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# Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

## Overview of additional appropriations

There has been no significant change to the strategic direction of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) from that outlined in the October Portfolio Budget Statements 2022*–*23 (page 87).

An additional $7.6 million in departmental funding through Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2022*–*23 relates to measures and reclassifications since the 2022*–*23 October Budget, and comprises the following:

* funding for the ACCC and Australian Energy Regulator (AER) to progress the Energy Price Relief Plan measure; and
* $3 million for the reclassification of Departmental Capital Budget (DCB) to operating.

### Entity measures table

Table 1.1 summarises new Government measures taken since the 2022–23 October Budget. The table is split into receipt and payment measures, with the affected program identified.

Table 1.1: Australian Competition and Consumer Commission 2022–23 additional estimates measures

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | Program | 2022-23$'000 | 2023-24$'000 | 2024-25$'000 | 2025-26$'000 |
| **Payment measures** |  |   |  |   |  |
| Energy Price Relief Plan (a)(b)(c)  |  |   |  |   |  |
| Departmental payment | 1.1 |  nfp  |  nfp  |  nfp  |  nfp  |
| Departmental payment | 1.2 |  nfp  |  nfp  |  nfp  |  nfp  |
| **Total**  |  |  **-**  |  **-**  |  **-**  |  **-**  |
| Working with the Australian Resources Industry on the Pathway to Net Zero (d) | 1.1 |  |  |  |  |
| Departmental payment |  |  418  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| **Total**  |  |  **418**  |  **-**  |  **-**  |  **-**  |
| **Total payment measures** |  |   |  |   |  |
| Departmental  |  |  418  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| **Total**  |   | **418**  |  **-**  |  **-**  |  **-**  |

Prepared on a Government Financial Statistics (Underlying Cash) basis. Figures displayed as a negative (‑) represent a decrease in funds and a positive (+) represent an increase in funds.

1. The lead entity for measure titled Energy Price Relief Plan is the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. The full measure description and package details appear in Budget Paper No. 2 under the Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water portfolio.
2. The financial implications for this measure are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.
3. Measure relates to a decision made post 2022‑23 October Budget.
4. The full measure description and package details of the measure titled Working with the Australian Resources Industry on the Pathway to Net Zero appear in Budget Paper No. 2 under the Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water portfolio.

### Additional estimates and variations

The following table details the changes to the resourcing for the ACCC at Additional Estimates, by outcome. The following table details the estimates and variations resulting from new measures and any other variations since the 2022–23 October Budget in Appropriation Bill (No. 3).

Table 1.2: Additional estimates and variations to outcomes from measures and other variations

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | Program  | 2022-23$'000 | 2023-24$'000 | 2024-25$'000 | 2025-26$'000 |
| **Outcome 1** |  |   |  |  |  |
| **Departmental**  |  |   |  |  |  |
| **Annual appropriations** |  |   |  |  |  |
| **Reclassifications**  |  |   |  |  |  |
| Departmental appropriation  | 1.1 |  3,000  | -  | -  | -  |
| Departmental capital budget  | 1.1 |  (3,000) | -  | -  | -  |
| **Changes in Parameters** |  |   |  |  |  |
| Departmental appropriation | 1.1 |  -  | 195  | 944  | 727  |
| Departmental appropriation | 1.2 |  -  | 71  | 362  | 290  |
| Departmental capital budget | 1.1 |  -  | 20  | 52  | 46  |
| **Other Variations**  |  |   |  |  |  |
| Departmental appropriation | 1.1 |  2,028  | 4,092  | 3,215  | 2,665  |
| Departmental appropriation | 1.2 |  2,597  | 6,036  | 1,308  | -  |
| **Net impact on appropriations for Outcome 1 (departmental)** |  | **4,625**  | **10,414**  | **5,881**  | **3,728**  |
| **Total net impact on appropriations for Outcome 1** |   | **4,625**  | **10,414**  | **5,881**  | **3,728**  |

### Breakdown of additional estimates by appropriation bill

The following tables detail the Additional Estimates sought for the ACCC through Appropriation Bill (No. 3).

Table 1.3: Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2022–2023

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | *2021-22Available$'000* | 2022-23Budget$'000 | 2022-23Revised$'000 | AdditionalEstimates$'000 | Additional Estimates Reduction$'000 |
| **Departmental programs** |  |  |  |   |   |
| **Outcome 1**Enhanced welfare of Australians through enforcing laws that promote competition and protect consumers, as well as taking other regulatory and related actions including monitoring and market analysis, public education, determining the terms of access to infrastructure services, and discharging regulatory responsibilities governing energy markets and networks | *321,027*  | 319,121  | 326,746  | 7,625  | -  |
| **Total departmental** | ***321,027***  | **319,121**  | **326,746**  | **7,625**  | **-**  |