



## Policy costing request—during the caretaker period for a general election

<b>Name of policy:</b>	Reversing Harsh & Harmful Abbott and Turnbull Budget Measures
Person requesting costing:	Senator Di Natale
Parliamentary party:	Australian Greens
Date of request to cost the policy:	1 July 2016
<i>Note: This policy costing request and the response to this request will be made publicly available.</i>	
Has a costing of this policy been requested under Section 29 of the Charter of Budget Honesty (ie from the Treasury or the Department of Finance)?	No
Details of the public release of this policy (Date, by whom and a reference to that release):	Multiplicity of measures opposed in the Senate.
<b>Description of policy</b>	
Summary of policy (as applicable, please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	To oppose budget measures from the 44th Parliament. See appendix below.
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	To ensure a fair and equal Australian society
<b>What are the key assumptions that have been made in the policy, including:</b>	
Is the policy part of a package? If yes, list the components and interactions with proposed or existing policies.	No
Where relevant, is funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount? If a capped amount, are the costs of administering the policy to be included within the capped amount or additional to the capped amount?	N/A
Will third parties (for instance the States/Territories) have a role in funding or delivering the policy? If yes, is the Australian Government contribution capped, with additional costs to be met by third parties, or is another funding formula envisaged?	No

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Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses? If yes, please provide details.	N/A			
Does the policy relate to a previous budget measure? If yes, which measure?	Yes			
If the proposal would change an existing measure, are savings expected from the departmental costs of implementing the program?	Yes			
Will the funding/program cost require indexation? If yes, list factors to be used.	N/A			
<b>Expected impacts of the proposal</b>				
If applicable, what are the estimated costs each year? If available, please provide details in the table below. Are these provided on an underlying cash balance or fiscal balance basis?				
<b>Estimated financial implications (outturn prices)<sup>(a)</sup></b>				
	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20
Underlying cash balance (\$m)				
Fiscal balance (\$m)	-120	-4597	-4677	-5053
(a) A positive number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A positive number in the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in cash terms.				
What assumptions have been made in deriving the expected financial impact in the party costing (please provide information on the data sources used to develop the policy)?	<p>\$16.1 billion of collective budget measures are to be reversed from the government’s past budgets.</p> <p>The claimed savings are to be reversed on 1 July 2017 and spread evenly across the three estimates years.</p>			
Has the policy been costed by a third party? If yes, can you provide a copy of this costing and its assumptions?	No			
What is the expected community impact of the policy? How many people will be affected by the policy? What is the likely take up? What is the basis for these impact assessments/assumptions?	Remove the government’s budget repair strategy off the back of vulnerable people who rely on government support.			

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<b>Administration of policy:</b>	
Who will administer the policy (for example, Australian Government entity, the States, non-government organisation, etc)?	Australian Government
Please specify whether any special administrative arrangements are proposed for the policy and whether these are expected to involve additional transactions/processing (by service delivery agencies).	N/A
Intended date of implementation:	1 July 2017
Intended duration of policy:	Various
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	No
List major data sources utilised to develop policy (for example, ABS catalogue number 3201.0).	
Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?	No
<p><b>NOTE:</b></p> <p><i>Please note that:</i></p> <p><i>The costing will be on the basis of information provided in this costing request.</i></p> <p><i>The PBO is not bound to accept the assumptions provided by the requestor. If there is a material difference in the assumptions used by the PBO, the PBO will consult with the requestor in advance of the costing being completed.</i></p>	

**Appendix: List of Government Budget Measures to be opposed**

<b>Improved Animal Welfare Programme</b>
<b>Australian Animal Welfare Strategy — cessation</b>
<b>ABC and SBS - efficiency savings (2014-15 Budget)</b>
<b>Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Special Broadcasting Service - additional efficiency savings (2014-15 MYEFO)</b>
<b>Arts and Cultural Programmes — efficiencies</b>
<b>Communications and the Arts Portfolio — efficiencies</b>
<b>Cuts to Screen Australia</b>
<b>Efficiency Dividend - a further temporary increase of 0.25%</b>
<b>Restore Department of Social Services job cuts<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Restore Department of the Environment job cuts<sup>2,3</sup></b>
<b>Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership - reduced funding</b>
<b>Bureau of Meteorology — improved efficiency</b>

