

MINISTER'S CABINET BRIEF

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| <i>Cabinet Number</i> | 24/564 |
| <i>Title</i> | 2025-26 Budget: Budget Process Rules, Strategy and Timetable |
| <i>Minister</i> | Chris Steel MLA |
| <i>Portfolio</i> | Treasurer |
| <i>Co-Sponsoring Ministers</i> | Rachel Stephen-Smith / Minister for Finance |
| <i>Cabinet date</i> | Monday, 9 December 2024 |
| <i>Recommended position</i> | CONDITIONAL SUPPORT |

Submission recommendations

Out of scope

Issues/comment

EPSDD has 58 staff with funding ceasing on 30 June 2025.

Of these 58 staff, **48 FTE** are in the Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water portfolio.

In some cases, these staff are required to facilitate legislative and statutory requirements; to meet the requirements of intra-jurisdictional agreements (for example Cabinet commitments the Renewable Energy Transformation Agreement and Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder) and for life safety matters (particularly bushfire preparedness).

There is capacity to develop offsets (particularly through the Water Abstraction Charge and through forthcoming recommendations for modifying the Energy Efficiency Improvement Scheme) for some of the proposed climate, energy and water expenditure that will inform recommended business cases for 2025/26. Some expenditure will be required to undertake policy development that facilitates these offsets.

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