

Pitcher Partners Federal Budget 2023-24



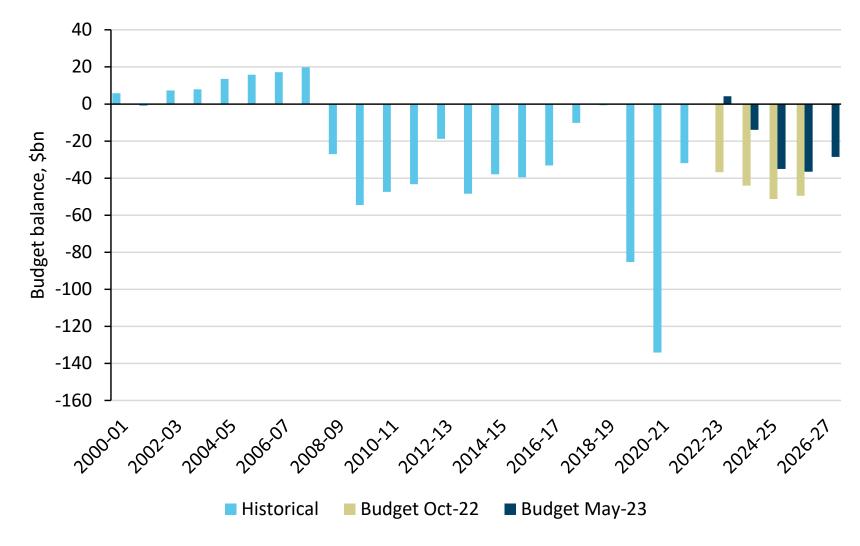


The sum of budget deficits from 2022-23 to 2026-27 was 53% lower than October 2022 estimates.



The Budget returns to surplus briefly in 2022-23





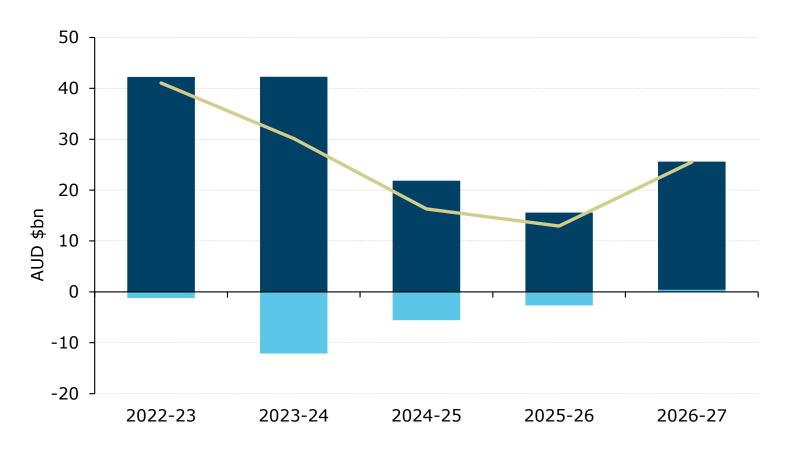
Source: Budget papers, ANZ Research



The improvement in the budget position over the forward estimates stemmed from economic parameter changes.

Economic windfalls sharply improve the outlook

Impacts on underlying cash balance projections



- Economic changes since October 2022 Budget
- Policy changes since October 2022 Budget
- —Total change in underlying cash balance since October 2022 Budget

Source: Budget papers, ANZ Research

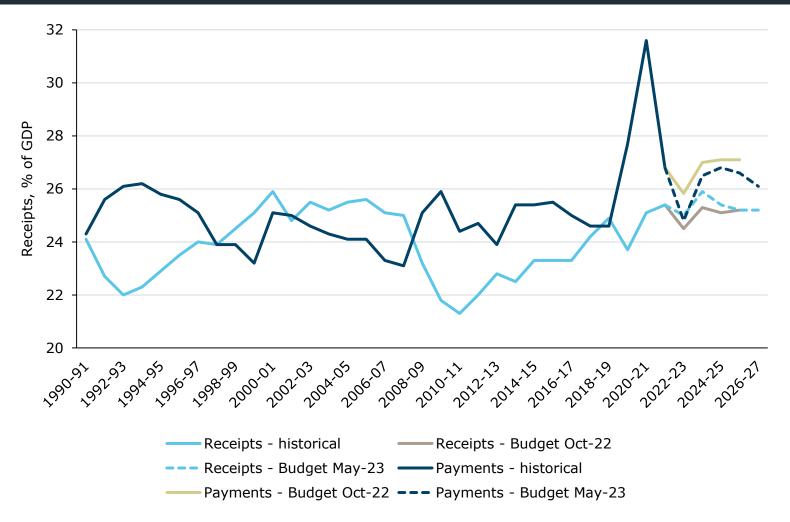


While payments as a share of GDP fell relative to the October budget, there are some cost increases as well as reprioritisation of spending.



