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Budget 2016: ABC Coverage on TV, iview, Radio & Online

The 2016 Federal Budget will be handed down on Tuesday May 3 and the ABC has the most comprehensive, independent coverage on TV, iview, radio, online and on mobile.

We'll have the first interviews with Treasurer Scott Morrison and Shadow Treasurer Chris Bowen, as well as the best analysis and expert commentary from the ABC's leading political and business teams.

What's the state of the nation's finances in this election year? And what does Budget 2016 mean for you? Know the numbers, the politics and the impact with ABC News.

Monday May 2 – BUDGET EVE

Four Corners

Home Truths: What happened to the Great Australian Dream?

8.30pm on ABC & iview

On the eve of the budget, Ben Knight reports on the white hot issues of housing affordability and negative gearing and the generation left wondering if they will ever own their own home.

Q&A

9.35pm on ABC, plus simulcast live at 9.35pm AEST on iview, ABC NewsRadio & on ABC News 24 (SA, NT, WA only)

On the eve of Treasurer Scott Morrison's first budget, we ask: Is our political system up to the challenges of the 21st Century?

Joining host Tony Jones on the Q&A panel will be: Essayist George Megalogenis, who says stalled reform and failing infrastructure could make Australia the next victim of globalisation; American journalist and politics veteran James Fallows; Political editor of the *Australian Financial Review* Laura Tingle; Executive Director of the *NewDemocracy Foundation* Iain Walker, who believes the coming election won't solve our problems; and journalist and broadcaster turned State Cabinet Minister Pru Goward.

Tuesday May 3 – BUDGET DAY

TELEVISION – ABC, ABC News 24 & iview

THE DRUM

5.30pm on ABC & iview / 6.30pm AEST on ABC News 24

As the press gallery bunkers down in the budget media lock-up, *The Drum* host Julia Baird and a panel of experts will count down to Budget 2016 and preview what to expect.

ABC NEWS

7pm on ABC & iview

The news of the day and the lead up to the Federal Treasurer's Budget speech.

ABC NEWS BUDGET 2016 SPECIAL

7:30pm AEST on ABC, ABC News 24 & iview

ABC will deliver uninterrupted coverage and first-rate analysis and commentary from Australia's top political and business journalists and commentators.

Leigh Sales hosts the ABC News Budget 2016 special with Political Editor Chris Uhlmann live from Parliament House in Canberra on ABC TV, ABC News 24 and iview.

Following the 7pm ABC News bulletin, at 7.30pm AEST the Federal Treasurer Scott Morrison will deliver his first Federal Budget speech live from the House of Representatives.

Immediately after his speech, the Treasurer will join Leigh Sales for his first interview of the night, followed by the response from the Opposition's Shadow Treasurer Chris Bowen.

The ABC's Barrie Cassidy, Annabel Crabb, Sabra Lane and Greg Jennett will examine the politics. ABC Business Editor Ian Verrender, Alan Kohler, Laura Tingle (political editor of *Australian Financial Review*) and George Megalogenis, one of Australia's leading economic and political commentators, will explore the business and economic breakdown of who are the winners and losers this year.

The coverage will also include reaction from economist Chris Richardson, Cassandra Goldie from the Australian Council of Social Services and Jennifer Westacott, Chief Executive of the Business Council of Australia.

The extended Budget 2016 coverage will continue with Leigh Sales and Chris Uhlmann on ABC News 24 & iview from 8.40-9.30pm AEST. This special extended broadcast will include interviews with Greens Leader Richard Di Natale and Independent Senator Nick Xenophon. There will be a full recap of the Budget's key points as well as further analysis about how it affects you in this election year.

LATELINE

9.30pm AEST on ABC News 24 & iview / 10.30pm on ABC & iview

Lateline will be hosted by Emma Alberici live from Canberra and will feature interviews with Finance Minister Mathias Cormann and Shadow Finance Minister Tony Burke.

We'll have analysis from economist Saul Eslake and further commentary from Australia's top political journalists.

THE DRUM

10.30pm AEST on ABC News 24 & later on ABC

Join us for a special half hour Budget night special, hosted by Ticky Fullerton. What segments of society will be most affected? What are the initial impressions? What is the political spin from the parties?

RADIO

ABC will offer extensive coverage on budget night on ABC Local Radio, RN and ABC NewsRadio.

ABC RADIO CURRENT AFFAIRS BUDGET SPECIAL

7.30-9.00pm AEST on ABC Local Radio & RN

Presented by Eleanor Hall in Canberra, with Treasurer Scott Morrison's budget address live at 7.30pm AEST followed by interviews with the Treasurer Scott Morrison, Shadow Treasurer Chris Bowen, ACOSS CEO Cassandra Goldie, Jennifer Westacott (BCA), Innes Willox (AIG), John Daley (Grattan Institute) and economist Stephen Antony, and analysis from ABC Economics Correspondent Stephen Long.

