

2025 Election Policy Commitment Tracker – Labor Spending

	Date	Announcement	Costing	Link
Health	27/04/2025	Funding to to improve existing Healthdirect services and expand them to every state and territory, under one consistent national service.	\$204.5 million	https://anthonyalbanese.com.au/media-centre/strengthening-medicare-with-1800-medicare-free-urgent-care-on-your-phone-and-in-your-home
	31/03/2025	Expansion of St John of God Midlands Public Hospital in WA, with the delivery of more hospital beds and operating theatres and an upgrade tot eh emergency department	\$355 million	https://anthonyalbanese.com.au/media-centre/355-million-to-expand-st-john-of-god-midland-public-hospital
	25/03/2025	Lower cost of medicines under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme	\$784.5 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Womens health package focused on reproductive health, contraception, menopause treatments and including them on the MBS	\$573 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf

	25/03/2025	Introducing new and amend existing items on the MBS	\$256.2 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Additional support for research and translate medical research to clinical practice	\$158.6 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Implementation of recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety	\$291.6 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	23/02/2025	Health funding, includes \$7.9 billion to increase bulk billing by GPs (additional 18 million bulk billed visits), \$644 for 50 additional urgent care clinics across the country, \$617 million to train more doctors and nurses and \$573 million to lower costs for women's healthcare.	\$9.6 billion	https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/strengthening-medicare-more-bulk-billing-more-doctors-more-nurses
	5/02/2025	Additional funding to states and territories for public hospitals and health services to help cut waiting lists, reduce waiting times in emergency and	\$1.7 billion	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/albanese-labor-government-building-australias-future-more-money-public-hospital-reform

		manage ambulance ramping.		
Tax	13/04/2025	Instant tax deduction of \$1,000 for work expenses		
	30/03/2025	Crack down on price gouging by supermarkets - fixing the gap in the competition and consumer protection framework and establish a taskforce to provide advice on an excessive pricing regime for supermarkets.		https://anthonyalbanese.com.au/media-centre/labor-will-ban-supermarket-price-gouging-in-another-move-on-cost-of-living
	25/03/2025	National Productivity Fund - working with states and territories to cut red tape and boost competition	\$900 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	A reduction in the tax rate for the lower threshold level (less than \$45,000) from 16 per cent to 15 per cent from 1 July 2026 then 14 per cent from 1 July 2027	\$17 billion	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf

	25/03/2025	Expansion and extension of the Tax Avoidance Taskforce	\$717.8 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Extend and expand the Shadow Economy Compliance Program to reduce shadow economy behaviour	\$155.5 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Increasing the Medicare levy low-income thresholds for singles, seniors and pensioners. The threshold for singles will be increased from \$26,000 to \$27,222. The family threshold will be increased from \$43,846 to \$45,907. For single seniors and pensioners, the threshold will be increased from \$41,089 to \$43,020. The family threshold for seniors and pensioners will be increased from \$57,198 to \$59,886. The family income thresholds will increase by \$4,216 for each dependent child or		https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf

		student, up from \$4,027.		
	04/03/2025	Extending the Instant Asset Write-off for a further 12 months for eligible assets costing less than \$20,000 installed by 30 June 2026.	\$290 million	https://anthonyalbanese.com.au/media-centre/more-tax-relief-for-small-businesses-under-labor
	1/03/2025	Freeze on beer excise indexation for two years and increase in tax-free exemption threshold to \$400,000, and increase the Wine Equalisation Tax producer rebate to \$400,000.	\$70 million	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/albanese-labor-government-freeze-draught-beer-excise
Industry	18/03/2025	Strengthening the ACCC's enforcement of the Franchising Code of Conduct and extending protections from Unfair Contract Terms and unfair Trading Practices to all businesses regulated under the code over 2 years from 2025-26	\$7.1 million	https://ministers.treasury.gov.au/ministers/julie-collins-2024/media-releases/albanese-labor-government-taking-further-action-support
	20/02/2025	Wylla steelworks rescue, with \$100 million in immediate	More than \$2 billion	https://www.minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/husic/media-releases/albanese-and-malinauskas-labor-governments-

		support, \$384 million co-investment with SA to fund operations through the administration, \$1.9 billion to assist the new owner invest in upgrades and new infrastructure.		saving-whyalla-steelworks-and-local-jobs-24-billion-package
	20/02/2025	Green Iron Fund to boost manufacturing of green iron, with up to \$500 million for Wyalla and at least \$500 million for other applicants, either existing (bluescope in Port Kembla) or greenfield sites.	\$1 billion	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/albanese-government-building-australias-green-iron-future
	20/01/2025	Green aluminium production tax incentive	\$2 billion	https://www.minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/husic/media-releases/joint-media-release-aluminium-forge-australias-manufacturing-future
Infrastructure & Transport	24/04/2025	Critical Minerals Strategic Reserve, including National Off-take Agreements for agreed volumes from commercial projects and Selective Stockpiling of key critical minerals from these offtake agreements.	\$1.2 billion	https://anthonyalbanese.com.au/media-centre/albanese-government-to-establish-critical-minerals-strategic-reserve