Revenue revised up, spending revised down





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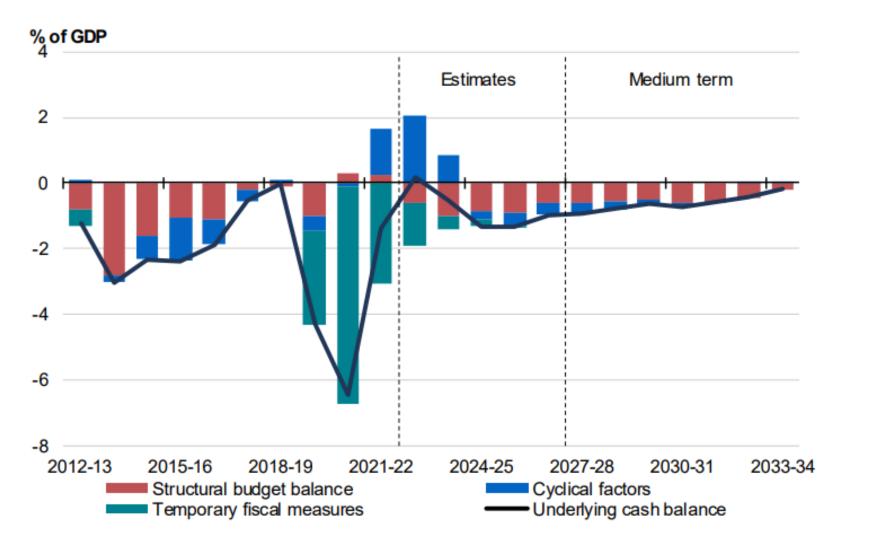


Treasury now forecast the budget deficit to be 0.5% of GDP in 2032-33, 1.5ppt smaller than estimated back in October 2022.



Smaller structural deficits projected





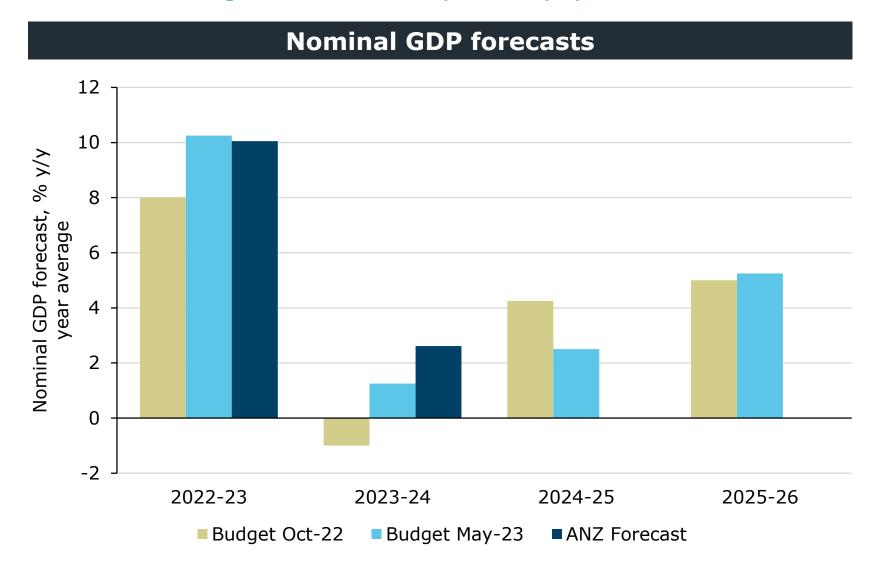
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Nominal GDP growth, the key macroeconomic variable for the Budget, is expected to rise just 14% in nominal growth since 1961-62 - before it starts to pick up again.