ABC NEWSRADIO

From 7.30pm AEST

ABC NewsRadio will broadcast the Treasurer's 2016 Federal Budget speech live. This will be followed by Glen Bartholomew with updates on the Budget response and ABC NewsRadio's rolling news service.

THE PARTY ROOM

Weekly podcast, new episode out May 5

Join RN Breakfast's Fran Kelly and RN Drive's Patricia Karvelas for the new politics podcast everyone's talking about, *The Party Room*. With a new episode released every Thursday until polling day, it's already got people whispering in the halls of Parliament House. This week they'll be covering the big story of the week: Budget 2016. Who are the winners? Who are the losers? And what's the gossip straight from the corridors of power?

Subscribe now via the ABC Radio App, on iTunes, or wherever you listen to your favourite podcasts.

ONLINE & MOBILE**ABC NEWS DIGITAL abc.net.au/news**

The ABC News Digital team will have the most comprehensive online detail of the impact of the Budget on all Australians.

For all the latest news leading up to Budget night, follow the stories and analysis with full Budget 2016 coverage [here](#).

You can find out what we know so far, check out our helpful resource to decode budget jargon, as well as a useful summary on what things to watch out for on budget night.

On the night, watch the Treasurer's speech at 7.30pm (AEST) live-streamed [here](#), as well as following News Digital's live blog, tracking every minute as it happens, with all the reaction and details.

As well as full news coverage, ABC News Digital will “slice and dice” the Budget for you and feature the *Winners and Losers* interactive – with detailed key points for each sector, including what it means for health, education, defence and infrastructure.

ABC FACT CHECK & THE DRUM

The [ABC Fact Check](#) team will be going through the Treasurer’s speech as it is delivered and [The Drum](#) will feature analysis and opinion pieces from Barrie Cassidy, Annabel Crabb and some of the country’s leading thinkers and writers, offering diverse and thought-provoking perspectives on every aspect of the Federal Budget.

ABC RURAL abc.net.au/rural

With designated journalists in the Budget lock-up, ABC Rural remains the central point for regional Australians to learn how the Budget will impact them. Industry-specific coverage will feature on the ABC Rural portal at: abc.net.au/rural

Wednesday May 4

ABC NEWS BREAKFAST

6.00am on ABC & iview / 6.00am AEST on ABC News 24

News Breakfast will broadcast live from the front lawn of Parliament House in Canberra on the morning of Wednesday May 4.

Hosted by Virginia Trioli and Michael Rowland, the program will feature key interviews with senior figures from both sides of politics as well as the crossbench.

Virginia and Michael will put a spotlight on the key announcements and the reaction to these measures from stakeholders and voters through our own audience feedback.

We’ll also have analysis from ABC’s Barrie Cassidy (*Insiders*) looking at the political implications as both sides begin the long campaign to the Federal Election.

AM

7.10am on RN / 8am on ABC Local Radio

Michael Brissenden hosts an *AM Budget 2016* special, with expert commentary, analysis and special guests.

RN Breakfast

From 6am

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull will join RN Breakfast’s Fran Kelly to talk through the first budget handed down under his leadership.

NATIONAL PRESS CLUB ADDRESS

12.30pm on ABC & iview / 12.30pm AEST on ABC News 24

Live from the Great Hall at Parliament House Canberra, Treasurer Scott Morrison presents his post-budget address to the National Press Club.

Thursday May 5**BUDGET RIGHT OF REPLY**

7.30pm AEST on ABC, ABC News 24, iview, ABC NewsRadio, ABC Local Radio

Live on television, radio and online, ABC presents the Budget 2016 Right of Reply by the Opposition Leader Bill Shorten.

7.30

8.00pm AEST on ABC & iview / 8.00pm AEST on ABC News 24 & iview

Following the Budget Right of Reply, Leigh Sales hosts 7.30.

Sunday May 8**INSIDERS**

9am on ABC & iview / 9am AEST on ABC News 24

Host Barrie Cassidy and a panel of Australia's top political journalists – including George Megalogenis, the *Financial Review's* Laura Tingle and the *West Australian's* Andrew Probyn – will help make sense of the events of Budget week. How do the Treasurer's Budget and the Opposition's Budget Reply set each party up for the approaching Federal Election?

ABC News 24 is live-streamed 24 hours a day on ABC iview and at:
abc.net.au/news24

JOIN THE CONVERSATION ONLINE FOR BUDGET 2016:

On Twitter, join the conversation using the **#Budget2016** hashtag and keep up with the latest by using this handy checklist of who to follow:

Scott Morrison [@ScottMorrisonMP](https://twitter.com/ScottMorrisonMP)
Chris Bowen [@Bowenchris](https://twitter.com/Bowenchris)
ABC News [@abcnews](https://twitter.com/abcnews)
ABC News 24 [@ABCNews24](https://twitter.com/ABCNews24)
ABC News Breakfast [@BreakfastNews](https://twitter.com/BreakfastNews)
The Drum [@ABCthedrum](https://twitter.com/ABCthedrum)
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Lateline [@Lateline](https://twitter.com/Lateline)
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