



Transfer functions of the ROC to the FWC	
Party:	Australian Labor Party
Summary of proposal: The proposal would transfer the functions of the Registered Organisations Commission (ROC) to the Fair Work Commission (FWC). The proposal would have effect from 1 July 2022.	

Costing overview

The proposal would reallocate \$22.8 million of funding from the ROC to the FWC, with a net zero impact on the fiscal and underlying cash balances over the 2022-23 Budget forward estimates period.

The proposal would continue to have a nil net impact beyond the 2022-23 Budget forward estimates period. 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 proposal is not expected to involve any change in departmental expenses as it does not involve a material change in the complexity of the functions of the ROC or FWC.

Table 1: Financial implications (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

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

(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 assumption in costing the proposal.

- There would be no net costs or savings from the transfer of the functions of the ROC to the FWC.

Methodology

Departmental appropriations for the ROC in 2020-21 were indexed across 2020-21 to 2032-33 and applied as a saving upon transfer of functions of the ROC. The same appropriations were applied as additional resourcing to the FWC to assume the functions of the ROC.

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

Data sources

Fair Work Ombudsman and Registered Organisations Commission Entity, 2021. [Annual Report 2020-21](#), accessed 9 June 2022.

¹ https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Budget_Office/Costings_and_budget_information

Attachment A – Transfer functions of the ROC to the FWC – financial implications

Table A1: Transfer functions of the ROC to the FWC – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)^(a)

	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
Expenses													
Administered													
<i>Transfer functions of the Registered Organisations Commission to the Fair Work Commission</i>	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.2	22.8	65.0
<i>Additional Resourcing to the Fair Work Commission to absorb functions of the Registered Organisations Commission</i>	-5.6	-5.7	-5.7	-5.8	-5.8	-5.9	-6.0	-6.0	-6.1	-6.2	-6.2	-22.8	-65.0
Total – expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total (excluding PDI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(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: Transfer functions of the ROC to the FWC – Memorandum item: Public Debt Interest (PDI) impacts – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

	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
<i>Fiscal balance</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Underlying cash balance</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- (a) As this table is presented as a memorandum item, these figures are not reflected in the totals in any tables 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 glossary².
- (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.
- Indicates nil.

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