

DIIS Evaluation Plan 2018–22

Prioritising evaluation

The department assigns program tiers which prioritise evaluation effort and resourcing based on the following criteria:

- total funding allocated for the program
- internal priority (importance to the department's and Australian Government's goals)
- external priority (importance to external stakeholders)
- overall risk rating of the program
- track record (previous evaluation, strength of performance monitoring, lessons learnt).

Evaluation tiers

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| <i>Tier One</i> | programs of the highest priority and strategic importance |
| <i>Tier Two</i> | second order strategic importance with moderate funding, public profile and associated risk |
| <i>Tier Three</i> | lesser strategic importance, low risk, or terminated programs of lesser priority and single payment grants |

Evaluation types

The department uses the following types of evaluation:

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| Post-commencement | Post-commencement evaluations 'check in' on a program soon after its commencement and are primarily for Tier One programs. This type of evaluation focuses on the initial implementation, design and delivery to identify issues early on. Post-commencement evaluations provide recommendations for decision-makers to take corrective action on operational matters early on in the program's lifecycle. Post-commencement evaluations focus on reporting to internal stakeholders. |
| Monitoring | Monitoring evaluations draw on performance information to monitor a program's progress post-implementation. A monitoring evaluation provides an opportunity to test the program's data sources, to see whether they are providing the required performance information and can consider evidence of short-term outcomes. This gives an indication of performance, contributes to the measurement of the department's strategic objectives and forms a basis for future reviews. |
| Impact | Impact evaluations are usually large and more complex evaluations or undertaken on pilot programs. These evaluations commonly occur at least three years post-implementation and measure medium-term and long-term outcomes. They may also assess value for money. Where possible they test outcomes against a 'counterfactual' (what would have happened in the absence of the program) and may include research about program alternatives to allow comparison of results. Tier three programs are required to complete the standard AusIndustry Closure Report to fulfil evaluation requirements. The use of the standardised template lowers the reporting burden for programs of lesser strategic importance, while still capturing key lessons and outcomes for future policy development. Where Tier Three programs are ongoing, they will only complete the Lessons Learnt section of the Closure Report for their scheduled evaluation. The Closure Report is for internal use only and is typically completed by the policy area responsible for the program. |
| Review / Other | Some programs have bespoke evaluation requirements (e.g. legislated review), which are listed as 'Review'. |

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| 1 | Automotive Transformation Scheme | One | | | | Impact <i>Terminating 2020-21</i> |
| 2 | Cooperative Research Centres | One | Monitoring | Impact | | <i>Ongoing</i> |
| 3 | Entrepreneurs' Programme | One | Monitoring | Impact | | |
| 4 | Growing the Australian Space Industry | One | | | Post-commencement | <i>Monitoring evaluation 2023-24</i> <i>Impact evaluation 2027-28</i> <i>Ongoing</i> |
| 5 | Industry Growth Centres | One | | Impact | | <i>Impact evaluation 2023-24</i> |
| 6 | Innovation Science Australia | One | | | Impact | <i>Ongoing</i> |

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| 7 | Low Emissions Technologies for Fossil Fuels (Collated Evaluation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – National Low Emissions Coal Initiative – Carbon Capture and Storage Flagships Program – Coal Mining Abatement Technology Support Package – Low Emissions Technology Demonstration Fund | One | Impact | | | |
| 8 | NISA whole-of-agenda checkpoints | One | Monitoring | | | Impact evaluation planned post 2021 |
| 9 | Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility | One | | Review | | Monitoring evaluation planned for 2022-23 and 2027-28; and Impact evaluation planned in 2032-33 Ongoing |
| 10 | Research and Development Tax Incentive | One | | | Impact | Ongoing |
| 11 | White Paper on Developing Northern Australia | One | Post-commencement | | | Impact evaluation planned 2022-23 |

