6 million contribution from the Commonwealth Government made as part of its 100 000 Homes for First Home Buyers program.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

200 additional supported accommodation places

Budget implications (\$000)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-200	-4 400	-8 800	-10 000
Investing payments	—	-14 800	-25 600	-31 200	-15 000
Full time equivalents	—	7	7	7	7

This initiative provides \$110 million over four years from 2026-27 to build an additional 200 supported accommodation places to manage more complex South Australian Housing Trust tenants and those with specialised needs.

The supported accommodation model ensures individuals with complex needs who find it difficult to integrate into suburban neighbourhoods will also receive wrap around services.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

300 additional public housing upgrades

Budget implications (\$000)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Investing payments	-1 000	-7 250	-7 250	-7 250	-7 250
Full time equivalents	—	3	3	3	3

This initiative provides \$30 million over five years from 2025-26 to upgrade 300 vacant South Australian Housing Trust homes to reduce public housing vacancy rates and get more families in need into homes sooner.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

Expansion of the Social Housing Energy Performance initiative

Budget implications (\$000)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-2 000	-17 000	-17 100	—
Operating revenue	—	2 000	17 000	17 100	—

This initiative provides \$36.1 million over three years from 2026-27 to enable a further 3500 homes to receive insulation upgrades and replace inefficient appliances to deliver energy and cost saving benefits to tenants in both public and community housing.

The expansion is fully funded by the Commonwealth Government.

Remote Aboriginal housing operations

Budget implications (\$000)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-12 200	—	—	—
Full time equivalents	—	24	—	—	—

This initiative provides \$12.2 million in 2026-27 to continue the delivery of property and tenancy management services for selected remote Aboriginal communities following the cessation of Commonwealth Government funding.

The government will continue to negotiate with the Commonwealth Government to reinstate funding to secure housing and associated services in remote communities.

Operating efficiencies

Budget implications (\$000)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	1 900	2 000	2 000	2 100
Full time equivalents	—	-11	-12	-12	-12

This measure will save \$1.9 million in 2026-27 increasing to \$2.1 million per annum from 2029-30 from implementing operating efficiencies.

SA Water

Operating efficiencies

Budget implications (\$000)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	4 300	4 400	4 500	4 700
Full time equivalents	—	-25	-26	-26	-27

This measure will save \$4.3 million in 2026-27 increasing to \$4.7 million per annum from 2029-30 from implementing operating efficiencies.

HomeStart Finance

New HomeStart Finance options for first home buyers

Budget implications (\$000)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	-250	-250	—	—

This initiative provides \$500 000 over two years from 2026-27 to create an online one-stop-shop for HomeStart Finance and HomeSeeker customers looking for assistance to buy their first home.

This initiative delivers on the government's election commitment.

HomeStart Finance will also undertake a range of new initiatives consistent with the government's election commitments, including:

- increasing the income eligibility thresholds for HomeStart Finance's Advantage Loan and Starter Loan products to \$110 000 in net household income
- broadening HomeStart Finance's shared equity loan scheme to multi-storey apartment purchases
- extending the HomeStart Finance Graduate Loan to include firefighters, police and all Technical College graduates.

Operating efficiencies

Budget implications (\$000)

	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Estimate	2028-29 Estimate	2029-30 Estimate
Operating expenses	—	300	300	400	400
Full time equivalents	—	-2	-2	-2	-2

This measure will save \$300 000 in 2026-27 increasing to \$400 000 per annum from 2028-29 from implementing operating efficiencies.

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