2023-24 - the lowest

Nominal GDP growth to drop sharply in 2023-24

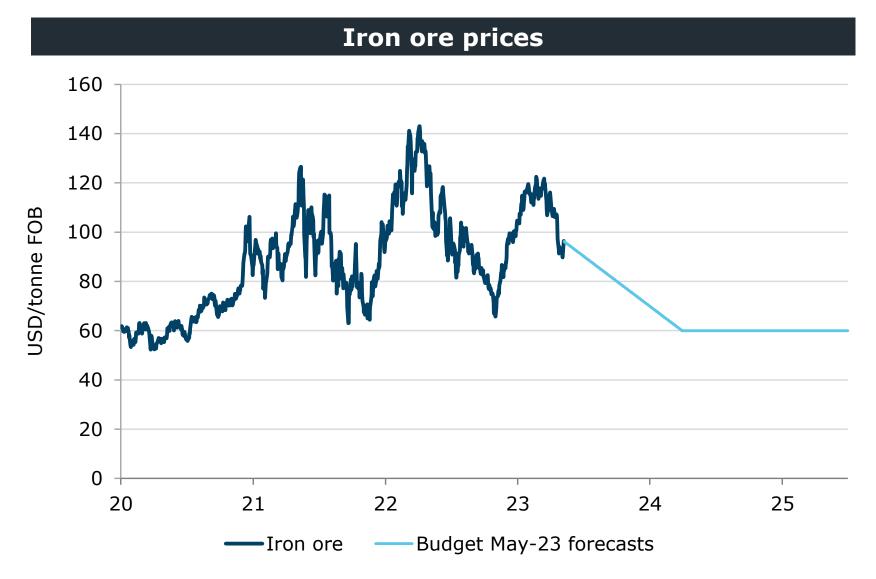






This leaves upside risk to company tax receipts.

Commodity price forecasts remain conservative



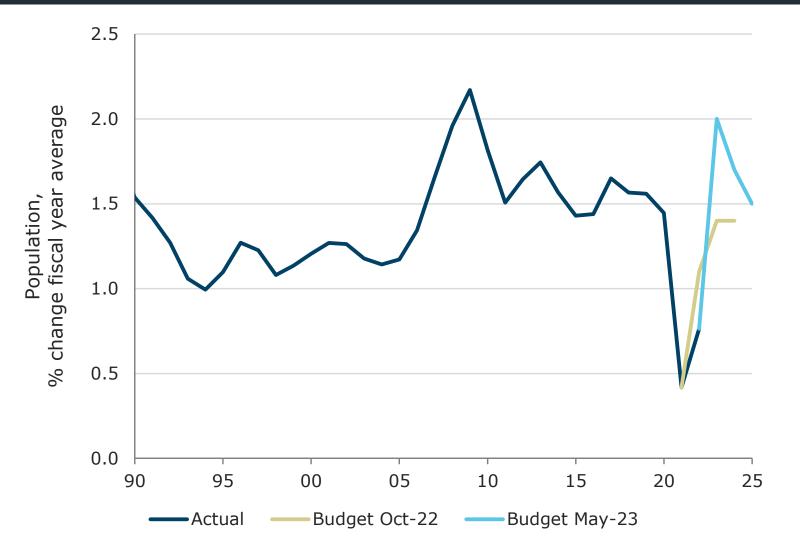




Net overseas migration is running at record highs.

Population growth forecasts again revised higher

Population growth projections



Source: Budget papers, ABS, ANZ Research

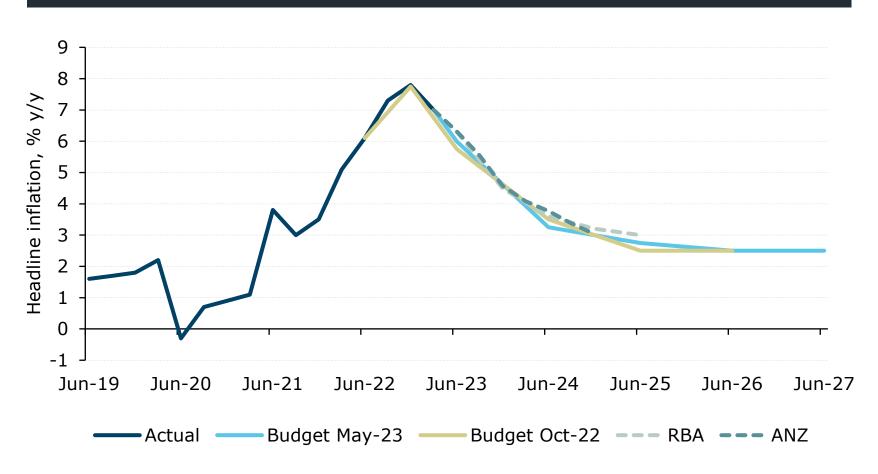


The inflation outlook was little changed. Treasury forecast headline CPI inflation will return to the RBA's 2-3% target band in 2024-25.



