

# Post-implementation Reviews: Required

#### Note

Responsibility for post-implementation review (PIR) monitoring and evaluation has been transferred to the Australian Centre for Evaluation (ACE). Queries regarding PIR status should be directed to ACE (evaluation@treasury.gov.au).

Post-implementation Reviews (PIRs) are required for proposals that have substantial impacts, for proposals granted an exemption from the Government's Impact Analysis requirements by the Prime Minister, and for proposals that were non-compliant with the Government's Impact Analysis requirements. PIRs should be completed within two years of implementation where exceptional circumstances were granted or a proposal was assessed as non-compliant. PIRs should be completed within five years of implementation for proposals likely to have a substantial impact.

The status of Post-implementation Reviews (PIRs) required is updated regularly as the Office of Impact Analysis (OIA) receives information from departments and agencies.

As of 13 March 2024, eighteen PIRs are yet to be completed. Of these, six are currently non-compliant as they have not been completed in the required timeframe.

Information on PIRs that are completed and published can be found in the associated OIA report Postimplementation Reviews: Completed and Published, located on the OIA website.

Please note that all Department and Agency names in this report reflect their name at the time that the PIR requirement came into effect.

The <u>post-implementation review guidance note</u> (updated 30 March 2020) provides advice on the preparation of PIRs and compliance with the Government's requirements.

Note that specific PIRs resulting from the Prime Minister's exemption granted 18 March 2020 for all urgent and unforeseen Australian Government measures made in response to COVID-19 will not be completed individually. Future updates of this document will provide clarity on this matter.

## Contents

| Ρ | R status and compliance   | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| Ρ | Rs Required   | 3 |
|   | Attorney-General's Department                                   | 3 |
|   | Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment            | 4 |
|   | Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water | 4 |
|   | Department of Communication and the Arts                        | 4 |
|   | Department of Employment and Workplace Relations                | 5 |
|   | Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade                         | 6 |
|   | Department of Home Affairs                                      | 6 |
|   | Department of Industry, Science and Resources                   | 7 |
|   | Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development           | 7 |
|   | Department of the Treasury                                      | 7 |
|   |   |   |

## PIR status and compliance

#### Figure 1. PIR status and compliance

| PIR Status        | Required not yet due <sup>a</sup> | Overdue/Non-compliant <sup>b</sup> | Total |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|
| Not yet completed | 13                                | 6 <sup>c</sup>                     | 19    |

a Measures that have not yet been fully implemented remain compliant under the PIR process and are indicated throughout this document in blue. b Under the March 2020 Australian Government RIA system, non-compliant IAs are referred to as 'insufficient'. These insufficient IAs are included in the non-compliant tally.

c Measures that have been implemented but are non-compliant under the PIR process are indicated throughout this document in yellow.

## PIRs Required

### Attorney-General's Department

#### Figure 2. Attorney-General's Department

| Title of regulatory proposal<br>Description of regulatory<br>proposal  | Reason<br>for PIR | Implementation<br>date | Due date | PIR compliance |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Sharing of Abhorrent Violent Material<br>Place obligations on internet service<br>providers, hosting service providers<br>and content service providers to<br>proactively refer abhorrent violent<br>material to law enforcement, and on<br>hosting service providers and<br>content service providers to<br>expeditiously remove it or cease<br>hosting it if it is reasonably canable of | E/c <sup>d</sup>  | Apr 2019               | Apr 2021 | Non-compliant  |
|  |                   |                        |          |                |

d E/c Exceptional circumstances were granted by the Prime Minister

### Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

| Title of regulatory proposal<br>Description of regulatory<br>proposal   | Reason<br>for PIR | Implementation<br>date | Due date | PIR compliance |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Nature Repair Market <sup>e</sup><br>This voluntary market would establish<br>and allow the trading of Biodiversity<br>Certificates, for undertaking<br>successful projects that provide<br>biodiversity outcomes such as the<br>regeneration of landscapes, and the<br>protection and enhancement of<br>remnant vegetation and habitats for<br>native species. | Agency commitment | Feb 2022               | Feb 2027 | Compliant      |

Figure 3. Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

e Note that this replaces the requirement for the PIR for the 'Pathway to a National Voluntary Biodiversity Stewardship Market'

#### Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Figure 4. Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

| Title of regulatory proposal<br>Description of regulatory proposal  | Reason<br>for PIR  | Implementation<br>date | Due date              | PIR compliance |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Expansion of functions and powers of the Australian Energy Market Operator  |                    |                        |                       |                |
| Energy Ministers agreed the<br>Government will expand the functions<br>and powers of AEMO under the<br>National Gas Law to ensure it can<br>address east coast gas system reliability<br>and supply adequacy issues ahead of<br>Winter 2023.  | E/c                | Oct 2022               | Dec 2025 <sup>f</sup> | Compliant      |
| Reforms to the Safeguard Mechasism  |                    |                        |                       |                |
| Changes to the Safeguard Mechanism<br>to support Australia's largest industrial<br>greenhouse gas emitters to gradually<br>and predictably reduce their emissions,<br>delivering on an election commitment<br>within the Powering Australia plan. The<br>reformed Mechanism will help Australia<br>achieve a 43 per cent reduction of<br>emissions on 2005 levels by 2030 and<br>net zero emissions by 2050. Under the<br>three proposed options, Safeguard<br>covered emissions take on a<br>proportional share of the national<br>emissions target to 2030 and reach net<br>zero by 2050. | Substantial Impact | May 2023               | May 2028              | Compliant      |

f. Due date has been updated to Dec 2025.

## Department of Communication and the Arts

#### Figure 5. Department of Communication and the Arts

| Title of regulatory proposal<br>Description of regulatory<br>proposal  | Reason<br>for PIR  | Implementation<br>date | Due date | PIR compliance |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|----------|----------------|
| <b>Convergence Review<sup>9</sup></b><br>Decision not to issue spectrum or<br>broadcast licenses for a fourth 'free<br>to air' television network.   | E/c                | Mar 2013               | Mar 2015 | Non-compliant  |
| Changes to media ownership and<br>control rules <sup>h</sup><br>Remove the '75 per cent audience<br>reach rule' and the '2 out of 3' cross-<br>media control rule. Introduce new<br>local programming obligations for<br>regional commercial television<br>broadcasting licensees in the event<br>of a merger. | Substantial Impact | Oct 2017               | Oct 2022 | Non-compliant  |
| Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists Bill<br>2008 <sup>i</sup><br>Establishes an inalienable resale royalty<br>right for visual artists.  | Non-compliance     | Jun 2010               | Jun 2013 | Non-compliant  |

g These matters were originally reported under the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

h These matters were previously reported under the Attorney-General's Department. However, on 20 September 2015 these matters were transferred to the Department of Communications and the Arts.

g,h,i Responsibility for these PIRs has subsequently moved to Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, following the machinery of Government changes brining communications and the Arts into that Department in July 2022.

## Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

#### Figure 6. Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

| Title of regulatory proposal<br>Description of regulatory<br>proposal  | Reason<br>for PIR  | Implementation<br>date | Due date | PIR compliance |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Fair Work Legislation Amendment<br>(Secure Jobs, Better Pay) Bill  |                    |                        |          |                |
| A package of measures that<br>implemented enterprise bargaining<br>outcomes from the Australian Jobs<br>and Skills Summit by amending the<br>Fair Work Act (2009). | Substantial Impact | Dec 2022               | Dec 2027 | Compliant      |

## Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

#### Figure 7. Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

| Title of regulatory proposal<br>Description of regulatory<br>proposal   | Reason<br>for PIR  | Implementation<br>date | Due date   | PIR compliance |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Comprehensive and Progressive<br>Agreement for Trans-Pacific<br>Partnership (CPTPP)<br>Create preferential supply chains with<br>TPP parties.   | Substantial Impact | Dec 2018               | June 2024j | Compliant      |
| Australia-United Kingdom Free Trade<br>Agreement<br>Comprehensive FTA that drives<br>increased trade in goods and<br>services, two-way investment,<br>economic growth and job creation. | Substantial Impact | Dec 2021               | Dec 2026   | Compliant      |

j Due date has been updated to June 2024.

