

Australia's Political Landscape: Budget, Defense, and Environment Shifts in M

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1. In the 2026-27 Federal Budget, what significant funding was allocated to permanently fund all Medicare Urgent Care Clinics?

- A) \$2.1 billion over five years**
- B) \$1.8 billion over four years
- C) \$2.1 billion over four years
- D) \$1.8 billion over five years

2. As part of the AUKUS agreement, which company was selected in May 2026 as the preferred Combat System Integration Partner for Australia's future fleet of Virginia-class submarines?

- A) General Dynamics
- B) BAE Systems
- C) Lockheed Martin**
- D) Northrop Grumman

3. Which tranche of the Australian Government's environment protection reforms, commencing on 1 July 2026, will establish the National Environmental Protection Agency?

- A) Tranche 1
- B) Tranche 3
- C) Tranche 2**
- D) Tranche 4

4. The 2026-27 Federal Budget included significant defence investment. What is the projected target for Australia's defence spending as a percentage of GDP by 2033, using the NATO definition?

- A) 2.5%
- B) 3.5%
- C) 3.0%**
- D) 2.8%

5. According to the May 2026 economic update, what was the ABS monthly CPI indicator showing for the year-on-year inflation rate in March 2026?

- A) 5.20%
- B) 4.60%**
- C) 3.30%
- D) 4.10%

6. In May 2026, the Australian government imposed counter-terrorism financing sanctions on which group and three of its senior leaders?

- A) Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP)
- B) Boko Haram
- C) Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA)**
- D) Al-Shabaab

7. From 1 July 2026, the Australian federal budget will introduce a new tax deduction for work-related expenses. What is the value of this instant tax deduction, and what is the requirement regarding receipts?

- A) \$500, without receipts
- B) \$1,000, without receipts**
- C) \$1,000, with receipts
- D) \$500, with receipts

8. The 2026 National Defence Strategy outlines plans for the Australian Defence Force. Which of the following capabilities is *not* explicitly mentioned as a priority for increased investment or development?

- A) Long-range strike
- B) Drone warfare programs
- C) Naval blockade technology**
- D) Ballistic missile defence

9. What date in May 2026 did the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) release the final determination for the Default Market Offer (DMO 8) for 2026-27?

- A) May 12
- B) May 26**
- C) May 20
- D) May 06

10. Which of the following is a key change to the NDIS eligibility criteria proposed in May 2026, aimed at curbing soaring costs?

- A) Participants must have been NDIS participants for at least five years.
- B) Participants must demonstrate they have accessed all appropriate treatment options for their impairment.**
- C) Participants must have a diagnosed condition listed on a specific government-approved list.
- D) Participants must be Australian citizens for a minimum of 10 years.

11. As of March 4, 2026, new mandatory cybersecurity rules commenced in Australia for consumer smart devices. Which of the following is NOT one of the three main mandatory obligations?

- A) No universal default passwords
- B) Mandatory two-factor authentication**
- C) Public vulnerability reporting process
- D) Clear security support period disclosure

12. The 2026-27 Federal Budget includes a significant investment in renewable energy projects through the Capacity Investment Scheme (CIS). Approximately how many households will be supplied with cleaner energy from the 19 new projects in Tender 7?

- A) 2 million
- B) 4 million**
- C) 6 million
- D) 8 million

13. The Coalition announced a plan in May 2026 to block new migrants from accessing welfare benefits. How long is the current maximum waiting period for some welfare programs for non-citizens?

- A) 5 years
- B) 7 years
- C) 10 years**
- D) 15 years

14. Regarding the environmental reforms, statutory consultation was open until May 29, 2026, for which standard?

- A) Environmental Offsets Standard
- B) National Environmental Standards
- C) Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) standard**
- D) First Nations Engagement Standard

15. In the 2026-27 Federal Budget, which sector received a new \$2.0 billion program (matched by states) for children with developmental delay or autism?

- A) Aged Care
- B) Disability Support
- C) Early Childhood Education
- D) Thriving Kids Program**

16. Australia signed a missile manufacturing MOU in May 2026 with which country?

- A) United States
- B) United Kingdom
- C) Norway**
- D) Japan

17. The 2026 National Defence Strategy emphasizes 'deterrence by denial'. What does this military strategy fundamentally aim to achieve?

- A) To deter an adversary by making an attack too costly, difficult, or unlikely to succeed.**
- B) To launch pre-emptive strikes against potential threats.
- C) To establish overwhelming military superiority in all domains.
- D) To form a defensive alliance to repel any aggressor.