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| Jenny Wilkinson, Head of Parliamentary Budget Office, Parliament of Australia |
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# Treasury Guest Lecture

## Guest Lecturer: Jenny Wilkinson

## Establishing a Parliamentary Budget Office: the Australian experience

### Abstract

**Summary**

This lecture will discuss the establishment of the Australian Parliamentary Budget Office in the context of the expansion of independent fiscal institutions across the world since the early 2000s. It will provide an overview of the purpose and functions of the Australian PBO, the key features that have contributed to our effectiveness and the impact the PBO has had.

### About the presenter

**Jenny Wilkinson**

Jenny Wilkinson is the head of the Australian Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO). The PBO is responsible for providing costings of proposed policies to parliamentarians and parliamentary committees, publishing independent analysis of budget and fiscal issues, and publishing a report summarising the fiscal impact of the election commitments of major parliamentary parties. The PBO aims to improve the understanding of, and enhance transparency around, budget and fiscal issues.

Over her career, Jenny has worked across a wide range of economic policy areas. She has been responsible for providing advice on issues including fiscal and monetary policy settings, macroeconomic forecasts, retirement income and superannuation policy, consumer and competition policy, and climate change policy. She has worked in the Commonwealth Treasury, the Department of Climate Change, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and the Reserve Bank of Australia.