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Additional Estimates – February 2026**BONDI TERROR ATTACK****Bondi Terror Attack – Government Response****Subject/Issue**

Financial commitments in response to the Bondi terror attack and antisemitism and law enforcement and security agency resourcing.

Key facts and figures

- The Government has announced \$420.3 million over four years to fund activities in response to the antisemitic Bondi terrorist attack, comprising:
 - \$131.1 million over four years from 2025-26 has been provided to the Attorney-General's Department (AGD) to establish and operate the Royal Commission into Antisemitism and Social Cohesion, comprising
 - \$91.2 million over two financial years from 2025-26 for Royal Commission operating costs, and
 - \$39.9 million over four years for the AGD for Commonwealth legal representation and related coordination
 - \$102.0 million over four years to provide grants to the Executive Council of Australian Jewry to support security for Jewish institutions and communities
 - \$68.8 million over four years for Australian Federal Police for National Security Investigations
 - \$42.9 million over two years to provide immediate mental health supports for those impacted by the Bondi terrorist attack
 - \$41.0 million over five years to the Department of Education to prevent, tackle and respond to antisemitism in the education sector
 - \$20.0 million over two years to expand measures to prevent violent extremism and youth radicalisation
 - \$9.3 million of Commonwealth contribution in 2025-26 to assist victims, their families, and small businesses impacted by the attack
 - \$3.0 million for SBS Examines – a podcast to dispel misinformation and disinformation impacting Australia's social cohesion
 - \$2.0 million in 2025-26 for Jewish community organisations to support victims' families
 - \$0.2 million in 2025-26 to provide support for Bondi and North Bondi Surf Life Saving Clubs.

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- The government has also committed to additional measures to support law enforcement and countering violent extremism, including national gun reform, gun buyback scheme and intelligence sharing. Financial implications of these measures will be included in the 2026-27 Budget.

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Funding	2021-22 (actual; \$m)	2025-26 (estimate; \$m)	4-year total growth (since 2021-22; \$m)	Average year-on-year growth (since 2021-22)
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission	\$134.0	\$180.5	\$46.7	8%
Australian Federal Police	\$1,625.3	\$1,962.0	\$336.7	5%
Australian Institute of Criminology	\$5.0	\$5.5	\$5.0	2%
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	\$89.4	\$189.0	\$99.7	21%
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	\$502.9	\$631.5	\$128.6	6%
Australian Secret Intelligence Service	\$381.5	\$519.1	\$137.6	8%
Australian Signals Directorate	\$927.3	\$1,748.5	\$821.2	17%
Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	\$8.7	\$19.3	\$10.6	22%
Office of National Intelligence	\$81.6	\$141.6	\$60.0	15%
Total (\$m)	\$3,755	\$5,397	\$1,642	9%

Sources: Budget 2020-21 Portfolio Budget Statements; Budget 2025-26 Portfolio Budget Statements.

* Excludes unpublished intelligence organisation data (Australian Geospatial-Intelligence Organisation, Defence Intelligence Organisation), and the Office of the Special Investigator (given the nature of investigations and its role).

- Departmental funding for law enforcement and intelligence agencies increased from \$3.8 billion in 2021-22, to \$5.4 billion in 2025-26 – an increase of \$1.6 billion or an average 9 per cent per year.

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Background

The Government response to terrorist attack on 14 December 2025 has focussed on:

- dealing with the perpetrators and supporting victims through initial law enforcement and community response, and
- broader, system-wide policy and legislative reform addressing the method and motive through:
 - national gun reform, a gun buyback scheme, intelligence sharing, import controls and 3D-printed firearms offences
 - introducing new Combatting Hate Crime legislation, and
 - establishing a Royal Commission into Antisemitism and Social Cohesion, which includes a review into Australia’s Federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies (led by Dennis Richardson AC).

Supporting information

Questions on Notice

No QoNs asked

Freedom of Information (FOI) Requests

No FOIs asked

Recent Ministerial Comments

- Prime Minister, [Meeting of National Cabinet](#), 15 December 2025.
- [Special Envoy’s plan to combat antisemitism](#), Media release (18 December 2025).
- Prime Minister/Minister for Home Affairs/AFP Commissioner, [Press conference](#), 19 December 2025.
- Prime Minister, [Albanese Labor Government will establish a National Gun Buyback Scheme](#), 19 December 2025.
- Health, Disability and Ageing Ministers, [Mental health support package in response to Bondi terrorist attack](#), 19 December 2025.
- [Press conference – Parliament House, Canberra](#), Transcript, 20 December 2025.
- [Review into federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies](#), media release, 21 December 2025.
- Prime Minister, [Establishment of Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion](#), 8 January 2026.

Relevant Media Reporting

- [National cabinet agrees unanimously to strengthen Australia's strict gun laws in wake of Bondi terror attack](#), ABC News, Maani Truu, 15 December 2025.
- [Labor is fast-tracking its response to the antisemitism envoy's report after the Bondi attack. What are the recommendations?](#) Sarah Basford Canales, The Guardian, 17 December 2025.
- [The special envoy’s report doesn’t hold all the answers for defeating antisemitism](#) Mick Tsikas, The Conversation, 18 December 2025.

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- [The government has vowed to fast-track a plan to fight antisemitism. Here's what might happen](#) April Glover, Nine, 18 December 2025.
- [Press conference - Parliament House, Canberra | Prime Minister of Australia](#) Eliminating Antisemitism, 18 December 2025.
- [Antisemitism Education Taskforce - Department of Education, Australian Government](#) Antisemitism Education Taskforce to be chaired by David Gonski AC, 18 December 2025.
- [Peak Jewish body calls Labor’s plan to combat antisemitism an essential ‘first step’ but some warn it risks division | Bondi beach terror attack | The Guardian](#) Krishani Dhanji and Sarah Basford Canales, 19 December 2025.
- [Eliminating Antisemitism | Australian Government response to the Special Envoy’s Plan to Combat Ant...](#), 19 December 2025.

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