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| 12 | Advanced Manufacturing Fund Package <i>Combined evaluation</i> | Two | | | | <i>Impact evaluation planned 2022-23</i> |
| 13 | Antarctic Science Collaboration Initiative <i>Delivered through the BGH</i> | Two | | | Post-commencement | <i>Monitoring evaluation 2023-24 Impact evaluation 2028-29 Terminating 2029</i> |
| 14 | Asialink Business (Australian Centre for Asia Capability) | Two | | Review | | <i>Impact evaluation planned 2022-23 Terminating 2023</i> |
| 15 | Australia-China Science and Research Fund | Two | | | Impact | <i>Ongoing</i> |
| 16 | Australia-India Strategic Research Fund | Two | Impact | | | <i>Impact evaluation planned 2022-23 Terminating 2021-22</i> |
| 17 | Automotive Diversification Program | Two | Impact | | | <i>Terminated 2017-18</i> |
| 18 | Business Research Innovation Initiative | Two | Post-commencement | | Impact | |

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| 19 | Certain Inputs to Manufacturing | Two | | | Impact | Ongoing |
| 20 | Country of Origin for Food Labelling | Two | | | Impact | Ongoing |
| 21 | Cyber Security Small Business Program <i>Delivered through the BGH</i> | Two | | Post-commencement | | Impact |
| 22 | Evaluation Strategy 2017-21 | Two | | Review | | Ongoing |
| 23 | Gas Acceleration Program | Two | | | | Impact <i>Terminating 2020-21</i> |
| 24 | Global Innovation Strategy (GIS) <i>Including:</i> – <i>Global Innovation Linkages</i> – <i>Global Connections Fund</i> – <i>Regional Collaborations Program</i> | Two | | Post-commencement | | Impact <i>Ongoing</i> |

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| 25 | Industry 4.0 Testlabs for Australia Initiative <i>Delivered through the BGH</i> | Two | | | Impact | <i>Terminating 2019</i> | |
| 26 | Inspiring Australia – Science Engagement Program Collated initiatives evaluation | Two | Monitoring <i>Set 2</i> | | | Impact <i>Combined set 1 and 2</i> | |
| 27 | Major Projects Facilitation Agency | Two | Post-commencement | | | <i>Impact evaluation planned 2022-23</i> <i>Ongoing</i> | |
| 28 | Manufacturing Transition Program | Two | | Impact | | <i>Terminated 2017-18</i> | |
| 29 | Access to World-leading Astronomy Infrastructure | Two | | | | Impact | |
| 30 | National Radioactive Waste Management Facility Site Selection Process, including Community Benefit Programme | Two | Review | | | | |
| 31 | Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Program | Two | | | | Impact <i>Terminating 2019-20</i> | |

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| 32 | Quantum Computing | Two | | Post-commencement | | Impact |
| 33 | Tasmanian Innovation Investment Funds | Two | Impact | | | |
| 34 | Victorian Innovation Investment Funds - GRIIF and MNIIF | Two | | Impact | | |
| 35 | SME Export Hubs Initiative | Two | | Post-commencement | | Impact <i>Terminating 2022</i> |
| 36 | Square Kilometre Array – Pre-construction Grants Program | Two | | | Impact | |
| 37 | Tradex | Two | Monitoring | | | <i>Impact evaluation planned 2022-23 Ongoing</i> |

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| 38 | Venture Capital Programs <i>Including:</i> – Innovation and Investment Follow-on Fund – Innovation Investment Fund – Pre-Seed Fund | Two | | Impact | | |
| 39 | Early Stage/Venture Capital Limited Partnerships <i>(Joint ownership with The Treasury)</i> | Two | | | Impact | |
| 40 | Women in STEM and Entrepreneurship (WISE) | Two | | Impact | | <i>Ongoing</i> |
| 41 | Australian Jobs Act 2013 | Three | Review | | | |
| 42 | Rum Jungle Mine Site - Environmental Rehabilitation Plan | Three | Review | Review | | |
| 43 | Support for Industry Service Organisation | Three | Lessons Learnt | | | <i>Ongoing</i> |

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| 44 | Toyota Supplier Development Program Grant | Three | Closure report | | | Terminated 2017-18 |