

ECONOMIC INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

We thank the committee for the report, which is helping inform the Government's considerations ahead of the Budget.

Increasing Jobseeker is one of the 37 recommendations of the report, which we are working methodically through.

While we can't fund every good idea, there will be measures in the May Budget to address disadvantage and promote inclusion. This will include energy bill price relief that prioritises those on payments and pensions.

The Committee will continue to play an important role providing advice to Government on barriers to work as well as the adequacy and effectiveness of payments in the future.

In the May Budget and beyond, the Albanese Government will continue its work to build a stronger, fairer and more inclusive society where more Australians have the chance to contribute and share in our economic success.

Will you increase Jobseeker?

We will always look to provide support where we can, where it's responsible and affordable, and weighed up against other priorities and fiscal challenges.

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If pushed

The main recommendation of the report to increase the JobSeeker payment to 90 per cent of the aged pension would cost more than \$24 billion over the forward estimates.

In a Budget that's heaving with a trillion dollars of Liberal debt, it's obvious that will be very difficult to fund.