

Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Home Affairs Measures No. 1) Regulations 2025

I, the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC, Governor‑General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following regulations.

Dated 6 March 2025

Sam Mostyn AC

Governor‑General

By Her Excellency’s Command

Katy Gallagher

Minister for Finance

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Home Affairs Measures No. 1) Regulations 2025*.

2 Commencement

(1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

| Commencement information | | |
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| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 |
| Provisions | Commencement | Date/Details |
| 1. The whole of this instrument | The day after this instrument is registered. | 12 March 2025 |

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

(2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under the *Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Regulations 1997

1 Part 4 of Schedule 1AB (table item 690)

Repeal the item, substitute:

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| 690 | Modernised Multicultural Grants Program | To support multicultural Australia and multicultural communities by funding the following:  (a) grassroots multicultural organisations, to engage in capacity building activities, including festivals, celebrations, small amenity upgrades and community programs;  (b) peak bodies, to engage in activities directed to strengthening Australia’s multicultural capacity through:  (i) promoting inclusive and respectful communities; and  (ii) promoting the value of immigration, multiculturalism and Australian citizenship; and  (iii) strengthening understanding of Australian values and civic responsibilities;  (c) infrastructure projects for multicultural communities, for the purposes of:  (i) strengthening inclusion and cohesion at the local level; and  (ii) boosting civic participation; and  (iii) enabling new and established multicultural communities to connect with the wider Australian community;  (d) non‑religious training courses for faith leaders and persons holding pastoral roles in faith organisations, for the purposes of:  (i) increasing their capability to support their congregations’ understanding of Australia’s pluralistic and democratic society, and the opportunities and obligations of civic participation; and  (ii) otherwise equipping them to provide guidance and advice on issues of inclusion, civic participation, community resilience, and legal and civic rights and responsibilities;  (e) the multicultural media sector, to ensure sustainable and independent multicultural media;  (f) the Faith Communities Council of Victoria Inc., to develop resources to teach children about different faith communities, nurture mutual understanding, and build recognition of and respect for different faith traditions;  (g) entities that maintain, or agree to create and maintain, places of cultural significance, to fund upgrades of culturally significant museums and galleries and to build a centralised sports and education hub.  This objective has the effect it would have if it were limited to measures:  (a) to give effect to Australia’s obligations under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, particularly Articles 2 and 7; or  (b) that are peculiarly adapted to the government of a nation and cannot otherwise be carried on for the benefit of the nation; or  (c) with respect to postal, telegraphic, telephonic, and other like services (within the meaning of paragraph 51(v) of the Constitution). |

2 In the appropriate position in Part 4 of Schedule 1AB (table)

Insert:

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| 706 | Labelling Scheme for Smart Devices | To improve the security of communications made over the internet through consumer‑grade smart devices by funding:  (a) a voluntary labelling scheme in relation to the internet security features of those devices; and  (b) the development and delivery of training in relation to the voluntary labelling scheme to entities within the supply chain for those devices. |
| 707 | Mental Health Support for Emergency Services Workers Grant Program | To fund the delivery of best practice mental health services directed towards the prevention, treatment and control of recognised mental health conditions, targeting current and former (whether paid or voluntary) emergency services workers involved in disaster response, and their families, including by:  (a) providing clinical mental health treatment (including via telehealth); and  (b) providing support for referrals to appropriate services; and  (c) providing support to raise awareness of recognised mental health conditions; and  (d) providing prevention and well‑being services designed to prevent recognised mental health conditions;  as a measure to give effect to Australia’s obligations under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, particularly Articles 2 and 12.  This objective also has the effect it would have if it were limited to measures:  (a) for the provision of, or incidental to the provision of, medical services (within the meaning of paragraph 51(xxiiiA) of the Constitution); or  (b) with respect to postal, telegraphic, telephonic, and other like services (within the meaning of paragraph 51(v) of the Constitution). |