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Fraud Fusion Taskforce – Post Federal Budget 2026-27 update.

To keep all Fraud Fusion Taskforce member agencies informed, please find a special update following the 2026–27 Federal Budget announcements.

2026-27 Federal Budget Announcement

Fraud Fusion Taskforce - extension and ongoing

The 2026-27 Federal Budget was handed down on 12 May 2026 and included a range of measures focussed on strengthening payment and tax system integrity, value for money from essential services and fraud prevention across government.

Along with other integrity investments, the Fraud Fusion Taskforce (FFT) has been extended to continue to address fraud and serious non-compliance in the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and other Government Payment Programs (GPPs).

This investment totals \$280.1 million over five years from 2025–26 (and \$53.0 million per year ongoing) to continue the FFT and invest in the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to continue to detect and respond to fraud and non-compliant payments.

This includes funding for agencies to combine specialist capabilities across intelligence, investigations and forensic services.

This provides the opportunity for the FFT to consider how the building blocks identified in the FFT Diagnostic Report can shape considerations for future priorities.

Whilst FFT funding was not achieved for all FFT agencies, this funding is a significant backing from government and next steps in the FFT will be part of our whole-of-government focus into the next iteration of the FFT.¹

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FFT Future Vision

FFT Co-Chair Comments from s47E(d)

FFT 1.0 - Setting the baseline.

FFT 2.0 - s47C, s47E(d)

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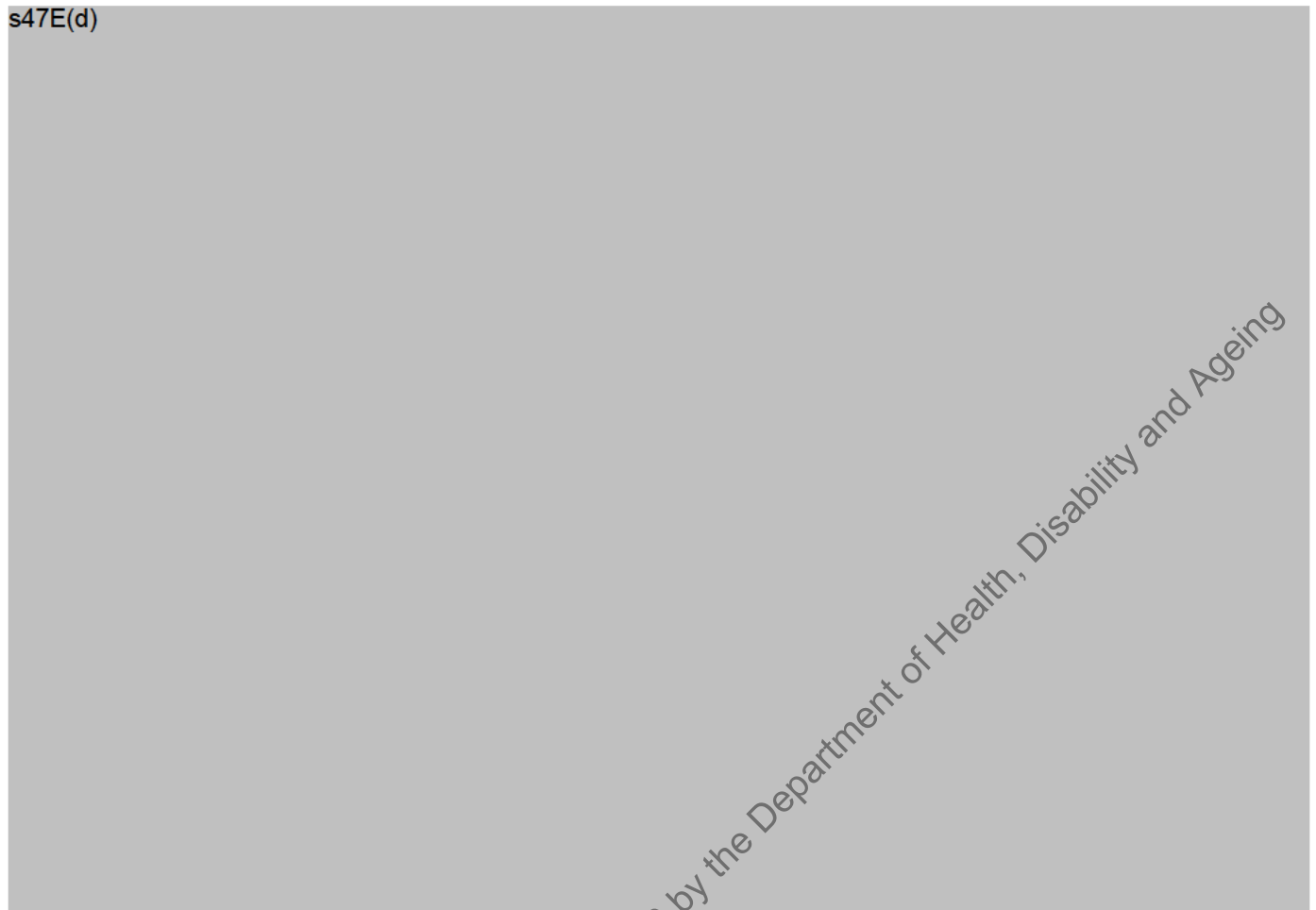
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ⁱ FFT funded agencies are National Disability Insurance Agency, Services Australian, Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, Australian Federal Police, Australian Securities and Investment Commission, Australian Taxation Office, Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission.