Inflation expected to slow



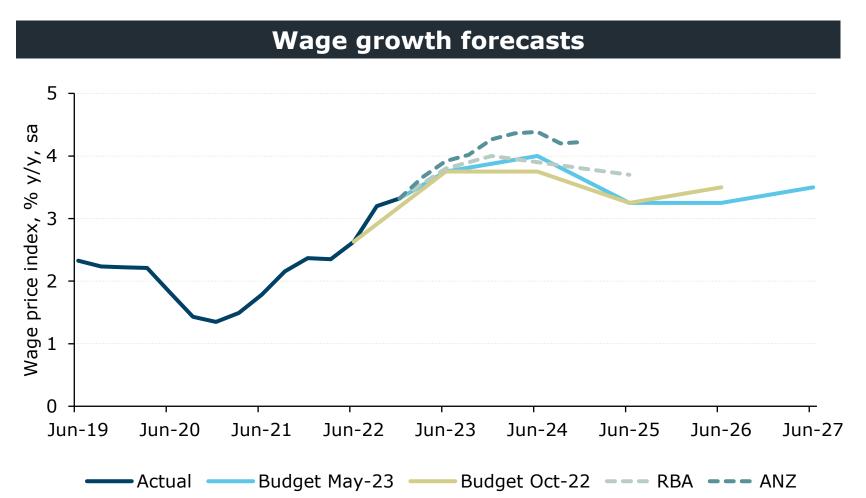




If our forecasts for wage growth and/or employment growth are realised or exceeded, this would lift income taxes relative to the Budget's estimates.



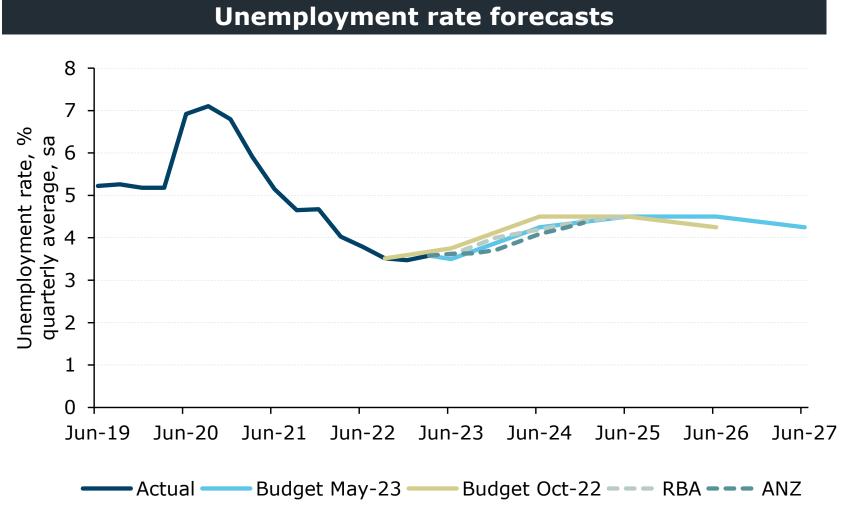
We are more optimistic on wages than Treasury





Unemployment rate forecasts have been lowered in the nearterm.

Treasury expects unemployment to rise to 4½%

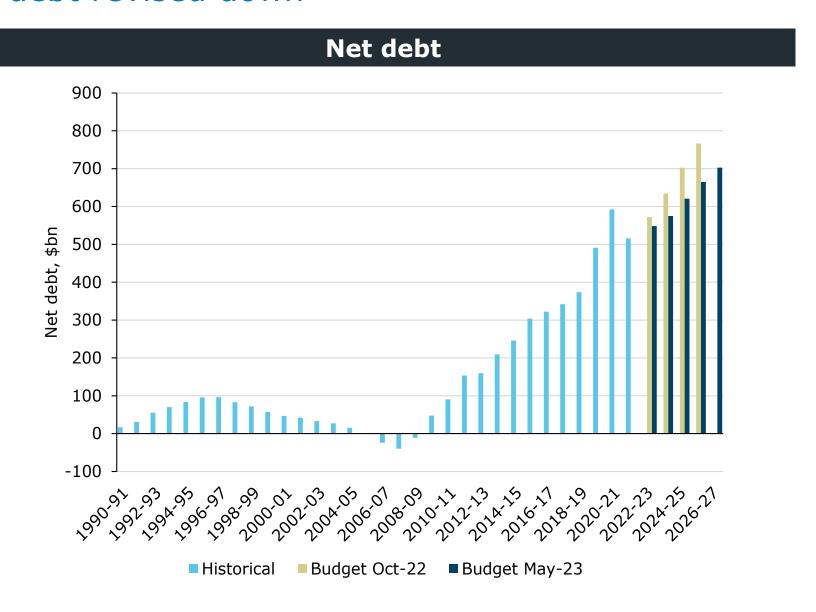






Net debt is expected to rise to 24.1% of GDP by the end of the forward estimates, a large reduction compared to the October 2022 Budget.

