



Cleaning Up Politics	
Party:	Australian Greens
Summary of proposal: The proposal has two components. <b>Component 1</b> would establish a Federal Anti-corruption Commission (the Commission) as an independent statutory agency. The Commission would absorb any overlapping functions of the proposed Commonwealth Integrity Commission (CIC) and would investigate matters relating to the Australian Public Service and the Parliament. Funding would be indexed to the consumer price index (CPI). <b>Component 2</b> would provide \$2 million in 2022-23 to establish a Public Interest Democracy Fund to support trials of innovative programs and digital platforms to increase democratic participation. The fund can be used to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• provide research grants and contracts to organisations to undertake citizen juries and report back to parliament</li><li>• fund additional staff or resources within Department of Parliamentary Services, Department of Senate and the Department of the House of Representatives to implement new measures and upgrade technology to improve online petitions or provide for remote voting.</li></ul> The proposal would have effect from 1 July 2022.	

## Costing overview

The proposal would be expected to decrease both fiscal and underlying cash balances by \$2 million over the 2022-23 Budget forward estimates period. This impact reflects an increase in administered expenses for the establishment of the Public Interest Democracy Fund, and nil effect for the establishment of the Commission.

A breakdown of the financial implications (including separate public debt interest (PDI) tables) over the period to 2032-33 is provided at Attachment A.

The financial implications of component 1 are sensitive to the size and scope of the proposed Commission and the extent to which functions of the proposed Commission overlap with those of the proposed CIC.

**Table 1: Financial implications (\$m)<sup>(a)(b)</sup>**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Total to 2025-26
Fiscal balance	-2.0	-	-	-	-2.0
Underlying cash balance	-2.0	-	-	-	-2.0

(a) A positive number represents an increase in the relevant budget balance; a negative number represents a decrease.

(b) PDI impacts are not included in the totals.

- Indicates nil.

## Key assumptions

The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) has made the following assumptions in costing this proposal.

### Component 1

- The Commission would be of a similar size and scope to the proposed CIC. The Commission will subsume all the functions of the proposed CIC, including the functions of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI) which is scheduled to be absorbed by the CIC when it is established.

### Component 2

- The administrative workload associated with this component would not require additional departmental funding

## Methodology

### Component 1

Departmental expenses for the proposed Commission are based on projected CIC expenses, including those allocated to the ACLEI.

CIC expenses from 2022-23 to 2025-26 were provided by the Attorney-General's Department.

CIC expenses from 2026-27 were projected to account for the net effect of the CPI and the efficiency dividend, in accordance with the Department of Finance's costing practices.

### Component 2

The financial implications represent the specified capped amounts of administered funding.

Financial implications were rounded consistent with the PBO's rounding rules as outlined on the PBO Costings and budget information webpage.<sup>1</sup>

## Data sources

The Attorney-General's Department provided the funding amounts for the proposed Commonwealth Integrity Commission for each year from 2022-23 to 2025-26.

The Department of Finance provided efficiency dividend parameters as at the 2022-23 Budget.

The Treasury provided CPI projections as at the 2022-23 Budget.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.aph.gov.au/About\\_Parliament/Parliamentary\\_Departments/Parliamentary\\_Budget\\_Office/Costings\\_and\\_budget\\_information](https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Budget_Office/Costings_and_budget_information)

## Attachment A – Cleaning Up Politics – financial implications

**Table A1: Cleaning Up Politics – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)<sup>(a)</sup>**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	Total to 2025-26	Total to 2032-33
<b>Expenses</b>													
<b>Administered</b>													
<i>Component 2: Public Interest Democracy Fund</i>	-2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.0	-2.0
<b>Total – administered</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-2.0</b>
<b>Departmental</b>													
<i>Component 1: Establish a federal anti-corruption commission</i>	-38.4	-43.0	-43.3	-43.5	-44.1	-44.7	-45.3	-46.0	-46.7	-47.4	-48.1	-168.2	-490.5
<i>Component 1: Abolish the proposed Commonwealth Integrity Commission</i>	38.4	43.0	43.3	43.5	44.1	44.7	45.3	46.0	46.7	47.4	48.1	168.2	490.5
<b>Total – departmental</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total – expenses</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-2.0</b>
<b>Total (excluding PDI)</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-2.0</b>

(a) A positive number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A negative number for the fiscal balance indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A positive number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in receipts or a decrease in payments or net capital investment in cash terms. A negative number for the underlying cash balance indicates a decrease in receipts or an increase in payments or net capital investment in cash terms.

- Indicates nil.

**Table A2: Cleaning Up Politics – Memorandum item: Public Debt Interest (PDI) impacts – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)<sup>(a)(b)</sup>**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	Total to 2025-26	Total to 2032-33
<b>Fiscal balance</b>	..	..	..	..	..	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	..	-0.6
<b>Underlying cash balance</b>	..	..	..	..	..	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	..	-0.6

(a) As this table is presented as a memorandum item, these figures are not reflected in the totals in the table above. This is consistent with the approach taken in the budget where the budget impact of most measures is presented excluding the impact on PDI. If the reader would like a complete picture of the total aggregate, then these figures would need to be added to the figures above. For further information on government borrowing and financing please refer to the PBO's online budget glossary<sup>2</sup>.

(b) A positive number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A negative number for the fiscal balance indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A positive number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in receipts or a decrease in payments or net capital investment in cash terms. A negative number for the underlying cash balance indicates a decrease in receipts or an increase in payments or net capital investment in cash terms.

.. Not zero but rounded to zero.

- Indicates nil.

<sup>2</sup> [Online budget glossary – Parliament of Australia \(aph.gov.au\)](https://aph.gov.au/online-budget-glossary)