## Department of Home Affairs

#### Figure 8. Department of Home Affairs

| Title of regulatory proposal<br>Description of regulatory<br>proposal   | Reason<br>for PIR  | Implementation<br>date | Due date | PIR compliance |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Customs and AusCheck Legislation<br>Amendment (Organised Crime and<br>Other Measures) Act 2013 <sup>k</sup><br>A package of measures to combat<br>organised crime and strengthen<br>security on the waterfront.           | Non-compliance     | May 2013               | 1        | Compliant      |
| Protecting Critical Infrastructure and<br>Systems of National Significance<br>regulatory reforms  |                    |                        |          |                |
| Establishes a Positive Security<br>Obligation for critical infrastructure,<br>including a risk management<br>program, to be delivered through<br>sector-specific requirements, and<br>mandatory cyber incident reporting. | Substantial Impact | m                      | Feb 2028 | Compliant      |

k Responsibility for this PIR was transferred from the Attorney-General's Department to the Department of Home Affairs.

I Some elements were implemented in May 2013, for which a post-implementation review has commenced. Others are still to be implemented.

m The sector-specific requirements of this proposal are yet to be implemented.

## Department of Industry, Science and Resources

#### Figure 9. Department of Industry, Science and Resources

| Title of regulatory proposal<br>Description of regulatory<br>proposal   | Reason<br>for PIR | Implementation<br>date | Due date | PIR compliance |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|----------|----------------|
| ADGSM – Refining the Australian<br>Domestic Gas Security Mechanism  |                   |                        |          |                |
| Reforms to enable 1) activation to be<br>considered every three months 2) all<br>LNG exporters in a shortfall market to<br>share the shortfall liability equally and<br>3) export permissions to be made<br>tradable. |                   | Oct 2022               | Oct 2027 | Compliant      |

### Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

#### Figure 10. Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

| Title of regulatory proposal<br>Description of regulatory<br>proposal  | Reason<br>for PIR | Implementation<br>date | Due date | PIR compliance |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Qantas Sale Amendment Bill 2014 <sup>n</sup><br>Remove foreign ownership and other<br>restrictions on Qantas | E/c               | Aug 2014               | Aug 2016 | Non-compliant  |

E/c Exceptional circumstances were granted by the Prime Minister.

n Responsibility for this PIR has subsequently moved to Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, following machinery of Government changes in July 2022.

## Department of the Treasury

#### Figure 11. Department of the Treasury

| Title of regulatory proposal<br>Description of regulatory proposal   | Reason<br>for PIR     | Implementation<br>date | Due date  | PIR compliance |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Removing the preferential tax treatment for<br>Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)<br>Reform Australia's Offshore Banking Unit (OBU)<br>regime to avoid Australia's continued<br>designation, by the OECD and European Union,<br>as having a harmful tax regime. | E/c                   | Sep 2021               | Sep 2023° | Non-compliant  |
| Foreign Investment Review Reforms<br>Ensure Australia's foreign investment screening<br>framework keeps pace with emerging risks and<br>global developments, whilst maintaining Australia<br>as an attractive destination for foreign investment           | Substantial<br>Impact | Nov 2020               | Oct 2025  | Compliant      |

| Title of regulatory proposal<br>Description of regulatory proposal   | Reason<br>for PIR     | Implementation<br>date | Due date | PIR compliance |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Options for Energy Price Relief <sup>p</sup><br>A combination of three Commonwealth<br>responses to address the problem of high<br>energy prices: a mandatory code of conduct for<br>the wholesale gas market, a temporary 12-month<br>gas price cap, and bringing forward<br>commencement of reforms to the Australian<br>Domestic Gas Security Mechanism (ADGSM) | Substantial<br>Impact | Dec 2022               | Dec 2027 | Compliant      |
| Reducing tax concessions on superannuation<br>balances exceeding \$3 million<br>The Australian Government will reduce the tax<br>concessions available to individuals whose total<br>superannuation balances exceed \$3 million at<br>the end of the financial year, commencing on 1<br>July 2025.   | Insufficient          | Jul 20259              | Jul 2027 | Compliant      |

o The PIR has been completed but is awaiting procedural steps prior to publication. p Joint PIR with Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. q To be confirmed. E/c Exceptional circumstances were granted by the Prime Minister.