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Attachment A39 - Fraud Fusion Taskforce (FFT) – Agency Responsibilities

This document provides a summarised list of all FFT member agencies and their primary roles.

#	FFT Member	Funded or unfunded	Role	Key responsibilities
1.	National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)	Funded	s47E(d)	
2.	Services Australia (SA)	Funded		

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3.	Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC)	Funded		
4.	Australian Federal Police (AFP)	Funded		

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5.	Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC)	Funded		

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6.	Australian Taxation Office (ATO)	Funded		

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7.	Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP)	Funded		
8.	Department of Education (DOE)	Funded		

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9.	Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR)	Funded		
10.	Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA)	Funded		

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11.	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (NQSC)	Funded		

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Thanks s47F [redacted] and s47F [redacted]

We are briefing our Deputy Commissioner on this issue right now – meeting expected to conclude at 2:45pm this afternoon. We will review and amend input accordingly and seek to get our response back to you by 3:00pm or so today, grateful if you can defer until then.

Regards

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Hi s47F [redacted]

As discussed.

Proposed wording below for the NPP Reasons section. s47C [redacted]

Without continued funding, fraud prevention and mitigation work drastically reduces or halts.
 The combined fraud proposals are responding to and preventing fraud in the NDIS and government payment programs.

The taskforce, as at January 2026, have 662 active investigations with 58 people referred to CDDP or before the courts, these total investigations ~14,000 impacted victims and the total value is in excess of \$167 million. AFP is unable to absorb the work of the taskforce and cannot offset their original funding. Their participation in the taskforce would no longer have dedicated taskforce resources which means all taskforce matters would then become subject to current AFP wide-prioritisation. This will significantly impact the ability for taskforce members to progress serious fraud. A poorly

resourced taskforce will be ineffective at managing cases involving serious organised crime (around 29% of cases) and slow in responding to new and emerging risks (which are currently 9% of cases).

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As discussed

Continuation is necessary to maintain over 660 current investigations, impacting over 14,000 Australian victims. These include caseloads dealing with organised criminal syndicates, multi-program offending, and new and emerging threat typologies.

Note that only 11 initial FFT members are funded, and the investigative workload is exceeding capacity. Maintaining existing funding levels (rather than expanding to meet demand) will result in a growing backlog of high risk criminal activities which are not able to be addressed. This behaviour will metastasise and become more difficult to dislodge, resulting in ongoing harm to Australians. If a critical incident arises, there is a very high risk that the offender was known about and queued for treatment, but there was not sufficient capacity to address the risks in a timely way.

disrupted, and coordinated intelligence and analysis drives uplifts in cross-government fraud prevention and compliance activities across GPPs.

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Funding only the 11 initially funded agencies may lead to members (especially smaller agencies) reconsidering their FFT involvement or having to scale back their commitment due to resourcing constraints. It also means AFP, ACIS and SA would not be able to increase their capacity or assist the non-funded 11 member agencies in detecting, preventing and investigating fraud.

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