Net debt revised down

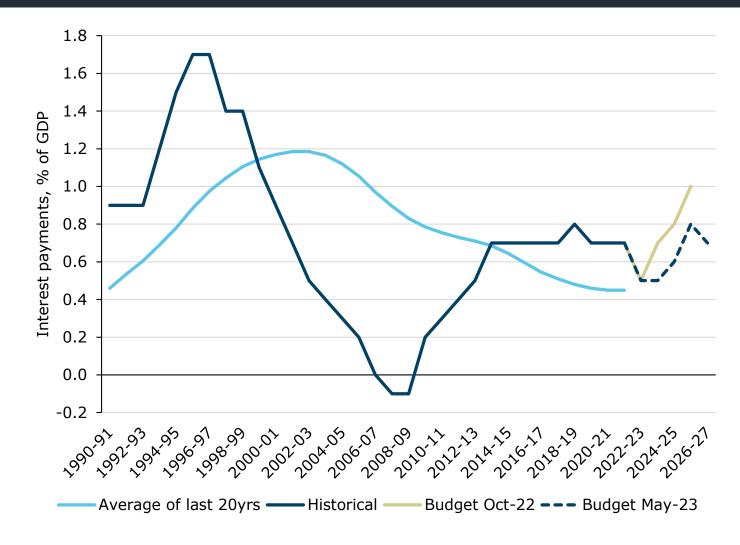




This reflects a combination of less debt issuance and lower bond yields.

Interest costs expected to rise but not as much

Interest costs







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Federal Budget 2023-24 Walking the tightrope

Restrained measures for an uncertain economic future

What we are covering today



Overview



Individuals



Business



Other measures





In all our decisions, we seek to strike a considered, methodical balance.

Between spending restraint to keep the pressure off inflation, while doing what we can to help people struggling to make ends meet.

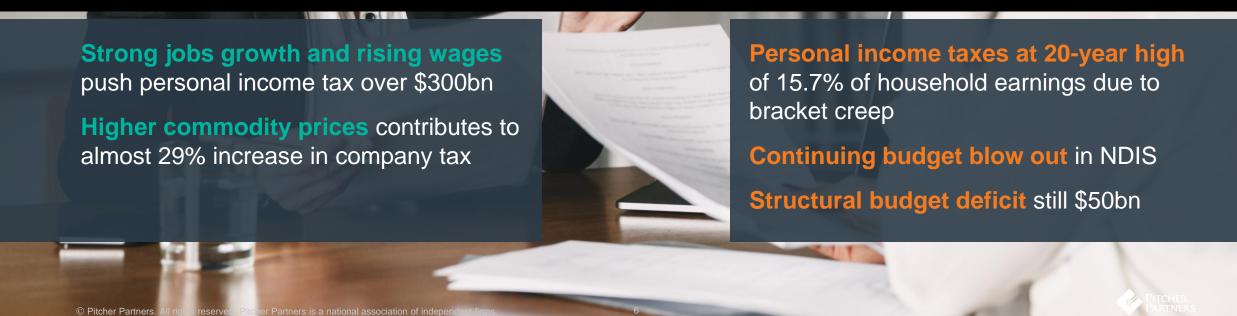
... dealing with immediate, near-term challenges – while investing in our long-term national success...

Seeing our people through the hard times – and setting our country up for a better future.

2023-24 Federal Budget Speech // Treasurer // 9 May 2023



\$36.9bn deficit to \$4.2bn surplus

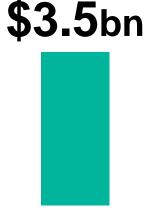


Cost of living relief

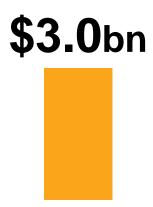
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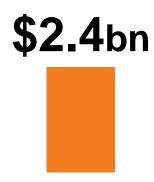
To increase welfare payments, including JobSeeker, Austudy and Youth Allowance



To triple Medicare bulk
billing incentive for
most common
GP consultations for
children under 16,
pensioners and other
Commonwealth
concession card holders



