



Australian Government Impact Analysis status, 2025-26

The Office of Impact Analysis (OIA) publishes Impact Analyses (IAs) – formerly known as Regulation Impact Statements (RISs) - on its website as soon as practicable after the date of policy announcements, in consultation with the relevant agency.

This compliance report covers IAs published to the OIA website in 2025-26 up to 22 September. IA compliance reports for previous years are also available on the OIA website: <u>Summary Reports | The Office of Impact Analysis</u>. Relevant web posts are available on the OIA website.

Please note that all Department and Agency names in this report reflect their name at the time the IA was published.

Under the current settings, the OIA publishes each IA document, the associated agency certification letter and the OIA assessment letter on its website. An IA can evolve during the policy development process, and can also be published for consultation at an early stage. The OIA assesses IAs for compliance at the final decision point.

With the agreement of the OIA, the IA requirements can be met by the relevant Department Deputy Secretary certifying an Impact Analysis equivalent (IAE) process. The OIA does not assess these certifications for quality, only for relevance to the recommended options, and for the coverage of the seven IA questions.

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Summary of compliance

Table 1. Summary of compliance

Туре	Count	%
Not compliant / Insufficient	1/5	20.00%
Adequate	2/5	40.00%
Good Practice	2/5	40.00%
Exemplary	0/5	-
IA Compliance	4/5	80.00%
Impact Analysis Equivalents ¹	1	-
Overall compliance	5/6	83.33%
Exceptional circumstances ²	03	-
Estimated annual impact on Regulatory Burden ⁴	\$18.68m	-

Impact Analysis compliance summary by Department or Agency, 2025-26

Department of Health and Aged Care

Table 2. Compliance summary: Department of Health and Aged Care

Proposal	IA Compliance	Rating	PIR Required	Annual Regulatory Burden (\$m)
Linking Care Funding to Care Minute Delivery in Residential Aged Care	Compliant	Good practice	No	\$4.93m

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¹ Impact Analysis Equivalents are included in overall compliance.

² Exceptional circumstances refer to truly urgent and unforeseen circumstances under which the completion of an IA would delay essential delivery of policy.

³ This table has been updated up to 22 September 2025

⁴ Positive number represents an increase in regulatory burden. Regulatory burden in IAs are estimated using the Commonwealth Regulatory Burden Measurement framework and are assumed to be spread over 10 years. The estimate is based on IAs published at the final decision point. The total estimated annual impact may differ from the other figures in this document due to rounding. Regulatory burden estimates presented as a range are not included in the total estimated annual impact on Regulatory Burden.

Proposal	IA Compliance	Rating	PIR Required	Annual Regulatory Burden (\$m)
Reduction of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) general patient co-payment to \$25	Compliant	Adequate	No	A Regulatory Burden Measurement Framework was not used to determine impacts. Instead, the Department estimated the proposal would: Save patients \$784.6m over four years from 2025- 26, and \$236.9m per year ongoing from 2029-30. Increase government expenditure by \$689.1m over four years from 2025- 26, and \$204.8m per year ongoing from 2029-30. Result in a flow-on cost of \$95.5m over 4 years from 2025-26 to pharmaceutical manufacturers, and \$31.6m per year ongoing from 2029-30.5
Healthcare Identifiers Framework Project	Compliant	Good practice	No	\$2.5m
Total proposals	3/3	-	0/3	\$7.43m

Department of Social Services

Table 3. Compliance summary: Department of Social Services

Proposal	IA Compliance	Rating	PIR Required	Annual Regulatory Burden (\$m)
Resolution Approach to Income Apportionment	Compliant	Adequate	No	\$5.87m

⁵ Regulatory burden from this proposal is not included in the 'Estimated annual impact on Regulatory Burden' in Figure 1 or in the 'Total proposals' regulatory burden for this figure.

Proposal	IA Compliance	Rating	PIR Required	Annual Regulatory Burden (\$m)
Resetting the Social Security Deeming Rate	Not Compliant	Insufficient	Yes	N/A ⁶
Total proposals	1/2	-	1/2	\$5.87m

Department of the Treasury

Table 4. Compliance summary: Department of the Treasury

Proposal	IA Compliance	Rating	PIR Required	Annual Regulatory Burden (\$m)
Home Guarantee Scheme Expansion	Compliant	Impact Analysis Equivalent	No	\$5.38m
Total proposals	1/1	-	0/1	\$5.38m

⁶ Regulatory burden from this proposal is not included in the 'Estimated annual impact on Regulatory Burden' in Figure 1 or in the 'Total proposals' regulatory burden for this figure.

Appendix A: IAs used for consultation, 2025-26

The IAs below have been certified by the authoring agencies, subject to an early assessment by the OIA and published for consultation during the current financial year.

N/A