	14/04/2025	Investment in the Boyer Paper Mill to help prepare it of a low emissions future	\$24 million	https://anthonyalbanese.com.au/media-centre/labor-building-tasmanias-future-at-boyer-paper-mill
	25/03/2025	Suburban Road Blitz to increase capacity and improve efficiency in growth areas surrounding Melbourne	\$1 billion	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	South Australian projects, including Curtis Road Level Crossing Removal in South Australia	\$317 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Tasmanian projects, including Arthur Highway and the Southern Outlet Transit Lane Extension	\$280 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Duplication of the Stuart Highway (Darwin to Katherine) in the Northern Territory	\$200 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	13/03/2025	Developing a rail connection from Leppington to Bradfield, to join the new Western Sydney International Airport to Sydney's south west	\$1 billion	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/albanese-labor-government-green-lights-new-rail-links-bradfield

	26/02/2025	Melbourne Airport Rail - upgrades to Sunshine Station. This is in addition to the \$5 billion already committed to the rail line to Tullamarine Airport	\$2 billion	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/albanese-labor-government-building-victorias-future
	27/01/2025	Upgrade to Kwinana Freeway in partnership with WA government (total \$700 million)	\$350 million	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/albanese-and-cook-labor-governments-building-western-australias-future
	22/01/2025	Housing Support Program - Critical infrastructure (roads, sewage, water) to support the construction of 25,000 homes in NSW	\$182 million	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/albanese-government-delivering-25000-more-homes-across-new-south-wales
	13/01/2025	nbn fibre to the home expansion - upgrading the remaining Fibre-to-the-node network	\$3 billion	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/only-labor-will-finish-nbn-and-keep-it-public-hands
	8/01/2025	Housing Support Program - Critical infrastructure (roads, sewage, water) to support the construction of 4,800 homes in Queensland	\$101.8 million	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/albanese-government-turbocharging-housing-queensland
	6/01/2025	Bruce Highway Upgrade	\$7.2 billion	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/7-2-billion-new-funding-australian-government-fix-bruce-highway

Education & Training	26/04/2025	Support for 600 community language schools across Australia that help more than 90,000 students learn 84 languages.	\$25 million	https://anthonyalbanese.com.au/media-centre/labor-is-celebrating-australian-diversity-through-community-language-schools
	25/03/2025	Permanently legislate 100,000 fee-free TAFE places		https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Integrity measures to ensure provider quality and uphold reputation of VET sector	\$4.7 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Extend the current interim Australian Apprenticeship Incentive System program settings for a further six months from 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025	\$77.8 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	An increase in the Living Away From Home Allowance	\$7 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	An increase in the Disability Australian Apprentice Wage Support subsidy	\$11 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf

	25/03/2025	Increased funding to Industry Skills Australia Jobs and Skills Council to support workforce capacity and capability building of seafarers, a recommendation of the Strategic Fleet Taskforce Report	\$2.5 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Expand general practitioner (GP) training through the Australian General Practice Training Program and the Remote Vocational Training Scheme to deliver 200 new general practitioner training places each year from 2026, increasing to 400 from 2028	\$265.4 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Expanding the Primary Care Nursing and Midwifery Scholarship Program to deliver an additional 100 graduate certificate/diploma scholarships and 100 masters scholarships	\$10.5 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf

