

Women's Budget Statement and Gender-Responsive Budgeting (Australia)

Gender Equality · Good practice · Australia

Quality score: 44/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Australia's 1984 Women's Budget Statement was the world's first, later copied by 90+ countries. Scrapped in 2014, it returned in 2021-23 with a AUD 1.9bn package, though evaluation shows only awareness gains so far.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	3/3
Impact on gender equality	0/1
Effectiveness	0/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	0/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	0/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-12

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