

Office of the Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate — operational efficiencies

Expense (\$m)	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Office of the Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate	-	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0

The Government will establish the Office of the Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate to replace the current Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner. The new agency will receive a funding allocation of \$124.8 million over five years from 2011-12.

Savings of \$12.0 million over four years will be achieved from improved operational efficiencies.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Parenting Payment — changed eligibility for 1 July 2006 grandfathered recipients

Expense (\$m)	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Department of Human Services	..	32.0	3.1	1.7	2.1
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-128.9	-207.8	-161.0	-227.0
Total - Expense	..	-96.9	-204.7	-159.3	-224.9

The Government will align Parenting Payment (PP) eligibility for all recipients. PP for existing recipients covered by grandfathering arrangements will be brought into alignment with all other PP recipients.

From 1 January 2013, all PP recipients who were on payment prior to 1 July 2006 will be assessed under the same eligibility requirements as new PP recipients. Under this measure grandfathered recipients with their youngest child aged six years or over (for partnered recipients) or eight years or over (for single recipients) will cease to be eligible for PP and will transition onto Newstart Allowance (NSA) unless they move into employment.

This measure extends the 2011-12 Budget measure *Building Australia's Future Workforce – incentives for single parents and Parenting Payment reforms* to the remaining cohort of grandfathered recipients. It will align PP eligibility for all parents, encourage re-entry into the workforce, and make the system fairer through reduced financial disincentives to engage in paid work.

Parents who transition onto NSA will be eligible for the more generous income test taper that will take effect from 1 January 2013. The new more generous income test reduces NSA payments by 40 cents (rather than the previous 50 cents) for every dollar of income earned above the income-free area (currently \$62 per fortnight).

The Government is providing \$3.2 million for professional career advisory services for single parents through employment service providers. This will assist single parents to improve their skills and also plan effectively for a transition into the workforce when they move off PP.

This measure is estimated to provide savings of \$685.8 million over four years to be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Essay Competition — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$25,000 in 2012-13 to establish the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Essay Competition as an additional special category in the 2012 National History Challenge.

The essay competition is part of a package of measures to mark the 60th anniversary of the accession to the throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The competition will be open to primary and secondary school students with a primary and secondary winner in each state and territory.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Further information can be found in the press release of 7 February 2012 issued by the Prime Minister.