

2026 Commonwealth Games

Budget July 2023

Commonwealth Games Budget

	Original Business Case \$ million		July 2023 Estimate
	Worst case	Best case	\$ million
Infrastructure	1,004	639	1,673
Athletes' Villages*	250	200	1,023
Competition Venues	745	430	650
Other capital investments	9	9	-
Operations	2,001	1,855	3,187
General Operations	1,149	1,124	1,440
Temporary Overlay	291	257	499
Transport	110	110	306
Police and Security	201	201	492
Contingency	250	163	450
Additional Cost Pressures**	-	-	2,005
TOTAL	3,005	2,494	6,865

* Under Commonwealth Games Federation requirements there were strict conditions placed on the location of the athletes' villages and there was limited land that met this criteria. The requirements for housing during the Games, as compared to after the Games, and land not being suitable at this time for permanent housing in Ballarat means that it was necessary to shift to building a high proportion of temporary demountable structures, which significantly reduced any potential private sector interest. Market soundings have also indicated cost escalation would further increase the required budget.

**The Office of the Commonwealth Games have identified significant additional cost pressures to the budget that have been reviewed by the Department of Treasury and Finance and the Department of Premier and Cabinet. These could amount to approximately \$2 billion and include but are not limited to:

- hyper-escalation driven by compressed timelines
- regional supply constraints and broader inflationary pressures across the economy
- accommodation shortfalls in the regions increasing cost
- major sporting code displacement costs.