Australian Government Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet



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 <u>Commonwealth Evaluation Policy and Toolkit</u>, and contact the ACE on <u>evaluation@treasury.gov.au</u>.

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 17 February 2025, seventeen PIRs are yet to be completed. Of these, five 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>Post-implementation 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: <u>https://oia.pmc.gov.au/published-impact-analyses-and-reports/prime-ministers-exemption-covid-19-related-measures</u>.

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PIR status and compliance

Table 1. PIR status and compliance

PIR Status	Required not yet due ^a	Overdue/Non-compliant ^b	Total
Not yet completed	12	5 ^c	17

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

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	E/c	Apr 2019	Apr 2021	Non-compliant
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 Exceptional circumstances were granted by the Prime Minister.

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

Title of regulatory proposal	Reason	Implementation	Due date	PIR compliance
Description of regulatory proposal	for PIR	date		
Nature Repair Market ^a	Agency commitment	March 2025	March 2030 ^b	Compliant
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.				

Table 3. Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

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

b The Implementation date has been updated from February 2022 to March 2025 and due date has been updated from February 2027 to March 2030. Note, the Department has opted to complete a PIR. This PIR was not required under the *Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis*.

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)	E/c	Oct 2022	Dec 2025ª	Compliant
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.				
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.

Department of Communication and the Arts

Table 5. Department of Communication and the Arts

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

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

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 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	Substantial Impact	Dec 2022	Dec 2027	Compliant

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
Australia-United Kingdom Free Trade Agreement	Substantial Impact	Dec 2021	Dec 2026	Compliant
Comprehensive FTA that drives increased trade in goods and services, two-way investment, economic growth and job creation.				

Department of Home Affairs

Table 8. Department of Home Affairs

Title of regulatory proposal	Reason	Implementation	Due date	PIR compliance
Description of regulatory proposal	for PIR	date		
Customs and AusCheck Legislation Amendment (Organised Crime and Other Measures) Act 2013ª	Non-compliance	May 2013	b	Compliant
A package of measures to combat organised crime and strengthen security on the waterfront.				
Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Systems of National Significance regulatory reforms	Substantial Impact	c	Feb 2028	Compliant
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.				

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	Reason for PIR	Implementation date	Due date	PIR compliance
proposal				
ADGSM – Refining the Australian Domestic Gas Security Mechanism	Substantial Impact	Oct 2022	Oct 2027	Compliant
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.				

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 ^a 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	Reason	Implementation	Due date	PIR compliance
Description of regulatory proposal	for PIR	date		
Foreign Investment Review Reforms	Substantial Impact	Nov 2020	Oct 2025	Compliant
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				
Options for Energy Price Relief ^a	Substantial Impact	Dec 2022	Dec 2027	Compliant
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)				
Reducing tax concessions on superannuation balances exceeding \$3 million	Insufficient	Jul 2025 ^b	Jul 2027	Compliant
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.				
Production Tax Incentive for eligible Critical Minerals and Hydrogen projects	Substantial Impact	Jul 2027 ⁶	July 2032 ^c	Compliant
Provides a Production Tax Incentive (PTI) – a time-limited and uncapped 10 per cent refundable tax offset – for eligible Critical Minerals and Hydrogen projects.				

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

b To be confirmed.

c Treasury has agreed to a due date of March 2029 to provide a timely assessment of the efficiency and effectiveness of the policy.