



# Post-implementation Reviews: Required

#### Note

On 1 July 2023, responsibility for post-implementation review (PIR) evaluation and monitoring was transferred to the Australian Centre for Evaluation (ACE). For queries regarding PIR status and broader advice on the management of 'ex-post' evaluations in the Australian Public Service, please refer to the <a href="mailto:Commonwealth Evaluation Policy and Toolkit">Commonwealth Evaluation Policy and Toolkit</a>, and contact the ACE on <a href="mailto:evaluation@treasury.gov.au">evaluation@treasury.gov.au</a>.

Post-implementation Reviews (PIRs) are required for proposals that have substantial impacts, for proposals granted an exemption from the Australian 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 15 July 2024, seventeen 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 <u>Postimplementation Reviews: Completed and Published</u>, 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> 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. For more information, see: <a href="https://oia.pmc.gov.au/published-impact-analyses-and-reports/prime-ministers-exemption-covid-19-related-measures">https://oia.pmc.gov.au/published-impact-analyses-and-reports/prime-ministers-exemption-covid-19-related-measures</a>.

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## PIR status and compliance

Table 1. PIR status and compliance

PIR Status	Required not yet due <sup>a</sup>	Overdue/Non-compliant <sup>b</sup>	Total
Not yet completed	11	6 <sup>c</sup>	17

a Measures that have not yet been fully implemented remain compliant under the PIR process and are indicated throughout this document in blue.

## PIRs Required

#### Attorney-General's Department

Table 2. Attorney-General's Department

Title of regulatory proposal  Description of regulatory proposal	Reason for PIR	Implementation date	Due date	PIR compliance
Sharing of Abhorrent Violent Material  Place obligations on internet service providers, hosting service providers and content service providers to proactively refer abhorrent violent material to law enforcement, and on hosting service providers and content service providers to expeditiously remove it or cease hosting it if it is reasonably capable of being accessed within Australia.	E/c	Apr 2019	Apr 2021	Non-compliant

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{\mathsf{E/c}}$  Exceptional circumstances were granted by the Prime Minister.

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.

#### Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

Table 3. Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

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

a 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

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

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

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

a Due date has been updated from October 2024 to December 2025.

#### Department of Communication and the Arts

Table 5. Department of Communication and the Arts

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

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

#### Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

Table 6. Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

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

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

b 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.

c 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 Foreign Affairs and Trade

Table 7. Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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

a Due date has been updated from December 2023 to June 2024.

### Department of Home Affairs

Table 8. Department of Home Affairs

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

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

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

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

#### Department of Industry, Science and Resources

Table 9. Department of Industry, Science and Resources

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

#### Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

Table 10. Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

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

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

a 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

Table 11. Department of the Treasury

Title of regulatory proposal  Description of regulatory proposal	Reason for PIR	Implementation date	Due date	PIR compliance
Foreign Investment Review Reforms  Ensure Australia's foreign investment screening framework keeps pace with emerging risks and global developments, whilst maintaining Australia as an attractive destination for foreign investment	Substantial Impact	Nov 2020	Oct 2025	Compliant
Options for Energy Price Reliefa  A combination of three Commonwealth responses to address the problem of high energy prices: a mandatory code of conduct for the wholesale gas market, a temporary 12-month gas price cap, and bringing forward commencement of reforms to the Australian Domestic Gas Security Mechanism (ADGSM)	Substantial Impact	Dec 2022	Dec 2027	Compliant
Reducing tax concessions on superannuation balances exceeding \$3 million  The Australian Government will reduce the tax concessions available to individuals whose total superannuation balances exceed \$3 million at the end of the financial year, commencing on 1 July 2025.	Insufficient	Jul 2025 <sup>b</sup>	Jul 2027	Compliant

a Joint PIR with Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

b To be confirmed.