Direct energy bill relief for vulnerable households and small businesses



For 15% increase to **Rent Assistance**

\$1.9bn



To extend eligibility for Single Parenting Payments until the youngest child turns 14



Individuals

Proposed rates and thresholds

Rate ¹	2022-23 / 2023-24	2024-25 onwards
Nil	\$0 - \$18,200	\$0 - \$18,200
19%	\$18,201 - \$45,000	\$18,201 - \$45,000
30%	N/A	\$45,001 - \$200,000
32.5%	\$45,001 - \$120,000	Removed
37%	\$120,001 - \$180,000	Removed
45%	\$180,001 and over	\$200,001 and over
Low and middle income tax offset	Removed	_
Low income tax offset	Up to \$700	Up to \$700

^{1.} Note that these rates exclude the Medicare Levy



Small Business

Incentives for the 2024 income year

Instant asset write off available to businesses with turnover up to \$10m for assets up to \$20,000.

Small business energy incentive

introduced to provide businesses with turnover up to \$50m with additional 20% deduction for investing up to \$100,000 in energy efficient equipment.

GDP uplift factor for PAYG and GST instalments reduced from 12% to 6%.







Reminder for businesses

Relief still available for the 2023 income year



Temporary Full Expensing

Available for assets acquired and installed ready for use by 30 June 2023



Loss Carry Back

Available for losses incurred up to **30 June 2023**

To be applied for refund of income tax paid in 2019 to 2022 income years





Funds & Investment

Housing incentives

Build to Rent



Increase in capital works deduction rate

from 2.5% to 4%



Reduction in MIT withholding rate from 30% to 15%



Consultation to be undertaken

on implementation details, including minimum portion of affordable housing

Applies from 1 July 2024

Eligibility criteria

50 or more apartments or dwellings

Under single ownership for at least 10 years

Available for rent to general public

Lease term of 3 or more years





Funds & Investment

Clean energy incentives

Clean Energy Building MITs



Concession extended to data centres and warehouses



Minimum energy efficiency requirements for existing and new buildings raised to 6 star rating



Consultation to be undertaken on transitional measures

Applies from 1 July 2025



Tax Integrity

Multinationals



Global and domestic minimum tax

15% minimum corporate tax rate

Large multinational enterprises with annual global revenue of EUR 750m

Applies from 1 January 2024

Undertaxed payment rule to start from 1 January 2025



Expansion of General Anti Avoidance Rules

Schemes to access a lower withholding tax rate on income paid to foreign residents

Schemes where the dominant purpose was to reduce foreign income tax

Measures will commence from 1 July 2024 but no grandfathering for existing arrangements



Superannuation



The concessional tax rate applied to future earnings for balances above \$3m will be increased to 30%

Applies from 1 July 2025



Pitcher Partners submission is available on our website



Amount of income taxed at 45% as NALI limited to twice the level of a general non-arm's length expense

Applies from 1 July 2023



No extension to 50% reduction in minimum drawdowns for 2024



Other measures



Electric Car Discount

Existing FBT exemption for Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles to end on 1 April 2025

Arrangements entered into between 1 July 2022 and 31 March 2025 will remain eligible



Superannuation Guarantee

Business will be required to pay workers their superannuation contributions every payday

Applies from 1 July 2026

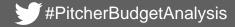


Increase to Road User Charge

6% per year from current 27.2 cents per litre to 32.4 cents per litre in 2025-26

Reduces fuel tax credit entitlement available to transport operators





Increased ATO funding

Extending ATO Compliance Programs

Personal Income Taxation Compliance Program

Extending the program until 30 June 2027 to focus on non-compliance, overclaiming and incorrect reporting

Expanding scope from 1 July 2023





Collect \$474.9m



Goods and Services Tax (GST) Compliance Program

Extending the program until 30 June 2027 to promote GST compliance and assist ATO to develop more sophisticated analytical tools to target emerging risks





\$3.8b in GST \$3.8b other taxes





Increased ATO funding

Timely payment of income tax and superannuation

ATO engagement

Four year program commencing 1 July 2023 targeting tax debts greater than \$100,000 or older than 2 years



Improved data matching capabilities for SG

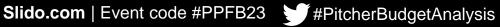
To proactively identify and act on cases of SG non-payment or underpayment in real time











Key takeaways



A restrained budget without meaningful tax reform



Individuals

Focus on cost of living relief for the most vulnerable



Business

Limited support through the forecast economic tightening

Increased tax integrity measures for multinationals



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