	25/03/2025	100 new medical Commonwealth Supported Places per year from 2026	\$4.5 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Removing the cap on the number of medical Commonwealth Supported Places for First Nations students from 2026	\$3.2 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Changes to Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) and other schemes to reduce student debts	\$19 billion	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Funding to states and territories that have signed the Better and Fairer Schools Agreement (Full and Fair Funding 2025-2034)	\$407.5 million from 2025-26 (and \$7.2 billion from 2029-30 to 2035-36)	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Funding to administer the functions of the migration and visa programs (a \$85 million reduction from 2024-25 funding)	\$849.7 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	4/03/2025	NSW Public Schools Funding agreement -	\$4.8 billion	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/all-new-south-wales-public-schools-path-full-and-fair-funding

		lifting funding from 20% to 25% of the Schooling Resources Standard by 2034.		
	24/01/2025	Key Apprenticeship Program, Housing Construction Apprenticeship stream - providing a \$10,000 incentive payment (double the current payment) to encourage the take up of apprenticeships in the housing sector.		https://www.pm.gov.au/media/building-australias-future-investing-our-apprentices
	24/01/2025	Victorian Public Schools Funding agreement - lifting funding from 20% to 25% of the Schooling Resources Standard by 2034.	\$2.5 billion	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/putting-all-victorian-public-schools-path-full-and-fair-funding
	24/01/2025	SA Public Schools Funding agreement - lifting funding from 20% to 25% of the Schooling Resources Standard by 2034.	\$1 billion	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/putting-all-south-australian-public-schools-path-full-and-fair-funding
	11/12/2024	Building Early Education Fund - Universal early education system, delivering grants to build and expand childcare centres in	\$1.47 billion	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/next-steps-building-universal-early-education-system

		areas of need and changes to the activity test guarantee 3 days a week of care for all families, regardless of income or work status.		
	3/11/2024	Student debt relief - reducing HELP or student loan debt by 20%.	\$16 billion	https://ministers.education.gov.au/anthony-albanese/albanese-labor-government-cut-further-20-cent-all-student-loans-debt
Energy	06/04/2025	Cheaper Home Batteries Program - reducing the cost of a typically installed battery by 30% - with over 1 million new batteries expected by 2030. Small businesses will be able to access a subsidy of up to 50% on a 50 to 100 kWh battery.	\$2.4 billion	
	25/03/2025	Extension of the energy bill rebate to December 2025 providing an additional \$150 to every household	\$1.8 billion	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	14/03/2025	Part of the \$1.7 billion Future Made in Australia Innovation Fund, this fund would be used in the	\$750 million	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/backing-our-metals-manufacturers

		development of new technologies for our metal manufacturers (alumina, aluminium, iron and steel) to remain globally competitive		
	1/03/2025	NSW Solar for Apartment residents, to assist owners of apartment complexes and strata managers to install shared roof-top solar systems by covering 50% of the cost, up to \$150,000 per project.	\$25 million	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/25-million-power-apartment-solar-and-bring-down-power-bills
	21/02/2025	Additional FMA Innovation Fund allocation for merit-based grants for manufacturing opportunities in wind industry, battery storage, hydrogen electrolyzers, energy efficiency and electrification technologies and other critical components, i.e. transmission cables.	\$500 million	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/albanese-government-backs-australias-steelmaking-future
	23/01/2025	Additional funding to recapitalise the CEFC to increase funding for	\$2 billion	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/albanese-government-builds-australias-future-new-investment-clean-energy-finance-corporation

		energy savings and emissions reduction projects.		
Sport				
	21/02/2025	St George Illawarra Dragons Community and High Performance Centre	\$13.8 million	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/13-6-million-investment-world-class-illawarra-sporting-and-community-facility
Future Made in Australia	25/03/2025	Clean energy technology manufacturing capabilities including electrolyzers, batteries and wind towers	\$500 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Low carbon liquid fuels, including sustainable aviation fuels (SAF)		
	20/02/2025	Wyalla steelworks rescue, with \$100 million in immediate support, \$384 million co-investment with SA to fund operations through the administration, \$1.9 billion to assist the new owner invest in upgrades and new infrastructure	More than \$2 billion	https://www.minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/husic/media-releases/albanese-and-malinas-kas-labor-governments-saving-whyalla-steelworks-and-local-jobs-24-billion-package
	20/02/2025	Green Iron Fund to boost manufacturing of	\$1 billion	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/albanese-government-building-australias-green-iron-future

		green iron, with up to \$500 million for Wyalla and at least \$500 million for other applicants, either existing (bluescope in Port Kembla) or greenfield sites.		
	20/01/2025	Green aluminium production tax incentive	\$2 billion	https://www.minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/husic/media-releases/joint-media-release-aluminium-forge-australias-manufacturing-future
Housing	13/04/2025	Fiver Percent Deposit Plan for first-home buyers, available for homes up to the average price for the city or region.		
	13/04/2025	100,000 new homes reserved for first homebuyers only under the Homes for Australia Plan	Additional \$10 billion	
	25/03/2025	Increased funding to states and territories under the National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness to combat homelessness, providing crisis support, and maintaining social housing	\$9.3 billion	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf

	25/03/2025	Additional funding through the Housing Support Program to state and territory and local governments to fund projects to improve planning capability, deliver enabling infrastructure such as roads, water and power, and to build more social housing	\$1.5 billion	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Additional funding for incentive payments under the New Homes Bonus	\$3 billion	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	New funding to address infrastructure backlogs and reducing barriers to new housing	\$4.5 billion	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Raising the property price and income caps for the government's help-to-buy scheme	\$800 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Extending the National Productivity Fund to incentivise states to cut red tape and accelerate the	\$120 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf

		adoption of modern construction methods to build homes faster		
	22/01/2025	Housing Support Program - Critical infrastructure (roads, sewage, water) to support the construction of 25,000 homes in NSW	\$182 million	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/albanese-government-delivering-25000-more-homes-across-new-south-wales
	08/01/2025	Housing Support Program - Critical infrastructure (roads, sewage, water) to support the construction of 4,800 homes in Queensland	\$101.8 million	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/albanese-government-turbocharging-housing-queensland
Industrial Relations	25/03/2025	A ban non-compete clauses that apply to workers earning less than the high-income threshold in the Fair Work Act (currently \$175,000)		https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	"Close loopholes" in competition law that currently allow businesses to: cap workers' pay and conditions without the knowledge and		https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf

		agreement of affected workers through 'wage-fixing' arrangements, and use 'no-poach' agreements to block staff from being hired by competitors		
	25/03/2025	Allocation to meet the cost of the Fair Work Commission's decision for pay increases aged care nurses	\$2.5 billion (and an additional \$6.1 billion from 2029–30 to 2034–35)	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Allocation to fund the Fair Work Commission's decision to increase the minimum award wages of registered and enrolled nurses employed in the aged care sector	\$88.3 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Additional funding for the Commonwealth Home Support Programme to cover the cost of the increase in award wages of providers and to cover the historical leave provisions for	\$114.3 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf

		Commonwealth-funded aged care providers, and to index the increase in award wages from the Fair Work Commission Stage 3 decision on the Aged Care Work Value Case for existing grant agreements		
Small Business	25/03/2025	Extending energy bill relief for six months to the end of 2025, with around one million eligible small businesses receiving up to \$150 in rebates off their bills	\$150 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Additional funding to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to strengthen regulatory oversight of the Franchising Code of Conduct	\$7.1 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Additional funding to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to	\$3 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf

		improve its data analytics capability to better target enforcement activities to deter illegal phoenixing activities, particularly in the construction sector		
	25/03/2025	Extending protections against unfair trading practices to small businesses and protect businesses regulated by the Franchising Code of Conduct from unfair contract terms and unfair trading practices	\$0.8 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
Digital and Cyber	25/03/2025	Additional funding to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) to continue its regulatory oversight of the Digital ID and Identity Verification Service programs	\$5.3 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Additional funding to the Australian Public Service Commission to continue to provide digital and data training	\$3.4 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf

		and employment opportunities for regional Australians		
	25/03/2025	Extend the operation of the National Anti-Scam Centre within the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to continue protecting consumers and businesses from scam activity	\$6.7 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
Trade	25/03/2025	Boosting Australia's economic ties with India, including establishing an Australia India Trade and Investment Accelerator Fund to support cooperative projects targeted at reducing technical and regulatory barriers to trade	\$20 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Upgrading sea cargo screening technology to allow for better targeting of illicit goods importations	\$9.6 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf

Defence	25/03/2025	Regulatory, safety and policy advice in support of Australia's acquisition of a conventionally armed nuclear-powered submarine capability	\$61.7 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Development of industrial initiatives to support the 2024 Naval Shipbuilding and Sustainment Plan and Australia's ability to build, sustain and operate maritime capability	\$24.2 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
	25/03/2025	Further support of the government of Ukraine	\$17 million	https://budget.gov.au/content/bp2/download/bp2_2025-26.pdf
Disaster Recovery	01/04/2025	Weather radar system for regional Queensland to improve flood forecasts and warnings.	\$10 million	https://anthonyalbanese.com.au/media-centre/labor-will-invest-10-million-in-weather-radar-for-regional-queensland
	29/03/2025	Disaster recovery package for Queensland, including rebuilding sections of the Bruce Highway, Small Business and Tourism Recovery Support	\$269 million	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/another-269-million-build-stronger-north-queensland

		Package, community health and mental health packages, primary industry support and environmental recovery.		
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