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Scandal

The Big Four firm is selling its scandal-ridden Australian government services business to private equity firm Allegro Funds.

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PwC is selling its scandal-ridden Australian government services business for next to nothing. The consulting firm June 25 [announced the sale](#) to Sydney-based private equity firm Allegro Funds for the price of just \$1 Australian dollar (\$0.67). The deal, which is expected to conclude at the end of July, will give rise to two different

businesses, with PwC Australia exiting from all government advisory work, at both

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penned an apology [over PwC's failings](#) in the scandal in May, will remain [acting chief](#) until Kevin Burrowes takes over.

PwC Australia's government business, by the digits

- **20%:** How much of PwC Australia's 2023 revenue the government business arm generated, according to PwC.
- **1,750:** People employed in PwC's government business in Australia, whose jobs the company is aiming to protect during the divestment, according to PwC.
- **\$2.5 million:** How much PwC charged in fees to advise 14 clients how to sidestep new tax avoidance laws in 2016, using the the confidential Treasury information.
- **\$750 billion:** Value of five industry superannuation funds—AustralianSuper, Australia Retirement Trust, Hesta, Aware Super, and CareSuper—who stopped doing business with PwC following the scandal.

Quotable: This Australian lawmaker is not impressed

“I'm very concerned at this point of time that the motivations of those at PwC remain self-centered and not about service.”

—*Australian Labor Party senator Deborah O'Neill, who heads the finance committee [probing PwC and other consultancy firms](#), in a statement [quoted in Bloomberg on June 26](#).*

A non-exhaustive list of what PwC is doing to get its Australia business back on track

Tom Seymour [resigned from his role as PwC Australia CEO](#) on May 8, days after

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Employees involved in the scandal will face “severe” consequences, Stubbs [told a state parliament enquiry today](#) (June 26). The company isn't shying away from naming-and-shaming. It's already named [four former partners](#) directly involved in the breach of confidentiality, two of whom have publicly denied any wrongdoing.

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