<b>Grants to Voluntary Environment, Sustainability and Heritage Organisations — cessation</b>
<b>Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Programme — reduced funding (Budget 2014-15)</b>
<b>Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Programme — reduced funding (Budget 2015-16)</b>
<b>Diplomatic presence in Africa (Senegal embassy)</b>
<b>PBS increase in co-payments and safety net thresholds<sup>4</sup></b>
<b>MBS indexation of some Medicare Benefits Schedule fees and the Medicare Levy Surcharge and Private Health Insurance Rebate thresholds<sup>5</sup></b>
<b>National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services — cessation</b>
<b>National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health — cessation</b>
<b>Smaller Government — Australian National Preventive Health Agency — abolish</b>
<b>Medicare Benefits Schedule — changes to diagnostic imaging and pathology services bulk-billing incentives</b>
<b>Recommit funding left over in Clean Technology Investment Program<sup>6</sup></b>
<b>Local Government Financial Assistance Grants — pause indexation for three years</b>
<b>Aged Care Payroll Tax Supplement - cessation</b>
<b>Apply the One-Week Ordinary Waiting Period (Budget 2014-15 and Budget 15-16 Measures)<sup>4,7</sup></b>
<b>Growing jobs and small business - youth employment strategy - revised waiting period for youth income support<sup>4,7</sup></b>
<b>Maintain eligibility thresholds for Australian Government payments for three years<sup>4,7</sup></b>
<b>Discretionary Grant Programme Reform</b>
<b>Cessation of social security benefits for certain people confined in a psychiatric institution<sup>4</sup></b>
<b>Pensioner Education Supplement – cessation<sup>4</sup></b>
<b>Employment Services – Changes to Service Fees and Cessation of Personal Contact Interviews<sup>8,9</sup></b>
<b>Australian Working Life Residence — tightening proportionality requirements<sup>4</sup></b>
<b>Reprioritising the Aged Care Workforce Supplement (extent of savings)<sup>10</sup></b>
<b>Applying a General Interest Charge to the Debts of Ex-recipients of Social Security and Family Assistance Payments</b>
<b>Job Seeker Services — streamlining arrangements</b>
<b>Aged Care Provider Funding — revision to the Aged Care Funding Instrument Complex Health Care Domain<sup>11</sup></b>
<b>Streamlining Health and Aged Care Workforce Programme funding</b>
<b>Indigenous Advancement Strategy – indexation pause</b>

<b>Remote School Attendance Strategy - continuation<sup>12</sup></b>
<b>Disability Support Pension — compulsory participation requirements for recipients aged under 35 years<sup>13</sup></b>
<b>Disability Support Pension — review recipients aged under 35 years<sup>14</sup></b>
<b>Disability Support Pension — reduced portability<sup>15</sup></b>
<b>Disability Support Pension — revised assessment process<sup>9,16</sup></b>
<b>National Homelessness Research Strategy — reduced funding</b>
<b>A New Remote Indigenous Housing Strategy<sup>17</sup></b>
<b>Abolish the Seafarer Tax Offset</b>
<b>Reversal of Banking and Life Insurance unclaimed provisions<sup>18</sup></b>
<b>Insurance Reform Advisory Group<sup>19</sup></b>
<b>Australian Animals Welfare Advisory Committee<sup>20</sup></b>
<b>National Steering Committee on Corporate Wrongdoing<sup>21</sup></b>
<b>Antarctic Animal Ethics Committee<sup>20</sup></b>
<b>National Housing Supply Council</b>
<b>National Policy Commission on Indigenous Housing<sup>22</sup></b>
<b>Prime Minister's Council on Homelessness<sup>23</sup></b>
<b>Major Cities Unit (Department of Infrastructure)<sup>20</sup></b>
<b>National Urban Policy Unit (Department of Infrastructure)<sup>24</sup></b>
<b>Restore funding to the Office of the Information Commissioner<sup>25</sup></b>
<b>Health Flexible Funds - Pausing Indexation and achieving efficiencies (Budget 2014-15)</b>
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<b>Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement<sup>26</sup></b>
<b>Establishment of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)<sup>27</sup></b>
<b>Australian Securities and Investments Commission Registry Further Market Testing<sup>28</sup></b>
<b>National Radioactive Waste Management Project — community benefits package<sup>28</sup></b>
<b>Higher Education Participation Program — efficiencies</b>
<b>Healthier Medicare - trial of health care homes<sup>28</sup></b>
<b>Public Sector Transformation and the Efficiency Dividend</b>
<b>Cashless debit card — third trial site<sup>29</sup></b>
<b>Compulsory Rent Deduction Scheme — establishment<sup>29</sup></b>
<b>Department of Human Services — administrative efficiencies</b>
<b>Backdating provisions for carers allowance (National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund)<sup>9,30</sup></b>
<b>Disability Support Pension recipients review (National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund)<sup>9,30</sup></b>

<b>Not proceeding with the NDIS advertising campaign (National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund)<sup>31</sup></b>
<b>National Resources Development Strategy — exploring for the future<sup>28</sup></b>
<b>Military engagement against terrorism in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria<sup>28,32</sup></b>
<b>Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio — efficiencies</b>
<b>Australian International Education — enabling growth and innovation<sup>28</sup></b>
<b>Promotion of Excellence in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education — efficiencies</b>
<b>Personal Income Tax - Changes to tax residency rules for temporary working holiday makers (Backpacker Tax)</b>
<b>Aged care provider funding - further revision of funding instrument</b>